



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Acts 2:1-21 (NET)

The Holy Spirit and the Day of Pentecost

2 Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And tongues spreading out like a fire appeared to them and came to rest on each one of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven residing in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound occurred, a crowd gathered and was in confusion, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Completely baffled, they said, "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that each one of us hears them in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great deeds God has done!" ¹² All were astounded and greatly confused, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others jeered at the speakers, saying, "They are drunk on new wine!"

Peter's Address on the Day of Pentecost

¹⁴ But Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice, and addressed them: "You men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this and listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ In spite of what you think, these men are not drunk, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken about through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ *'And in the last days it will be,' God says, 'that I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.*

¹⁸ *Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

¹⁹ *And I will perform wonders in the sky above and miraculous signs on the earth below, blood and fire and clouds of smoke.*

²⁰ *The sun will be changed to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.*

²¹ *And then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

20 May ~ Shirley Whitten

One positive thought about tomorrow can change your whole day.

Psalms 104:24-35 (NET)

²⁴ How many living things you have made, O LORD! You have exhibited great skill in making all of them; the earth is full of the living things you have made.

²⁵ Over here is the deep, wide sea, which teems with innumerable swimming creatures, living things both small and large.

²⁶ The ships travel there, and over here swims the whale you made to play in it.

²⁷ All of your creatures wait for you to provide them with food on a regular basis.

²⁸ You give food to them and they receive it; you open your hand and they are filled with food.

²⁹ When you ignore them, they panic. When you take away their life's breath, they die and return to dust.

³⁰ When you send your life-giving breath, they are created, and you replenish the surface of the ground.

³¹ May the splendour of the LORD endure! May the LORD find pleasure in the living things he has made!

³² He looks down on the earth and it shakes; he touches the mountains and they start to smoulder.

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist!

³⁴ May my thoughts be pleasing to him! I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} Praise the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

Romans 8:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery leading again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs (namely, heirs of God and also fellow heirs with Christ)—if indeed we suffer with him so we may also be glorified with him.

NOTICE - West Tamworth congregation is invited to attend the **90th birthday of Bill Forrester on 29th May.**

We will be holding a short service, based on the theme "Thanks", and will then adjourn to Hallsville for the celebrations.

No cards or gifts, please.



"We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves." ~ Dalai Lama XIV

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PRAYER POINTS

- We give thanks for answered prayer. Myra and Heather are both feeling much better.
- We pray for Barbara Murray, for improved health.
- We pray for Peter and Beth Scorgie, and for their daughter Tina.
- We pray for all the people affected by bush-fires in Canada.



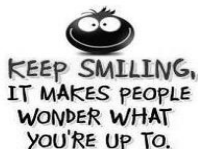
Meg's Musings

This week we celebrate Pentecost, which is symbolised by fire. In Canada that symbol may be all too real at the moment, and rather than symbolise new life, it may feel much more like a threat. In our area the new life, and gifts, which come with Pentecost may be better symbolised by the rain which has recently fallen. Paddocks, trees and gardens are looking better than they have for months. Everything is looking refreshed, renewed and greener. Sometimes God comes to us in the unexpected. Mostly fire seems like an apt symbol for Pentecost, as we experience first fires of the season, and trees covered in leaves of every hue. But God can also come softly, gently in rain falling on parched land.



Blessings from Meg

"Each of us is born with a box of matches inside us but we can't strike them all by ourselves"
~ Laura Esquivel



Be careful with words - because once they are said, they can only be forgiven not forgotten.

CHURCH SERVICES

20 May	6pm pm	Hallsville	~ Rev S Hansford
22 May	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Trevor Forrester
22 May	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
22 May	11am	West	~ Trevor Forrester

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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John 14:8-17 (25-27)(NET)

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be content."

⁹ Jesus replied, "Have I been with you for so long, and you have not known me, Philip? The person who has seen me has seen the Father! How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you, I do not speak on my own initiative, but the Father residing in me performs his miraculous deeds.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me, but if you do not believe me, believe because of the miraculous deeds themselves.

¹² I tell you the solemn truth, the person who believes in me will perform the miraculous deeds that I am doing, and will perform greater deeds than these, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Teaching on the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will obey my commandments.

¹⁶ Then I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever—

¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he resides with you and will be in you.

²⁵ "I have spoken these things while staying with you.

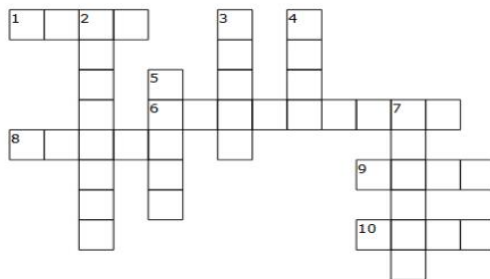
²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and will cause you to remember everything I said to you.

²⁷ "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be distressed or lacking in courage.

The Power Source

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-8



ACROSS

1. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
6. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
8. A building which people live in
9. Make something to be full
10. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree

DOWN

2. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
3. Something that can be heard
4. A destructive burning
5. To say words, to use the voice
7. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

22 May

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