



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Joel 2:23-32 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion,  
rejoice in the LORD your God,  
for he has given you the autumn rains  
because he is faithful.  
He sends you abundant showers,  
both autumn and spring rains, as before.  
<sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be filled with grain;  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.  
<sup>25</sup> "I will repay you for the years the locusts have  
eaten—  
the great locust and the young locust,  
the other locusts and the locust swarm—  
my great army that I sent among you.  
<sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the LORD your  
God,  
who has worked wonders for you;  
never again will my people be shamed.  
<sup>27</sup> Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the LORD your God,  
and that there is no other;  
never again will my people be shamed.

## The Day of the LORD

<sup>28</sup> "And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.  
<sup>30</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens  
and on the earth,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
<sup>31</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of  
the LORD.  
<sup>32</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the LORD will be saved;  
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
there will be deliverance,  
as the LORD has said,  
even among the survivors  
whom the LORD calls.

## Psalms 65 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.  
<sup>2</sup> You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.  
<sup>3</sup> When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.  
<sup>5</sup> You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
God our Savior,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas,  
<sup>6</sup> who formed the mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,  
<sup>7</sup> who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the turmoil of the nations.  
<sup>8</sup> The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.  
<sup>9</sup> You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.  
The streams of God are filled with water  
to provide the people with grain,  
for so you have ordained it.  
<sup>10</sup> You drench its furrows and level its ridges;  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.  
<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.  
<sup>12</sup> The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.  
<sup>13</sup> The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing.



## Psalms 100 (KJV)

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.  
<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his  
presence with singing.  
<sup>3</sup> Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath  
made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people,  
and the sheep of his pasture.  
<sup>4</sup> Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his  
courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless  
his name.  
<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and  
his truth endureth to all generations.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Meg's mother earlier this week. May we all keep Meg, Laurie and their family in our prayers. May we also offer our support and comfort to Meg, just as she is always there for each of us when we are in need.



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville

**23 October**

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



**PRAYER LIST**

- We give thanks that Paul Turner's second cataract operation was successful. We also give thanks for the surgeons who perform such life-enhancing operations.
- We thank God for the beauty of Tamworth's gardens at the moment. Some are looking amazing.
- We pray for members of the Abberfield family.
- We thank God for our friends within Peel Valley Congregation.

**Meg's Musings**

My Mum died this morning - in a large nursing home. Such deaths are part of the everyday happenings in such a place. They could be seen as quite ordinary. They are also intensely personal and moving. Death is an incredibly important part of our life. Our faith is a bit like that. Most people have some sort of a faith in God, or a "higher being", or creator. So faith can be seen as ordinary and everyday. Yet faith is also incredibly personal. It is life-giving, affirming and a source of courage and understanding. When we look around us, we see some people with a strong faith who are an inspiration to us, and to many others. The challenge for each of us is to have a faith which can move us to greater goodness, and to be a witness to others.



Blessings from Meg

**Calling of Minister** ~ A letter has been sent advising Presbytery of our intention to call a part-time Minister. In addition, the Joint Nominating Committee has been working hard on preparing Peel Valley's Congregation Profile as the next step in the process. We would like to thank you all for participating in the Church Life Priorities survey which is vital to the completion of our submission. We will be able to give you an update of our progress at the upcoming AGM. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss any aspect of the process or would like to offer additional input, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Meg, Margaret, Ross or Tony.

**CHURCH ON A BUS 30 October** ~ we will be travelling to Manilla to share with the Manilla and Barraba Uniting Church congregations. The bus will begin pick up at approx 9:30am. 1st will be Phyll, then West Church, Mavis, Doss, Beulah and Heather, then St. Andrew's Village, and picking up others on the way to Manilla. Lunch will be finger food please bring something to share.



**REMINDER: AGM is on Sunday, 6th November at Wests.**

**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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 Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



**Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)**

**The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

<sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

<sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

<sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

<sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance.

He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

<sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

<sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

<sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**"Faithful to the End"**

<sup>1</sup>I cannot change, what God has planned but I can remain . . . faithful in my stand.

<sup>3</sup>I cannot change, God's directions but I can remain . . . ready for corrections.

<sup>2</sup>I cannot change, what is God's will but I can remain . . . peaceful and still.

<sup>4</sup>I cannot change, God's heart divine but I can remain . . . clinging to the vine.

<sup>5</sup>I cannot change, what God may send but I can remain . . . faithful to the end!

**CHURCH SERVICES**

4 September	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ James Cantrill
6 September	8.30 am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ James Cantrill
6 September	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ no service
6 September	11am	<b>West</b>	~ James Cantrill