



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 65:17-25 (NIV)

New Heavens and a New Earth

¹⁷ "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Isaiah 12 (NIV)

¹² In that day you will say: "I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

"You are not what others think you are. You are what God knows you are." ~ Shannon L. Alder

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (NIV)

Warning Against Idleness

⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching¹ you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

NOTICES: The Peel Valley Christmas lunch will be held at Doug and Marg's home on 11th December.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8 November ~ **Dos Wark**
11 November ~ **Mavis Crowell**

The greatest gift that you can give to others is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance. ~ B Tracey

CHURCH SERVICES

18 November	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev S Hansford
20 November	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ John Nash
20 November	9am	Hallsville	~ no service
20 November	11am	West	~ Rev Bill Fischer



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month
~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville

27 NOVEMBER

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



PRAYER LIST

- Donna's grand-daughter Tegan recently had an emergency Caesarian operation. Archie (the new bub) is doing well, but Tegan will have to take things easy for a few months, and would appreciate our prayers.
- We thank God for the expertise and care we receive from our health-care professionals. They make a real difference to our lives.
- The extended Murray family would appreciate our prayers at the moment.
- We pray for the people affected by bushfires over the past week.
- Buelah's niece, Noelene and her husband Shannon were involved in a motorbike accident last Sunday. We pray for their recovery, and give thanks that other family members are helping to look after their children.

Meg's Musings

Psalm 118 is an alternate lectionary readings for this week. In each of the first four verses we read the words, "His (God's) love endures forever."

In these times of uncertainty and change, it is good to know that one thing never changes - God's love. We can rely upon it, no matter what we are faced with.

One of the reasons Jesus could show such courage and certainty during his life on earth was that he knew that he could rely on God's love.



Blessings from Meg

"Always pray in good and bad times; tough times shouldn't be your only reasons to remember God."

~ Edmond Mbiaka

From the Secretary's Desk

Thank you once again to everyone who attended the AGM and Council meeting last Sunday. The executive; Margaret, Ross, Tony, Alan and Evelyn has been re-elected for the next twelve months. On behalf of the executive, thank you for your confidence in our abilities to do the job!

The Church Life Priorities surveys have been completed by each member of the three congregations and the Joint Nominating committee is meeting this week to finalise our application for our new Minister. We pray that Presbytery will look favourably on our submission and that we can move without delay to the next stage of the process.

On Friday, 18th November we will undertake the 2016 National Church Life Survey at Hallsville and on Sunday, 20th November, Wests and Gowrie will be asked to complete the survey. The survey will be handed to you prior to the service and will need to be completed and handed back prior to leaving. Approximate time to complete is 20 minutes. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this survey.

Apologies for the confusion over the venue for the Christmas lunch. The lunch will be hosted by Margaret, at her home, on 11th December.

I wish you happiness and God's blessings as we approach this Christmas season.



Evelyn Keane, Secretary

Joyce would appreciate some help with the church garden at Hallsville. Help is particularly required with weeding and mulching. Willingness, rather than expertise required. If you can help, please contact Meg or Joyce - her number is 6769 5990.



Luke 21:5-19 (NIV)

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

Signs and Persecutions

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you?' ~ William Arthur Ward

**I may not have everything
I want in life, but I am blessed
enough to have all that I need.
For this I am grateful.**



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Though our feelings come and go...God's love for us does not ~ CS Lewis

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

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