



Peel Valley Congregation

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Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NIV)

The Righteous Branch

23 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD.

² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD.

³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number.

⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

Luke 1:68-79 (NIV)

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David
⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves.

Colossians 1:11-20 (NIV)

¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of the Son of God

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.




The Peel Valley Christmas Lunch

Doug & Marg's home

11th December.

CHURCH SERVICES

25 November	6pm	Hallsville	~ Margaret Crowell
27 November	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Margaret Crowell
27 November	9am	Hallsville	~ no service
27 November	11am	West	~ Margaret Crowell

	1st Sunday of the month	4th Sunday of the month
	~ Luncheon @ West	~ Markets @ Hallsville
	3rd Sunday of the month	27 NOVEMBER
~Trading Table @ West Tamworth		

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



PRAYER LIST

- We pray that Elphie makes a good recovery. She has had two recent hospital stays.
- We pray for Laura Davidson, whose second baby is due in just a couple of weeks.
- Stephen Youll, Ross Davidson's brother-in-law has been in hospital in Canberra. We pray for a full recovery for him.
- We pray for children hearing about Christmas - that Jesus may be a most important part of the stories that they hear.

Meg's Musings

It is that time of year again in Tamworth - the Jacarandas and the Silky Oaks are in flower.

It seems to me to be the perfect time of year for them to bloom. In the ancient world purple was the colour of royalty. Purple dye was very rare, and very expensive, so only royalty could afford it.

And gold is the colour associated with money - another item which is associated with royalty.

This Sunday is known as "Christ the King" Sunday.

It seems such a contrast that the colours signifying royalty are in full bloom at the moment - but that Jesus' kingship had nothing to do with riches and the trappings of wealth and power.

Instead, Jesus showed his kingship through love, compassion, healing acts, and the ability to reach out to those who needed him the most.

Instead of having a royal throne, Jesus chooses to make our hearts his throne. What a privilege for each one of us!



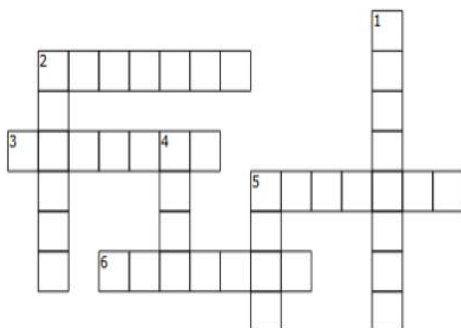
Blessings from Meg

Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)



CHRIST THE KING



ACROSS

- 2. Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
- 3. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
- 5. A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
- 6. To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done

DOWN

- 1. Someone who commits a crime
- 2. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
- 4. The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
- 5. To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue

Luke 23:33-43 (NIV)

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar

³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"

⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck.

"Christ the King" Sunday

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church.. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout Europe. Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

- 1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state
- 2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ
- 3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies ~source Wikipedia

Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters. Think about it!

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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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