



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

25-27 November 2016

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## Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

### The Mountain of the LORD

2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup> In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established  
as the highest of the mountains;  
it will be exalted above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.  
He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths."  
The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## Psalms 122 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing  
in your gates, Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built like a city  
that is closely compacted together.

<sup>4</sup> That is where the tribes go up—  
the tribes of the LORD—  
to praise the name of the LORD  
according to the statute given to Israel.

<sup>5</sup> There stand the thrones for judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May those who love you be secure.

<sup>7</sup> May there be peace within your walls  
and security within your citadels."

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my family and friends,  
I will say, "Peace be within you."

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your prosperity.

Show respect even to people who don't deserve it:  
Not as a reflection of their character, but a  
reflection of yours. ~ Dave Willis

## Romans 13:11-14 (NIV)

### The Day Is Near

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

<sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

<sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. <sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

27 November ~ Elijah Debenham

## CHURCH SERVICES

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



## The Peel Valley Christmas Lunch

Doug & Marg's home

11th December.

STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backward.



**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

**27 NOVEMBER**

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



### PRAYER LIST

- We continue to pray for Elphie as she convalesces at home.
- We pray for everyone who has found the sudden arrival of summer tiring and difficult.
- We pray for students completing their education - that the next steps they take may be wise and fulfilling.
- We pray that the Church Life Survey may give leaders the information they need to grow the churches throughout Australia.
- We pray for Beulah's grand-daughter Noelene, who has had to have a skin-graft on her leg.

### Meg's Musings

We travelled to Sydney for a few days earlier this week. Whilst I was there I went into the city. It is very different to the city which I visited in my teens and early twenties. I wished that the clock could be turned back, and that the pleasant Sydney of the 1960's could be real again.

I saw tourists taking photos of impressive sandstone buildings such as the Town Hall. But, no matter what angle they attempted to take their photos from, skyscrapers could be seen in the background, dwarfing the older buildings. I felt disappointed that the scale of the city had become so imposing and overwhelming.

And then I thought about Mary and Joseph. What an imposing, and life-changing task they were given - to be the parents of Jesus!

Not only that, when it was almost time for Jesus to be born, they had to travel to Bethlehem. They had no friends or close family to help them when Jesus was born. And within a few hours they were confronted by a band of curious shepherds.

Mary and Joseph must have been completely out of their "comfort zone". And yet, with God's help they coped.

When we are confronted with change, difficulties or feel overwhelmed, God can help us through. He is always there for us..... no matter what.



Blessings from Meg

### From the Secretary's Desk

#### Notice of Council Meeting

A **Special Council Meeting** has been called for **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** after the service/lunch at Wests Church to obtain Council's approval to submit the Congregations Placement Profile, prepared by the Joint Nominating Committee, which is the next step in calling a Minister. The Council will also be asked to appoint an auditor for 2016/2017.

I strongly encourage everyone to attend this meeting. If you have questions or would like to discuss any aspect of our submission, please contact me on 02 9838 8799.

#### Church Life Survey

A big thank you to all who took part in the survey at Gowrie and Wests. Hallsville will conduct their survey on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We will all benefit from having taken time to reflect and review. The opportunity to listen to all voices in the congregation will help us to discover our strengths, hopes and personal commitment of our attenders. Results will be issued early in 2017 and will be shared with the congregations to help us with planning for the future, our direction and mission goals.

Pray for our future plans together,  
Evelyn, Secretary Peel Valley Congregations  
Evelyn Keane, Secretary



I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

~ Jimmy Dean



### Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV)

#### The Day and Hour Unknown

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

<sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

<sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

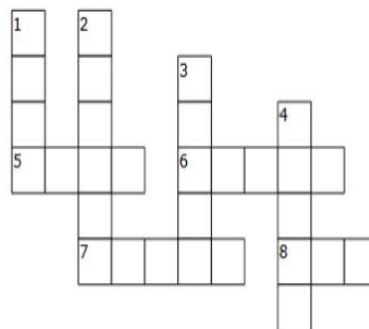
<sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

### Ready for His Return

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Matthew 24:36,44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 24:36-44



#### ACROSS

5. A period of time sixty minutes long
6. One who steals something
7. The time period from sunset until sunrise
8. The period from sunrise until sunset

#### DOWN

1. Man in the Bible who built an ark long
2. To come back
3. To look or observe attentively or carefully
4. To be prepared or available for service or action

### 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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