



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

2-4 December 2016

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**Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV)**

### The Branch From Jesse

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup> They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

**Romans 15:4-13 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed <sup>9</sup> and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."

<sup>10</sup> Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup> And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A little magic can take you a long way



## The Peel Valley Christmas Lunch

Doug & Marg's home

11th December.

**Notice of Council Meeting- A Special Council**  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** after service/lunch at Wests Church

1. 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.
2. Appoint an auditor for 2016/2017.

Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
6 December ~ **Jane Morris**



**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**

### 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."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

**Elders:** Margaret Crowell Barbara Murray Doss Wark  
Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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**PRAYER LIST**

- Beulah's grand-daughter Noelene is still in hospital, but so far the skin graft is going well.
- Elphie Lang would appreciate our continued prayers for her.
- Margaret Pryor is also in need of prayer.
- For people feeling the pressure of the "Christmas rush" - that they may discover the true meaning, the peace and the joy of Christmas.

**Meg's Musings**

This weekend our younger daughter turns 40. Where have the years gone?

It seems no time at all since she was a tiny baby.

The first night she was at home, she didn't want to settle down - until she was securely bundled up in a bunny rug. After that she was quite content. No matter how hot it got, she wanted to be wrapped up for those first few months of life - even if it was just in a sheet.

Each of us have things which make us happy, or settle us down, or help us to feel content, or bring us joy.

Cuddling babies, spending time in the garden and praying are some of the things which bring me joy and a feeling of being at peace.

What brings you joy?

Blessings from Meg



**Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV)**

**John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

<sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

<sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

<sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

**PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**pre-Christmas Service 16 December**  
Hallsville 7.30pm Rev Hansford  
followed by supper

**Christmas Eve Service 24 December**  
Gowrie 6.30pm Meg Mangan

**Christmas Day Servcie 25 December**  
Hallsville 9am Jim Newton



If you seek a special gift  
The greatest gift of all  
Don't look beneath your tree  
It was never there at all  
The greatest Christmas gift  
Was given to us all  
The Christ child in a manger  
In a lowly cattle stall



**Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Endow the king with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people in righteousness,  
your afflicted ones with justice.

<sup>3</sup> May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,  
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> May he defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy;  
may he crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> May he endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.

<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish  
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

<sup>18</sup> Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does marvelous deeds.

<sup>19</sup> Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.



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**no markets December**

**CHURCH SERVICES**

9 December 6pm **Hallsville** ~ no service

11 December 8.30 am **Gowrie** ~ congregation

11 December 9am **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan

11 December 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan HC

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