



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (NIV)

19 The LORD said to Moses, ²“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

¹⁰ Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

¹¹ “Do not steal.

“Do not lie.

“Do not deceive one another.

¹² “Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

¹³ “Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.

“Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

¹⁴ “Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

¹⁵ “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

¹⁶ “Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

¹⁸ “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Psalms 119:33-40 (NIV)

³³ Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law

and obey it with all my heart.

³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

³⁶ Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

³⁹ Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

⁴⁰ How I long for your precepts!

In your righteousness preserve my life.



“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.” ~ Buddha

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 (NIV)

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.

¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?

¹⁷ If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness”;

²⁰ and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.”

²¹ So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours,

²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours,

²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.



“If you’re ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns.”

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	Marie Meyer	Barbara Murray
	Doss Wark	Ross Davidson	Gillian & Bruce Jarrett



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PRAYER LIST.

- Beulah Fenwick is home from hospital, and was given a clean bill of health. Praise God!
- Elphie Lang is also very happy to be back home from hospital. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Judy Watts is still in hospital, but she hopes to return home soon.
- Hazel McGillivray, from City Church, has been in hospital for several weeks. We pray that she will be out of hospital soon.
- We give thanks for the caring people within our congregation who reach out to other people in whatever ways they can.

Meg's Musings

As you can see from the prayer list, this has been a busy week. People I love have been unwell - never an easy situation. But I have enjoyed my visits to them.

God prepared the way for me. Two weeks ago I, along with Evelyn, Anna and Sue, went to the Pastoral Strength conference in Sydney. We heard a really interesting speaker, and we were able to talk together about how we could apply what we learned to the situation within our congregation.

We also formed closer bonds. This week I have felt supported as I visited our members in hospital. Caring for each other is a joint ministry in our congregation.

It was special that everyone so willingly accepted prayer - patients and family members.

I thank God that I heard when people were in hospital. It gave me the privilege of sharing God's love to them. Please let me know how we can support one another.

Blessings from Meg



It's the way called "Love";
 it's a heart that can forgive
 It's the way called "Love";
 it's the way that Jesus lived
 It's the way called "Love";
 forgive and be forgiven
 It's the way called "Love";
 The way we should be living

People were created to *be loved*. Things were created to *be used*. The reason the world is in chaos is because **things are being loved and people are being used.**

NOTICE: The Uniting Church will celebrate its' 40th Anniversary later this year. Details of functions will be announced when they are available.



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

26 February

Matthew 5:38-48 (NIV)

Eye for Eye

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'

³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

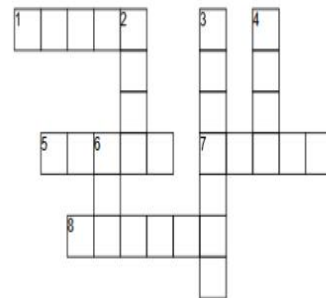
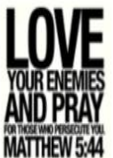
⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Turn the Other Cheek

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." Matthew 5:38-39 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 1. A hard bone-like structure in the mouth used for biting and chewing
- 5. The side of the face below the eye
- 7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
- 8. Something good received in return for good behavior

DOWN

- 2. A strong feeling of dislike for someone or something
- 3. Persons you know and like very much
- 4. A warm feeling of affection for another person

CHURCH SERVICES

24 February	6pm	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan
26 February	8.30am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan
26 February	9am	Hallsville	~ no service
26 February	11am	West	~ Meg Mangan

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