



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Psalm 23 (NIV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

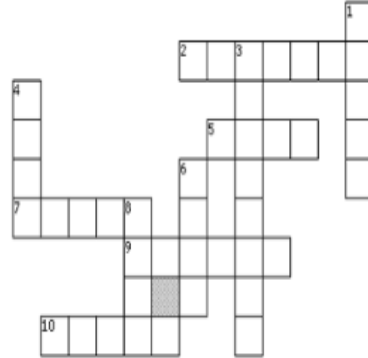
<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

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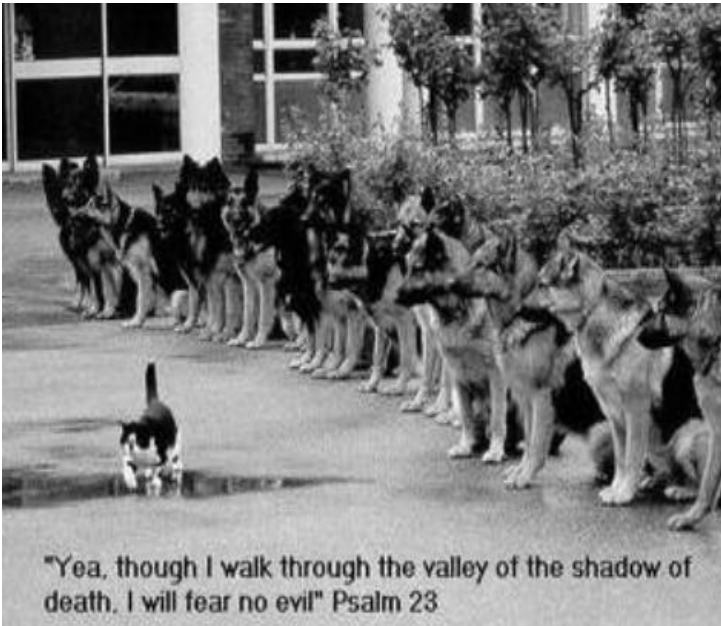


### ACROSS

- 2. An area with grass or other vegetation for sheep or cattle to graze on
- 5. To be frightened of something
- 7. A building or dwelling place for a family
- 9. An area of low land between mountains or hills
- 10. An article of furniture upon which we eat our meals

### DOWN

- 1. To show kindness, compassion, and forgiveness
- 3. One who herds, guards, and tends sheep
- 4. The route along which something travels
- 6. To go or travel on foot
- 8. The quality of being morally bad or wrong; wicked



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### PRAYER LIST.

- Please continue to pray for Viv Chaffey, as she is still quite unwell - but is in good spirits.
- We pray for Bruce and Marie Westbrook, and treasure our memories of their ministry in Tamworth.
- Pat and Kevin Hoyt have had a testing 3 weeks, and we pray that the coming weeks are less stressful for them.
- The pray for the work Eddie Whitham is doing in refugee resettlement within Tamworth. We thank God for the rain which has fallen this week.

### 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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### Meg's Musings

Psalm 23 speaks of our God who meets our physical needs, such as providing rest, fresh water, and food to eat – the basics of life.

But he is also a God who also understands our need for peace, for comfort and for reassurance.... our emotional needs as well as our physical needs.

Goodness and unfailing love and also promised to us in this Psalm. The Psalm invites us to join with David in praising God, and thanking him for all that he provides for us – it calls for a sense of gratitude from us.

But we also need to know that we have been forgiven - and that we are good enough, in God's eyes, to receive all of these wonderful gifts.

God in Jesus made the sacrifice on Calvary to ensure that every barrier has been broken down, and that we are forgiven, and truly free.

God has done it all – all we need to do is to accept those wonderful gifts. What a comfort it is to know that we don't have to earn them, or to strive to deserve them.

They are free, and available to us all.

Blessings from Meg



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



**John 9:1-41 (NIV)**

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.  
 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"  
 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."  
 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.  
 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."  
 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.  
 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.  
 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"  
 9 Some claimed that he was.  
 Others said, "No, he only looks like him."  
 But he himself insisted, "I am the man."  
 10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.  
 11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."  
 12 "Where is this man?" they asked him.  
 "I don't know," he said.

**The Pharisees Investigate the Healing**

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.  
 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.  
 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."  
 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."  
 But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.  
 17 Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."  
 The man replied, "He is a prophet."  
 18 They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents.  
 19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"  
 20 "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind."  
 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself."  
 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.  
 23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."  
 24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."  
 25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

**John 9:1-41 coninued.....**

26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"  
 27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"  
 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!  
 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."  
 30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.  
 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will.  
 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.  
 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."  
 34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.  
**Spiritual Blindness**  
 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"  
 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."  
 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."  
 38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.  
 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."  
 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"  
 41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

Leave the world a little better than you found it. ~ Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

29 March ~ Bruce Jarrett

A goal is a dream with a deadline.~ Napoleon Hill

**Lenten Studies at Hallsville:**

Rev Simon Hansford will be running a series of Lenten Studies at Hallsville on a Friday evening. Start time is 6:00pm for a 6:30 start. Last study 31st of March.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

31 March	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ Rev S Hansford
2 April	8.30am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ Anna Davidson
2 April	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ no service
2April	11am	<b>West</b>	~ Anna Davidson



**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

**23 April**