

Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

7-9 April 2017

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Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 19 - 29 (NIV)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

²Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD

through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation. ²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³ the LORD has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. ²⁵ LORD, save us!

LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you

²⁷ The LORD is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.



CHURCH SERVICES

Good Friday Hallsville ~ Rev Chris Wright 14 April 9am **Easter Sunday** 16 April 8.30am Gowrie ~ No Service 16 April 9am Hallsville ~ No Service 16 April 11am West ~ City Church

preacher

Philippians: 5 - 11 (NIV)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to

be used to his own advantage: rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ

to the glory of God the Father.

Isaiah 5:4-9 (NIV)

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a wellinstructed tongue,

to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,

wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;

I have not been rebellious,

I have not turned away.

⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint. and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud.



1st Sunday of the month

4th Sunday of the month

Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month Trading Table @ West Tamworth ~ Markets @ Hallsville 23 April

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



PRAYER LIST.

- Margaret Pryor turned 95 this week. Well done and congratulations. We pray for God's peace to be upon her.
- We pray for all the people who have lost loved ones and homes during the floods in Queensland and north-east NSW.
- We also give thanks for the SES. Ambulance and Police crews who worked around the clock to ensure the safety of thousands of people.
- We pray for Bronnie, Chrissie and Logan, members of the Monckton family.
- Viv Chaffey is back at McKay House after almost a week in hospital with pneumonia. We pray that her recovery continues. We pray for Mavis too, as she has been at Viv's side each day.

Meg's Musings

What are your plans for Easter?

Many people plan trips to Sydney, camping adventures or catch-ups with families.

Jesus also planned a trip before Easter - to Jerusalem.

It wasn't planned to be a fun trip - he knew what it would lead to, but he went anyway.

Sometimes it can be difficult to continue on with you feel that God is calling you to do. All sorts of obstacles can get in the way. Even people with the best of intentions can "throw a spanner in the works" and try to change our path.

But if we are sure that we are doing what God is calling us to do, we need to follow through and stay focused - just as Jesus did.

Blessings from Meg

Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it. ~ Greg Anderson

LIFE IS

Life is like a river, constantly flowing,

Life is like a tree, constantly growing.

Life is like the desert, constantly changing,

Life is like the oceans, constantly re-arranging,

Life is accepting, both others and yourself,

Life is understanding, and believing in oneself,

Life is committing, and doing the best you can,

Life is believing, and being your own very best fan.

Life is for loving, and also for caring,

Life is for helping, and giving and sharing.

Life is the seeds that you plant each day,

Life is creating a better world in which to stay.

By Michael Sage

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light. ~ Aristotle

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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Margaret Crowell Elders: Marie Mever Doss Wark Ross Davidson **Bruce Jarrett**

Barbara Murray

Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.

³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the

prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them

They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted.

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

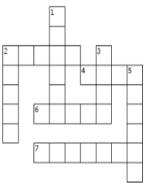
¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted. "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)





ACROSS

- 2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
- 4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
- 6. To speak with a very loud voice
- 7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

- 1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
- 2. A large group of people who have gathered together
- 3. A young male horse (or donkey)
- 5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

