



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Acts 1:6-14 (NIV)

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk^[a] from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14 (NIV)

Suffering for Being a Christian

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (NIV)

¹ May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

² May you blow them away like smoke—as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

³ But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.

⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

⁶ God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

⁷ When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

¹⁰ Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,

³³ to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

³⁴ Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.

³⁵ You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Praise be to God!

The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new. ~ "Way of the Peaceful Warrior" by Millman

"If with a pure mind a person speaks or acts, happiness follows them like a never-departing shadow." ~ Buddha

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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 Bruce Jarrett



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PRAYER LIST.

- We give thanks to God that Marg and Doug Crowell survived a multi-car accident last week. We also pray that their injuries heal quickly. Marg spent a couple of days in hospital, but they are now down in Rutherglen..... hopefully resting and recuperating!
- Ivy Battle has spent time in hospital this week. We pray for both Ivy and Peter at this time.
- We pray for everyone affected by the terrorist act in Manchester.
- We pray for improved health for Barbara and John Murray.

Meg's Musings

When terrorist acts create havoc, and kill and maim people, we are left feeling vulnerable. We feel that life can never be quite the same again - that our previous sense of security has been shattered by hatred. When Jesus was taken up into heaven, the disciples must have also felt that nothing could ever be quite the same again - because Jesus had been their sense of security in so many ways. Yet, when the Holy Spirit did come upon the disciples, they found that they could move forward - they were filled with energy and purpose. They found that God's love, manifest in the Holy Spirit, was just what they needed. They found that the spirit of God's love could overcome hatred. They felt empowered, rather than vulnerable.



Blessings from Meg

John 17:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

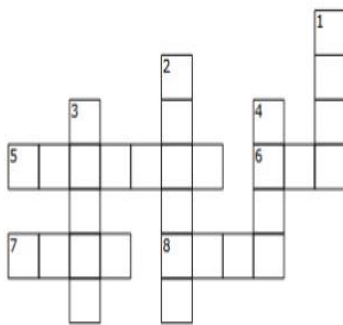
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John 17:9 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 17:6-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. To keep from being injured or harmed
6. To be a single unit, object, or living being
7. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
8. To speak to God

DOWN

1. To place in the hands of someone
2. To receive something
3. That which belongs to you
4. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship



Father, protect us and help us to be one with other believers, just as you are one with Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray.. ~ Amen.


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 May ~ Bill Forrester

26 May ~ Glenda Slocombe

CHURCH SERVICES

2 June	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ Patrick Johnston
28 May	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Rob Wood
28 May	9 am	Hallsville	~ No service
28 May	11am	West	~ Rob Wood

 **1st Sunday of the month**
~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month
~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville
28 May

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