



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Psalm 13 (NIV)

- ¹ How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- ³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.

At the end of life we will not be judged by
how many diplomas we have received, how
much money we have made, how many great
things we have done. We will be judged by "I
was hungry, and you gave me something to
eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was
homeless, and you took me in.

— Mother Teresa —

Faith And Courage In Life

In life there are people that will hurt us and cause us pain,
but we must learn to forgive and forget and not hold grudges.

In life there are mistakes we will make,
but we must learn from our wrongs and grow from them.

In life there are regrets we will have to live with,
but we must learn to leave the past behind and realize
it is something we can't change.

In life there are people we will lose forever and can't
have back,
but we must learn to let go and move on.

In life there are going to be obstacles that will cause
interference,
but we must learn to overcome these challenges and
grow stronger.

In life there are fears that will hold us back from
what we want,
but we must learn to fight them with the courage
from within.

God holds our lives in his hands. He holds the key to
our future.

Only he knows our fate. He sees everything and knows
everything.

Everything in life really does happen for a reason:
"God's Reason" © Angie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 June ~ Pat Hoyt

4 July ~ Marie Meyer

"The great enemy of clear language is insincerity.
When there is a gap between one's real and one's
declared aims, one turns as it were instinctively to
long words and exhausted idioms, like a cuttlefish
spurting out ink." ~ George Orwell

Memory Lane- Join us for a cuppa, meet new friends,
singalong, activities & more....

First & Third Tuesday of the month
10am till 11:30am

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street



CHURCH SERVICES

7 July	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
9 July	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
9 July	9 am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
9 July	11am	West	~Meg Mangan HC

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 Bruce Jarrett



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PRAYER LIST.

- We continue to pray for Ivy Battle. Ivy has been home from hospital for over a week. We pray for her strength to return.
- We pray for the families and friends of Margaret Pryor, Beryl McLachlan and Glenda Slocombe who each died last weekend; we pray that God's comfort and strength will sustain all who mourn at this time.
- We thank God for the rain which has fallen this week.
- We also thank God for the blessing that Chris Wright has been in the role of St. Andrew's Village chaplain over the past 16 years.
- We pray that Galina, Chris's interim replacement enjoys her role as Pastor for the Village.

Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.
⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Meg's Musings

I was speaking with some friends earlier this week about the change in the way that meat and fish are served in restaurants. In the past most chefs chose to cook roasts and fish so that the meat was cooked through, and of a uniform colour. These days, many chefs serve meat and fish that is still quite pink in the middle, and just seared on the outside. The influence driving this change seems to have been the TV cooking programs such as *Masterchef*. Their influence on food presentation seems to have been dramatic. If only we could so easily influence our wider community to see God, and the church, differently - not as judgemental and harsh, but as the caring, loving support which each of us has experienced.



Blessings from Meg

From the Secretary, PVC

What a wonderful day we were given for celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting church and a heartfelt thank you to Mr Peter Battle for leading us in worship. The time spent together in reflecting on the history of our church and the Peel Valley congregation was a happy time and we all enjoyed the sausage sizzle in the beautiful sunshine. Members of the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) met for the first time on 21st June, Rev Will Pearson and Ms Jacki Watts having been appointed as our Presbytery representatives. Following prayer and introductions, Rev Will gave us an outline on how the process will be conducted, what the Advise ment Committee on Ministerial Placements (ACOMP) is looking for in our placement profile; what are we doing to increase the Mission of Peel Valley, and ensured us that Presbytery is here to assist us.

Rev Will stressed the importance of the questions posed to our congregation (these were also printed in the 40th Anniversary booklet distributed at the service on 18th June). We need time for prayerful consideration of these challenging questions. They may not in some instances be easy to answer, but our responses will be useful in working through our Mission plans.

To this end, I believe, we need to establish a Mission Action Group. This group would work alongside the JNC in formulating ideas and putting plans into action. It is important that we share our desires and our aims, how we intend to reach our goals and what our church will look like in the future. I look forward to discussing the possibilities with you when next we meet.

Thank you to everyone who has been attending our *Memory Lane* morning activities. I think the format is working well and we should have no problem attracting more guests from the wider community. Please encourage

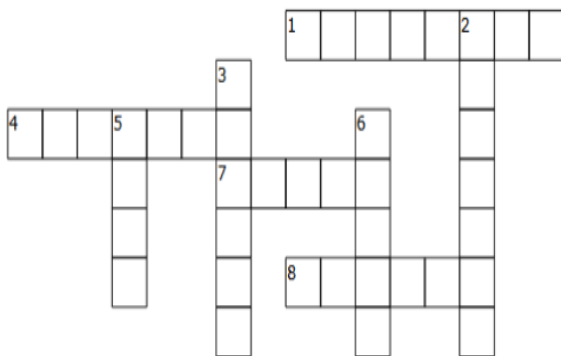
your friends and neighbours to come along! We've invested in some improvements to our sound and video systems which hopefully will be up and running for our next gathering.

*Today I pray for you a heart free of sadness
 A mind free of worries
 A life full of gladness
 A body free of illness
 And a day full of God's blessings.*

"Welcome!"

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:40-42



ACROSS

- 1. A follower of Jesus
- 4. To gladly receive someone into your own house
- 7. An odorless, colorless, tasteless liquid; H2O
- 8. Small; not large

DOWN

- 2. A person who speaks for God
- 3. Recognition of someone's good behavior
- 5. The opposite of hot; having a very low temperature
- 6. A fact that has been proven

Never argue with a fool;
 onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.
 ~ Mark Twain



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

25 June

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