



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

7-9 July 2017

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The Song of Solomon 2 : 8 - 13 (NIV)

⁸ Listen! My beloved!
 Look! Here he comes,
 leaping across the mountains,
 bounding over the hills.
⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
 Look! There he stands behind our wall,
 gazing through the windows,
 peering through the lattice.
¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me,
 "Arise, my darling,
 my beautiful one, come with me.
¹¹ See! The winter is past;
 the rains are over and gone.
¹² Flowers appear on the earth;
 the season of singing has come,
 the cooing of doves
 is heard in our land.
¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit;
 the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
 Arise, come, my darling;
 my beautiful one, come with me."

Rom 7:15-25a (NIV)

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.
¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.
¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.
¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.
²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.
²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.
²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!
 So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law.



The preacher told the congregation
 'Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you all understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark, chapter 17.'

The following Sunday, as she started her sermon; she asked for a show of hands..... she wanted to know how many people had read Mark 17. Almost every hand went up.

She smiled and said, 'Mark only has 16 chapters. I will know proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.'

² Proud men end in shame, but the meek become wise. ~ Proverbs 11:2 (LTB)



CHURCH SERVICES

14 July	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ it's a surprise!!!
16 July	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Evelyn Keane
16 July	9 am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
16 July	11am	West	~City Church Preacher

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



Not what we give,
 But what we share,
 For the gift
 without the giver
 Is bare.

~James Russell Lowell

Moira was struggling to get the tomato sauce out of the bottle. As she was trying he phone rang and her 4 year old daughter, Mia, answered it saying, 'Sorry, mummy can't come to the phone at the moment because she's hitting the bottle.'



CHURCH ON A BUS

~ Meg Mangan

"West Of The Line"

Sunday July 30



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



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



PRAYER LIST.

- We pray that the Walk to Emmaus 13-16 July, in Armidale, is a time of spiritual renewal for everyone attending.
- We continue to pray for Ivy and Peter Battle.
- We pray for the family of Shirley McLellan. Shirley died last week.
- We pray that everyone who is grieving at this time will be ready to accept God's healing comfort.

Meg's Musings

You never know what God has in mind for you as you get up each day!

I have spent this afternoon crocheting a couple of bun caps for Evie, my grand-daughter. Without a pattern to work from, it was a matter of trial and error.

I have also read her some books over the past few days - some left over from our own children. That brought back happy memories.

Our grandchildren know the names of all the latest superheroes and cartoon characters. They see us as woefully uneducated because we are not aware of the names, characteristics and colours of each character.

We are also unaware of their favourite foods, dislikes etc. So it has been a steep learning curve this week.

The people of Jesus' day used all sorts of excuses not to listen, or to learn from the available prophets - John the Baptist and Jesus. Any excuse would do - one's a glutton, and the other doesn't participate in our feasts.

Are we ready to listen, ready to learn, and ready to share?

Blessings from Meg



Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NIV)

¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

The Father Revealed in the Son

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

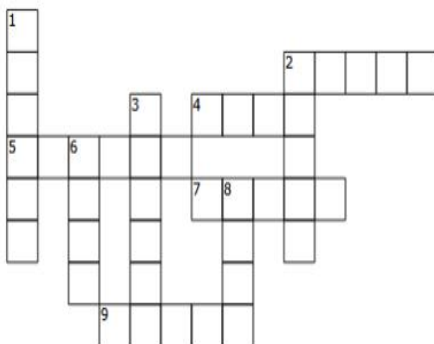
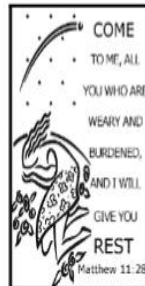
²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Rest for the Weary

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Not heavy
4. The opposite of go
5. A heavy load that you carry
7. The place within a person where their feelings or emotions are
9. Very tired, especially after working hard for a long time

DOWN

1. Not proud or not believing that you are important
2. To get knowledge or skill about a subject
3. Calm, kind or soft; not violent
6. Stop and relax to regain your strength
8. Not difficult

Dear Father, we are thankful that when we struggle under the load of life's burdens, you are there to help us carry the load. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

From the Secretary

The first meeting of the Peel Valley Mission Action Group (MAG) met on Tuesday 27th June with a lot of discussion on our draft Profile for calling a Minister. Several ideas were put forward and tasks assigned. I would encourage everyone to get involved with MAG to share your wisdom, thoughts and ideas. We will meet again in another few weeks, date and time to be advised. Hope you will join the group.

Coming out of the MAG meeting was a need to restart a bible study group. We discussed the format for these gatherings last Tuesday at Memory Lane and all were excited and looking forward to starting as soon as we can. It is hoped that we can encourage lay preachers to join us from time to time. Using the readings and printed literature available from the lectionary, we could prepare our own services and maybe even get involved in delivering our messages at Sunday services.

Christmas in July Lunch - Please join us to celebrate winter with warm friends, hot roast pork and Christmas pudding.

When: Tuesday 11th July Time: 12:30
 Where: Square Man Inn (Peel Street, opp Spotlight)
 Cost: \$10 (pay to Meg or Evelyn on the day)



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

23 July

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