



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

Water From the Rock

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 (NIV)

God's Goodness and Israel's Ingratitude

78 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

² I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation

the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders which he has wrought.

¹² In the sight of their fathers he wrought marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zo'an.

¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light.

¹⁵ He cleft rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Philippians 2:1-13 (NIV)

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ 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 name,

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 is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Do Everything Without Grumbling

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Peel Valley Congregation AGM

12 November 2017

Following combined service at Gowrie



Memory Lane- First & Third Tuesday of the month ~
10am till 11:30am
West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street

Peel Valley Congregation BIBLE STUDY

Monthly on 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:30pm-4pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 September ~ Carol Thompson

30 September ~ John Murray

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

It was an apple
but with extremely limited memory
just 1 byte..... then everything crashed



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

PRAYER LIST.

- We pray for the Westbrook family as they mourn the loss of Marie, who died on Tuesday night.
- We give thanks that Beulah has come through surgery well, and is recuperating at home.
- We pray for Donna who is currently facing a range of medical problems.
- We pray for the residents and staff of McKay House and Alblas Lodge. Both have been in lockdown this week due to colds and 'flu.
- We pray for the many people travelling during the long weekend/school holidays.
- We pray for Simon Hansford as he commences his 3 year term as Moderator of NSW/ACT.

Meg's Musings

This has been very much a week of beginnings and endings. Marie Westbrook's death came as a surprise, and marks the end of a life lived very much in Christ's footsteps. Marie and Bruce had the mindset of doing as much as they could, for as many as they could, for as long as they could. Whilst in Tamworth Marie was involved in Kids Club, Meals on Wheels, Ladies Fellowship, choir and the hundreds of other little (and sometimes not so little) tasks which went hand-in-hand with being "the minister's wife". Marie handled in all with grace and energy. Simon begins a new phase of his ministry. It is a ministry far different to that of the ministers of the last century the world has moved on, and so has the role of minister. New pathways, new people, new causes await Simon. We wish him well as he begins to make the role his own.

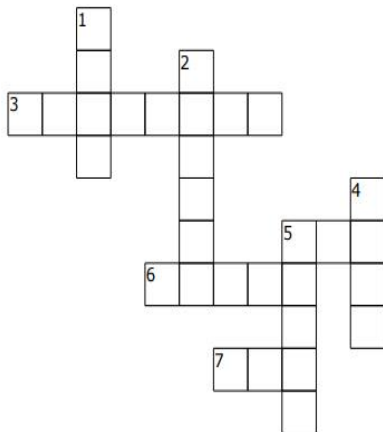
Blessings from Meg



The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31

Based on Matthew 21:28-32



ACROSS

- 3. A place where grapes are grown
- 5. The number following one
- 6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
- 7. An adult male

DOWN

- 1. A person's male children
- 2. A male parent
- 4. To perform a job or task
- 5. To have an opinion or idea about something

Dear Lord, As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me" ~ Amen

Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵ The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"

²⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet."

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he repented and went.

³⁰ And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go.

³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

Peel Valley Congregation ~ Operation Christmas Child
Contact Evelyn for more information.

"*Poor Old fool!*" thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he'd humor the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?" The old man replied, "You're the eighth."



CHURCH SERVICES

6 October	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ Pat Johnston
8 October	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
8 October	9 am	Hallsville	~ Pat Johnston
8 October	11am	West	~ Pat Johnston



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

22 October

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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