



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 64:1-9 (NIV)

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not
expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before
you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.
How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (NIV)

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace
given you in Christ Jesus.

⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with
all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—

⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among
you.

⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you
eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A little magic can take you a long way ~ Roald Dahl

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
6 December ~ Jane Morris

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (NIV)

¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth ² before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

³ Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

⁴ How long, LORD God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶ You have made us an object of derision to our
neighbours,
and our enemies mock us.

⁷ Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

Christmas is a necessity.

There has to be at
least one day of the
year to remind us
that we're here for
something else
besides ourselves.

Peel Valley Congregation Christmas

15 December 6pm Hallsville **Carol Service** ~ Margaret Crowell
17 December 11am Hallsville **Peel Valley Congregation Service**
~ Rev Chris Wright. To be followed by **Christmas lunch**
24 December 11 am West **Christmas Eve Service** ~ Meg Mangan
25 December 9am Hallsville **Christmas Day Service**

Peel Valley Congregation is in recess ~

31 December resuming for 2018
at Hallsville with our traditional

Gospel Music Breakfast 21 January 2018
All Welcome.



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Steve Scorgie who underwent surgery this week.
- We pray too for Janet Hicks' Mum who has been in hospital with heart problems.
- We pray for the local families who will receive gifts through the Target/UnitingCare gift donations.
- We pray for our families.
- We pray for our ministers who are especially busy at this time of year.

Meg's Musings

As someone who has been employed to work on election day, I was given strict instructions that I was not to get into political discussions, or to voice an opinion on the election, or any possible electoral outcome. I had to adopt a politically neutral policy for the duration of the election.

Often, as Christians, we seem to adopt a position of neutrality too. Maybe we are worried about offending someone by having a slightly different Christian perspective from someone else. Or perhaps we are concerned that it isn't good manners to talk religion to someone outside of church. Or it may be that someone has "bitten our head off" when we have brought religion into a conversation!

But when we choose not to mention Christ to people, maybe we are preventing them from hearing something positive and even life-changing.

While we don't want to "push religion down people's throats", we do need to find some middle ground between that, and never mentioning our allegiance to Christ.

Perhaps this Christmas will give us the option of mentioning "the reason for the season", rather than just pretending that Christmas is all about gifts, parties and special foods.

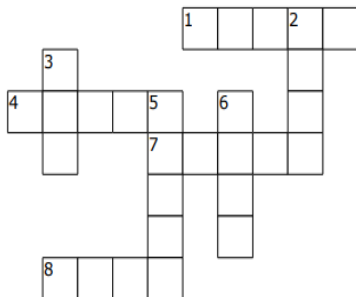


Blessings from Meg

The Waiting Place

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 13:35-37



ACROSS

1. The time of day when it is dark
4. To keep an eye on; to guard
7. The person who has something such as property
8. A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

2. A period of sixty minutes
3. A period of 24 hours
5. The place where a person or family lives
6. To have information about something; to be aware of something

Expectancy is the atmosphere for miracles. ~ Louis



Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)

²⁴ "But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken."

²⁶ "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.

³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

The Day and Hour Unknown

³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

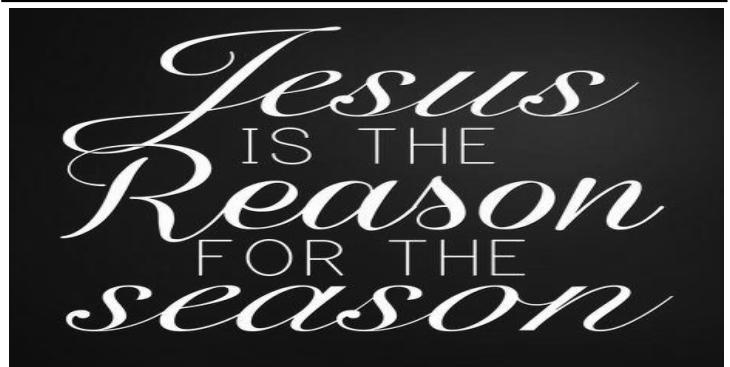
³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.

³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"



CHURCH SERVICES

8 December	6pm	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
10 December	8.30am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
10 December	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
10 December	11am	West	~ Marg Crowell



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 Barbara Murray
Doss Wark Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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