



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

Christmas 2017

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## Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.



## Psalm 96 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."  
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

<sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,  
he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

## Titus 2: 11 - 14 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers  
salvation to all people.

<sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly  
passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly  
lives in this present age,

<sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of  
the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
<sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all  
wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his  
very own, eager to do what is good.



## Meg's Musings

What a wonderful time everyone had at Hallsville last Sunday.  
And a BIG thank you to Marshall and to Judy. Having the bus  
available to pick people up made things so much easier.  
Thanks to Rev Chris Wright for the very appropriate Christmas  
message which he presented.  
Thanks to Beth for playing the carols - and thanks to so many who  
sang enthusiastically.  
A special THANKS to Marg for the huge effort which she put in. The  
church looked festive and inviting and the food was delicious.  
Thanks also for the many helpers in the kitchen, who helped serve,  
clear up and wash up.  
Thanks also to Evelyn for her lovely singing.  
Blessings from Meg



**Peel Valley Congregation** is in recess from the  
31 December 2017 resuming for 2018  
at Hallsville with our traditional  
**Gospel Music Breakfast**  
**21 January 2018 All Welcome.**



## Peel Valley Congregation

**Friday 6pm Hallsville**

**Sunday 9am Hallsville (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month only)**  
1266 Manilla Road, Hallsville 2340

**Sunday 8.30am**

2125 Tamworth-Gowrie Road, Gowrie 2340  
(1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

**Sunday 11am West Tamworth**

79 Denison Street, West Tamworth 2340

**Church on a Bus**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month Peel Valley Congregation  
Fellowship and fun.



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

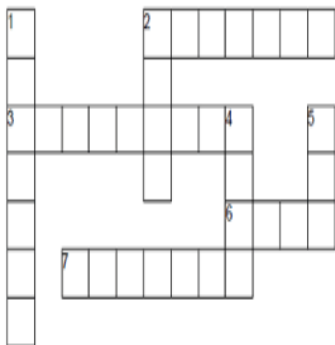
- We pray for our friends who have travelled to spend Christmas with family members.
- We pray also for the families of our members who are travelling at this busy time. We pray that they have safe journeys.
- We pray for the families who received Christmas hampers and gifts this week - that they may know the God in whose name the gifts were given.
- We pray for people who may be lonely this Christmas - may they know that God is always with them.
- May children know that Jesus, and not Santa Claus, is the real "star" of Christmas.
- We pray that God will continue to bless us in the new year.



## The Gift of Love

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"  
Luke 1:45 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



#### ACROSS

2. To accept as true
3. The mother of John the Baptist
6. The mother of Jesus
7. To agree to do something for someone in the future

#### DOWN

1. Highly favored by God
2. An infant; a young child
4. The place where a person lives
5. The feeling of great happiness

### 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



### Luke 2: 1 - 20 (NIV)

#### The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

<sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

<sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

<sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

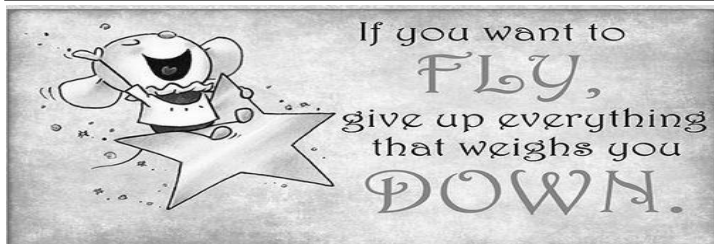
<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

<sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

<sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



**HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</b> ~ Luncheon @ West	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</b> ~ Markets @ Hallsville
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</b> ~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth	

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