



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

The Ten Commandments

20 And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

Psalm 19 (NIV)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

May your neighbours respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The Angels protect you,
And Heaven accept you.

My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I forgot to do.~ anon

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."~ Psalm 56:3

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

Forward Planning:

We plan to participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year.



If you notice any bargains suitable for children 3-14, it might be worth setting them aside for the boxes. Clothing, toys and pencils etc are all suitable.

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for our members in nursing homes - Doss Wark, Viv Chaffey, and Betty Leese, and those in Alblas Lodge - Judy Watts, Gordon Gibson and Noreen Dobbie and Hazel McGillivray
- We pray for those members of our congregation who are travelling at the moment, and over the coming weeks.
- Ross continues to need our prayers for his health.
- We continue to pray for soaking rain for our parched region.

FROM THE SECRETARY - The next meeting of Council will be Sunday 22 April 2018 at Wests church.

Very little happened over the Christmas/New Year period & there being nothing urgent to report & no decisions to be voted on, the Executive agreed to forego the February quarterly meeting.

Just after Christmas we received notification from Operation Christmas Child that our shoeboxes arrived in time to be delivered to children in **Thailand**. Thanks to everyone for making a very special commitment to bring joy to these children. A receptacle has been placed at Wests church to deposit donations for Christmas 2018.

The Executive has written to Presbytery that we wish to participate in **Mobilising Ministry**. This is a scheme whereby interested city-based Ministers will spend 2-4 weeks in a rural congregation. The visiting Minister becomes a resource to our congregation, while we offer hospitality & share our experience of rural life & ministry. It is hoped that Ministers will be enriched by, & share the good news stories they encounter, as well as some of the struggles faced by the rural church. If you would like more information, please contact me.

The JNC met on Tuesday 27th February to further develop the Profile for calling a Minister. There were a few minor changes & Rev. Will & Jacki Watts believe once these amendments have been made we will be ready to present our Profile to ACOMP. Peel Valley Congregation was invited to & attended a meeting of the Tamworth Cluster of Uniting Churches earlier in February, thus confirming that we are still considered to be part of the cluster.

For the time being we have reduced the number of services at Gowrie & Hallsville. Gowrie will have a service on the Second & Fourth Sunday of each month & Hallsville will temporarily cease Sunday services. The Friday service/fellowship & supper will continue. Margaret & I have been invited to take part in Ethical Training for people in leadership positions; Chairs of Church Councils, Secretaries, Lay Preachers. The training will be held in May/June, led by Rev. Jim Furze & most likely conducted in Tamworth. There is no cost for this training.

When the Mission Action Group met in early February, we discussed the idea of hosting an 'Adult Day Out' once a month at Hallsville. We could offer our members & the wider community a day of physical activities, mental challenges & a catered lunch. If supported by the church council (it will be on the Agenda of our next meeting) we will look at suitable day/time, transport options, & most importantly employing a qualified expert to run the program.

We are all looking forward to a great year supporting our friends, looking out for one another & keeping in the best of health!

Blessings to you all,

Evelyn, Secretary

Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver. ~ De Angelis



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville



John 2:13-22 (NIV)

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"

²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NIV)

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Meg's Musings

On behalf of Peel Valley, I'd like to express a huge "Thank-you" to Marg Crowell, Evelyn Keane and Nance Matthews.

Last Saturday they spent the day catering for the Presbytery meeting held at Hallsville.

They provided a cuppa for everyone who wanted it when they first arrived, a delicious morning tea, a salad meal for lunch, and fruit platters and cheesecake for dessert.

And they washed up countless plates, cups and glasses.

They did it all in almost total silence, so that the meeting wasn't interrupted by noise.

II Corinthians 9:7 says, "God loves a cheerful giver."

We are blessed to have people within our congregation who willingly and cheerfully help in so many different ways.

Blessings from Meg

