



Peel Valley Congregation

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Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV)

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
 "when I will make a new covenant
 with the people of Israel
 and with the people of Judah.
³² It will not be like the covenant
 I made with their ancestors
 when I took them by the hand
 to lead them out of Egypt,
 because they broke my covenant,
 though I was a husband to them,"
 declares the LORD.
³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of
 Israel
 after that time," declares the LORD.
 " I will put my law in their minds
 and write it on their hearts.
 I will be their God,
 and they will be my people.
³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour,
 or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
 because they will all know me,
 from the least of them to the greatest,"
 declares the LORD.
 " For I will forgive their wickedness
 and will remember their sins no more."

Psalms 51:1-12 (NIV)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your unfailing love;
 according to your great compassion
 blot out my transgressions.
² Wash away all my iniquity
 and cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is always before me.
⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight;
 so you are right in your verdict
 and justified when you judge.
⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
 sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
 you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
 wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
⁹ Hide your face from my sins
 and blot out all my iniquity.
¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
 and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
 or take your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
 and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Hebrews 5:5-10 (NIV)

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the
 glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,
 "You are my Son;
 today I have become your Father."
⁶ And he says in another place,
 "You are a priest forever,
 in the order of Melchizedek."
⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up
 prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the
 one who could save him from death, and he was heard
 because of his reverent submission.
⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what
 he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the
 source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and
 was designated by God to be high priest in the order of
 Melchizedek.

³ And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and
 become like little children, you will never enter the
 kingdom of heaven.~ Mathew 18:3

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



The Drawing

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom
 of children as they drew. She would occasionally walk
 around to see each child's artwork. As she came
 around to one little girl, who was working diligently,
 she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl replied,
 "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said,
 "But no one knows what God looks
 like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her
 drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



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.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Joyce Dowsett's sister Thelma Innes. Thelma is in her 90's and in poor health, and experiencing a lot of pain.
- We pray for Mel's continued recovery after her kidney transplant.
- Marg Crowell has requested prayer for her friend Lou Perry who has just been diagnosed with cancer..
- We pray for people who are in need of palliative care, and Christ's love, at this time.
- We continue to pray for rain in this region - steady, soaking rain.
- We pray for the mental health of farmers who are finding the drought difficult to cope with.

Meg's Musings

Earlier this week I participated in a focus group, looking at palliative care in our region.

The group was small, so we could talk in depth about our experiences.

The research is being undertaken, in part, because the family members of people who have suffered in the end stages of their lives are seeking to make things easier for people in the future.

Lots of issues and situations were discussed.

For me, it comes down to treating the whole person - not just their symptoms, or their body.

The medical profession doesn't always manage this well. Maybe that's why there is always room for friends, family members and ministers to play a part.

Jesus told us that to come to bring us "life in all its' fullness." (John 10:10)

There are times when we are called to be "Jesus with skin on".

Those times include when friends are struggling - when they are dying, or at any other time.

If we can be there for them, Christ is there.

Blessings from Meg



John 12:20-33 (NIV)

Jesus Predicts His Death

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival.

²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say?"

"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

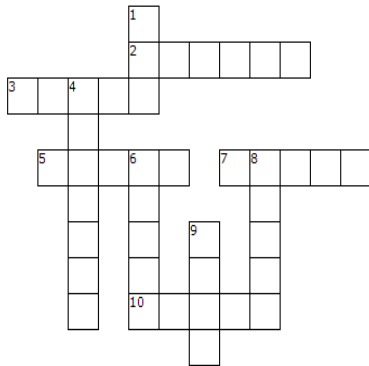
³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



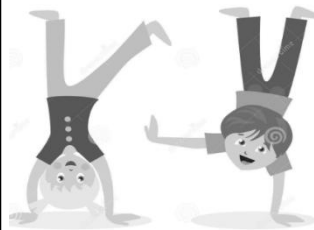
ACROSS

2. To be raised up
3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
5. What we humans use to speak or sing
7. The Son of God
10. The end of life

DOWN

1. Everyone and everything
4. To bring praise and honor to God
6. A large group of people
8. The land surface of the world
9. To attract someone or something

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving:



To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."~

Oliver Wendell Holme

We do not need more strength or more ability or greater opportunity. What we need is to use what we have. ~ Basil S. Walsh

CHURCH SERVICES

23 March	6pm	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
25 March	8.30am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan
25 March	11am	West	~ Meg Mangan
EASTER - GOOD FRIDAY			
30 March	6pm	Hallsville	~ Jim Newton



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

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