



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Acts 3:12-19 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

<sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

<sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

<sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

<sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

<sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

## 1 John 3:1-7 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

<sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

May green be the grass that you walk on,  
May blue be the skies above you,  
May pure be the joys that surround you,  
May true be the hearts that love you. ~ Celtic Blessing

## CHURCH SERVICES

20 April 9am **Hallsville** ~ NO SERVICE  
22 April 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
22 April 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan  
29 April **CHURCH ON A BUS at Breeza**



## Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.  
As far as possible without surrender  
be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly;  
and listen to others,  
even the dull and the ignorant;  
they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons,  
they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others,  
you may become vain and bitter;

for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble;  
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs;  
for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;  
many persons strive for high ideals;

and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself.

Especially, do not feign affection.

Neither be cynical about love;

for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment  
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,  
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden  
misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline,  
be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe,  
no less than the trees and the stars;  
you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you,  
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,  
whatever you conceive Him to be,

and whatever your labours and aspirations,

in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,  
it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy.

~ Max Ehrmann



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the farmers of our region. Many have had to sell their livestock because of a lack of feed.
- We pray for Lou Perry who has multiple cancers.
- We pray for Hayden Crowell who was baptised this morning.
- We pray for people who are suffering from colds and 'flu at the moment

### Meg's Musings

Today we welcome Hayden Wayne Crowell, his brothers Hunter and Harrison, his Mum Racheal and Dad Nathan. We also welcome lots of his family members, and their friends on this special occasion of Hayden's baptism. We can remember most of the other special occasions which we celebrate along our life's journey, but not being able to remember our baptism doesn't make it any less significant. It symbolises our being joined with Jesus, and receiving the Holy Spirit. It is far more than just a ceremony to receive our name. Let's pray that Hayden's baptism becomes an important milestone for him.



Blessings from Meg

### Psalm 4 (NIV)

- 1 Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
- 3 Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- 4 Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.
- 7 Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction! ~ Ireland

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</b>
	~ Luncheon @ West	~ Markets @ Hallsville
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</b>	<b>22 April</b>
	~Trading Table @ West Tamworth	

**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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### Luke 24:36b-48 (NIV)

#### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

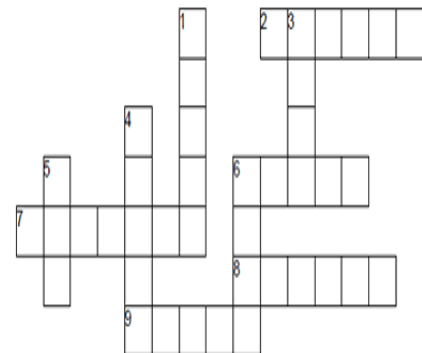
- <sup>36b</sup> Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.  
<sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?  
<sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."  
<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.  
<sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"  
<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.  
<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."  
<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.  
<sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.  
<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

## Open Mind — Open Heart

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.



#### ACROSS

2. To deliver a sermon
6. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
7. Countries; territories where groups of people live
8. To feel pain
9. to handle or feel something with your fingers

#### DOWN

1. What the skeleton is made of
3. To return from death
4. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
5. To take in food through the mouth
6. An animal that lives in the water

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