



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Acts 8:26-40 (NIV)

Philip and the Ethiopian

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopia eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"

³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ^[37]

³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Psalm 22:25-31 (NIV)

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

1 John 4:7-21 (NIV) God's Love and Ours

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

"What we think, we become." ~ Buddha

CHURCH SERVICES

4 May	9am	Hallsville	~ Jim Newton
6 May	8.30am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
6 May	11am	West	~ Jim Newton



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

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for people who are having health hassles at the moment.
- We pray for those people who are in the middle of moving, and settling into a new environment.
- We pray for children returning to school this week.
- We continue to pray for rain.
- We pray for peace in our chaotic, often violent, world.

Meg's Musings

It is ANZAC Day as I write this. Another glorious, sunny ANZAC Day. We have so much to be thankful for - to God, for this glorious world, and to people who risked their lives, and others who gave their lives, for the sake of their family, friends, and country. But, unfortunately, the world refuses to learn the lesson that in war there are many losers. Even for the victors, there are tragic losses - lives lost; lives disrupted; lives forever damaged by the memory of war. If all of us were firmly grafted to Jesus, the vine, war would become a thing of the past. That is something worth praying for!

Blessings from Meg

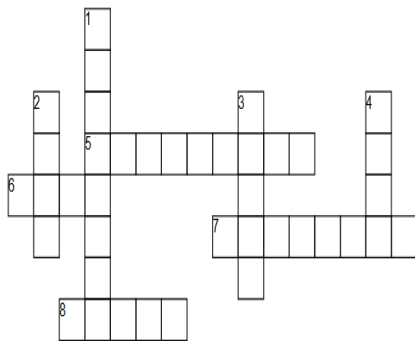


The Vine and the Branches

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8.



ACROSS

5. Those who follow Jesus
6. The opposite of false
7. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
8. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten

DOWN

1. A person who works with plants and flowers
2. Burning flame
3. Praise or honor
4. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

Anzac Day

Heather Budden and family attended the Anzac Day service at the Gipps Street Memorial and laid a wreath on behalf of West Tamworth Uniting Church to honour the service and sacrifice of all Australians who have served our country.



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

27 May

John 15:1-8 (NIV)

The Vine and the Branches

- 15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.
 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.
 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Food Hamper Distribution ~ We received a letter from Nicolette Willis, City Church, thanking West Tamworth congregation for their continuous supply of food items for the hampers they distribute to those less fortunate in our community, or those who find themselves short of funds or food for some reason. Nicolette has provided a list of the most useful items, which may help you in deciding what to donate: 1 ltr UHT full cream milk, 500g sugar, 25 pkt tea bags, 50g jar of coffee, small tins of tuna or sardines, baked beans/spaghetti, canned meals, tinned fruit (all tins with ring pull lids), cup-of-noodles, cup-of-soup, pasta or rice packet meals, biscuits (salada, sao), single serve cereals or small weet-bix. Small personal items such as toothpaste and tooth brushes could also be included. Thank you to everyone for your assistance in this outreach.

New Service for Oxley Transport ~ As most of us know, Oxley Community Transport provides transport for medical appointments, shopping and social outings. As part of Oxley Transport's social inclusion services, they also offer transport for people to visit family and friends in their homes or nursing homes. Oxley Transport understand we all have family members, parents, siblings, children or friends whom have passed and being able to visit the local cemeteries is part of our life. With this in mind, they are offering a new service to visit local cemeteries. If you are interested, all you need to do is contact their office on 6762 1122 to arrange transport on a day and time convenient to you. Evelyn, Peel Valley Congregation Secretary.

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