



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Your Anchor

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?
[Refrain:]
We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!
2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark
o'erflow? [Refrain]
3. Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil.
[Refrain]
4. Will your eyes behold through the morning
light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore?
[Refrain] ~ Priscilla J. Owens

Meg's Musings

The discussion has been on in the media. Should single use plastic bags be scrapped.

At first there was little argument - people didn't feel that it was important enough to have arguments about. Besides, the evidence is in, and lots of marine animals have been damaged by swallowing plastic bags.

But, for some people, that evidence "didn't hold water". It wasn't as compelling as their need for convenience. There was talk about reusable bags creating health risks.

Then the name-calling started, as people dug in. It almost seemed that winning the argument became more important than the issue. Sometimes it seems that peoples' egos get in the way of rational discussion.

It is easy to point at Donald Trump, and to say that when he resorts to accusations of "fake news", it clouds the discussion. But in Australia too, personalities, egos, and a refusal to listen to the other side get in the way of good decision-making.

Maybe everyone in the world needs to take the time to listen - to God, and to one another.

Jesus listened to everyone - even the religious leaders who continually tried to trap him, and to plot against him.

And after listening, Jesus chose to act with compassion - every time!

Blessings from Meg



"A wise man makes his own decisions. An ignorant man follows public opinion." Chinese Proverb

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia

"If you always make the right decision, the safe decision, the one most people make, you will be the same as everyone else." ~ Paul Arden

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.

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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A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go into church with their parents,
"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"
Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

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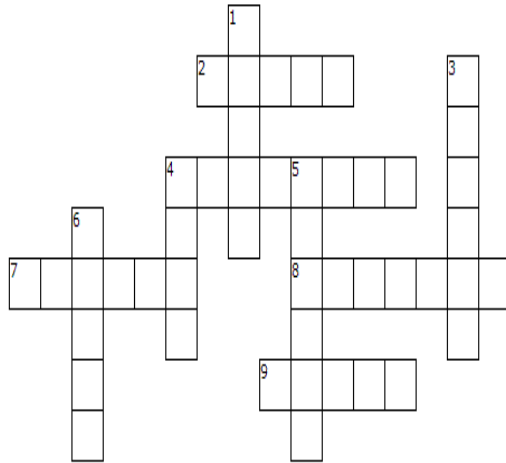
IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray that Patrick makes a good recovery after his hip-replacement operation.
- We thank God that some parts of our region (Inverell, Glenn Innes) received good falls of rain. And we continue to pray that good falls of rain will fall locally.
- We pray for the Emmaus Walk which will take place at Armidale 12-15 July.
- We pray that the children trapped in a cave in Thailand will be able to be successfully rescued.

There Is Power in a Touch

"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

Based on Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To put the fingers lightly on something
4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore
7. To be cured or restored to health
8. The things you wear to cover your body
9. A human adult female

DOWN

1. Physical strength or force
3. To experience physical or mental pain
4. The main, physical part of a person
5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
6. To believe in something you cannot see

You learn more from losing than winning. You learn how to keep going. ~ Morgan Wootten

CHURCH SERVICES

13 July	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
15 July	8.30am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
15 July	11am	West	~ Rev Chris Wright



Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake.

²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet.

²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live."

²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.

²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.

³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James.

³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.

³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."

⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was.

⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").

⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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