



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (NIV)

23 Then Job replied:

- <sup>2</sup> "Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning.
- <sup>3</sup> If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling!
- <sup>4</sup> I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.
- <sup>5</sup> I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me.
- <sup>6</sup> Would he vigorously oppose me? No, he would not press charges against me.
- <sup>7</sup> There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered forever from my judge.
- <sup>8</sup> "But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him.
- <sup>9</sup> When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.
- <sup>16</sup> God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me.
- <sup>17</sup> Yet I am not silenced by the darkness, by the thick darkness that covers my face.

## Hebrews 4:12-16 (NIV)

- <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
- Jesus the Great High Priest**
- <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
- <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
- <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Knowledge talks, wisdom listens ~ Anon

## CHURCH SERVICES

19 October 6 pm **Hallsville** ~ Henry Swindon  
 21 October 11 am **West** ~ Rev Chris Wright



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville

## Psalms 22:1-15 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?
- <sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises
- <sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
- <sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup> Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- <sup>13</sup> Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.
- <sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket. ~ Anon.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

15 October ~ **Audrey Davidson**  
 18 October ~ **John Nowland**  
 18 October ~ **Shelby Davidson**

## 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



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for the rain we have enjoyed in the past week.
- We thank God for the roses and other spring flowers which are blooming so beautifully, despite the dry winter.
- We continue to pray for Eunice Lunnay, and for John and Barbara Murray.
- We thank God for friends who have thankful hearts - they are such a blessing.
- We pray for safe travel for people on the roads at the end of the school holidays.

### Meg's Musings

Over the past few weeks I have spent some time most days, trying to get rid of aphids from our 20 rose bushes.

Naturally, the aphids see the rose bushes as tender morsels of new leaves and buds, ideal for nibbling on. Some of the bushes even provide shelter for the aphids, as their thorns reach almost up to the buds, making it difficult to remove the aphids from the stems without getting pricked.

The aphids have a very small picture of life; the leaf, stem or bud they are on - they are focused on what is available for them to eat at that very moment.

My perspective is a bit bigger; for all of the new growth to survive and to thrive - for God to be seen in the beauty of the garden as the buds blossom into lovely roses.

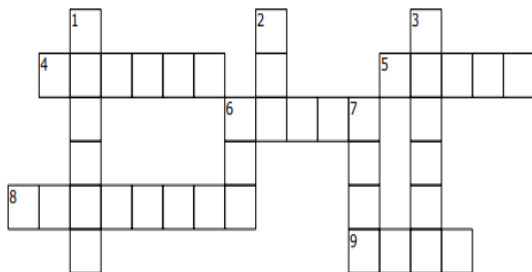
But God's perspective is so much bigger than mine; God wants each one of us to survive and to thrive - and to give glory to Him as we do so.



Blessings from Meg

## Rich Young Man

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)



### ACROSS

4. A small, slender implement used for sewing
5. A long-necked animal with humps
6. To go into
8. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
9. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

### DOWN

1. The home of God and the angels
2. An adult male human
3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
6. An opening in a needle
7. Possessing great material wealth

### Mark 10:17-31 (NIV)

#### The Rich and the Kingdom of God

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

<sup>29</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

**I offer you peace.**

**I offer you love.**

**I offer you friendship.**

**I see your beauty.**

**I hear your need.**

**I feel your feelings.**

**My wisdom flows from the highest Source.**

**I salute that Source in you.**

**Let us work together. For unity and peace.**

~ Ghandi's Prayer For Peace



Just a thought:

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

If at first you do succeed, try not to look too astonished.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

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