



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup> But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. <sup>7</sup> This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" <sup>9</sup> Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. <sup>10</sup> In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." <sup>12</sup> As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk <sup>14</sup> and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup> "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." <sup>17</sup> Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." <sup>18</sup> She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. <sup>19</sup> Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup> So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

## 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (NIV)

### Hannah's Prayer

<sup>2</sup> Then Hannah prayed and said:  
 " My heart rejoices in the LORD;  
 in the LORD my horn is lifted high.  
 My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
 for I delight in your deliverance.  
<sup>2</sup> "There is no one holy like the LORD;  
 there is no one besides you;  
 there is no Rock like our God.  
<sup>3</sup> "Do not keep talking so proudly  
 or let your mouth speak such arrogance,  
 for the LORD is a God who knows,  
 and by him deeds are weighed.  
<sup>4</sup> "The bows of the warriors are broken,  
 but those who stumbled are armed with strength.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who were full hire themselves out for food,  
 but those who were hungry are hungry no more.  
 She who was barren has borne seven children,  
 but she who has had many sons pines away.  
<sup>6</sup> "The LORD brings death and makes alive;  
 he brings down to the grave and raises up.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD sends poverty and wealth;  
 he humbles and he exalts.  
<sup>8</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
 and lifts the needy from the ash heap;  
 he seats them with princes  
 and has them inherit a throne of honor.  
 " For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's;  
 on them he has set the world.  
<sup>9</sup> He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,  
 but the wicked will be silenced in the place of  
 darkness.  
 "It is not by strength that one prevails;  
<sup>10</sup> those who oppose the LORD will be broken.  
 The Most High will thunder from heaven;  
 the LORD will judge the ends of the earth.  
 " He will give strength to his king  
 and exalt the horn of his anointed."

### Future Dates:

2nd December **Worship service at West**  
 followed by **Christmas lunch at Hallsville**  
 9th December **Combined service and AGM at**  
**West Tamworth**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**  
**Hallsville ~ Henry Swindon**

### CHURCH SERVICES

25 November 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
 25 November 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



**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

"Sometimes, all you have to do is shift your perspective to see someone else's truth." ~ Dan Brown

### 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 Ross Davidson as he recovers from surgery.
- We continue to pray for Eunice Lunnay.
- We pray for Barbara Murray who is back in hospital.
- We pray for healing for Doss' legs which are still ulcerated.
- We continue to pray for drought-breaking rain.

### Meg's Musings

This week we have watched a quiz programme on SBS TV. The contestants have ranged in age from 7 to 12, and they are competing to be declared the Australian child genius. Each night 2 or 3 children are eliminated from the competition. Some contestants have exhibited a "sour grapes" attitude, believing that they have been asked more difficult questions than some other contestants. But mostly the children have enjoyed spending time together. One little girl who was eliminated wasn't upset that she had lost - she was sad to be leaving her new friends. It was lovely to see that most children appreciated the friendship and company of other bright children. Sometimes the question is asked, "What would Jesus do?". I believe that the answer for much of the time is to be a friend..... just as most of these children were to each other. Those who saw the others as competitors, rather than as friends were very much in the minority. It gives us hope for our world's future.

Blessings from Meg



### Mark 13:1-8 (NIV)

#### The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

<sup>2</sup> "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

<sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you."

<sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.

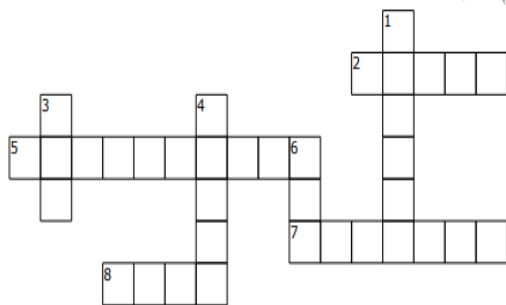
<sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

<sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

## Who Can You Believe?

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Puzzle based on Mark 13:1-8



### ACROSS

- 2. To stay alert; observe carefully
- 5. A sudden shaking and moving of the Earth's surface
- 7. To mislead; to cause to believe what is not true
- 8. To receive sound with your ears

### DOWN

- 1. A wide-spread shortage of food
- 3. Armed fighting between countries
- 4. A piece of news spread from person to person
- 6. To be finished

"If you your lips would keep from slips,  
Five things observe with care;  
To whom you speak, of whom you speak  
And how, and when, and where." ~ W.E. Norris

### Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.

<sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

#### A Call to Persevere in Faith

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Just a thought:

- The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity. But not in that order ~ Pickrell
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism. ~ M Josephson
- The empty vessel makes the greatest sound ~ Shakespeare

Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow ~ Aristotle

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