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Jerimiah 1:4-10 (NIV) The Call of Jeremiah <sup>4</sup> The word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup> "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."	<ul> <li>Psalm 71:1-6 (NIV) <ul> <li><sup>1</sup> In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;</li> <li>let me never be put to shame.</li> </ul> </li> <li><sup>2</sup> In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;</li> <li>turn your ear to me and save me.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Be my rock of refuge,</li> <li>to which I can always go;</li> <li>give the command to save me,</li> <li>for you are my rock and my fortress.</li> </ul> <li><sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,</li> <li>from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> From birth I have relied on you;</li> <li>you brought me forth from my mother's womb.</li> <li>I will ever praise you.</li>
There is none so blind as he who will not see We must not close our minds, we must let our thought be free For every hour that passes by, you know the world gets a little bit older It's time to realize that beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder  Everybody's beautiful in their own way Under God's heaven, the world's gonna find a way We shouldn't care about the length of his hair or the color of his skin Don't worry about what shows from without but the love that lives within We're gonna get it all together now and everything gonna work out fine Just take a little time to look on the good side my friend And straighten it out in your mind Everything is beautiful in its' own way Like a starry summer night or a snow covered winter's day Everybody's beautiful in their own way Under God's heaven, the world's gonna find a way ~ from lyrics by Ray Stevens <b>CHURCH SERVICES</b> <b>10 February</b> 8.30am <b>Gowrie</b> ~ Rev Henry Swindon <b>10 February</b> 11am <b>West</b> ~ Rev Henry Swindon	<ul> <li>1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NIV)</li> <li>13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.</li> </ul>
	Love one another as I have loved you. ~ Jesus



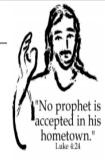
### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

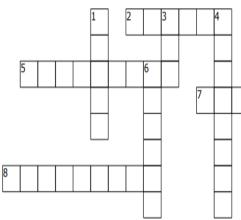
- We uphold in prayer all those people wilting in the January heat.
- ➢ We continue to pray for Patrick, as he recovers from surgery.
- Please continue to pray for rain during this extended period of drought.
- We pray that our world leaders will be motivated by common sense, and a desire for peace.

# Only a Carpenter's Son

"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown." Luke 4:24 (NIV)

Based on Luke 4:21-30





## ACROSS

## DOWN

1. An area of high, steep rocks

4. The town where you grew up

beside the sea

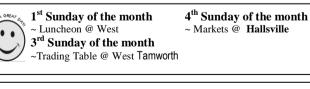
A person's male child

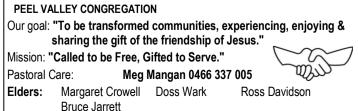
6. To be very surprised

- 2. The earthly father of Jesus
- 5. Another word for a doctor
- 7. To make or become healthy again
- 8. The sacred writings of the Bible

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 February ~ Beth Scorgie





#### Luke 4:20-30 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

<sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

<sup>24</sup> "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

<sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land.

<sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

<sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

<sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

<sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

#### Meg's Musings

Earlier this week a cousin of mine called in on his way from Toowoomba to Newcastle. He had his wife, and her Mum with him.

Alice, his mother-in-law, obviously has dementia. She lives in the far north of the USA, and has come to Australia to escape the worst of winter.

Alice is in Australia for five months, and it seems that it may be her last visit. She probably won't be capable of flying so far again on her own.

So she is being given the "royal treatment", catching up with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and travelling to Newcastle, Melbourne, and New Zealand. She has also travelled up to Cairns during this visit.

Both my cousin and his wife were gentle and caring towards Alice, and she appreciated having a short break on her long day's journey.

For me, it felt such a privilege for them to bring Alice to visit us. It showed that they could trust us to show love and care towards Alice, whom we had never met before.

There is a chorus which includes the words, "They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love."

It seemed that we were given the opportunity to live those words.



Blessings from Meg

