



Peel Valley Congregation

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Isaiah 6:1-13 (NIV)

Isaiah's Commission

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

⁹ He said, "Go and tell this people:

"Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving."

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

¹¹ Then I said, "For how long, Lord?"

And he answered:

"Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged,

¹² until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken.

¹³ And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste.

But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."

Psalm 138 (NIV)

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.

⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶ Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;

with your right hand you save me.

⁸ The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NIV)

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

CHURCH SERVICES

15 February 6.30pm **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan

17 February 11am **West** ~ Rev Henry Swindon

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to hold Patrick Johnston and Bob Forrester in our prayers.
- We pray for the Westbrook and Robinson families on the death of Vivian this week.
- We continue to pray for rain for our region.
- Our prayers go out to those impacted by floods in Queensland, and by bush-fires in Tasmania and Victoria.

DROUGHT

Do you think I wouldn't like a dip? Yes! Swimming's in my blood

But it's very hard to skinny dip when the waterhole's just mud

Or just to take a bath at night, we do it 'cause we oughta

With eight of us in every night with just one pail of water.

Have you ever wandered through the fields once lush with rye and clover?

And smelt the stench of rotted flesh of stock whose life is over?

With swarms (not bees with honey laden) but wretched little flies

Crawling over swollen tongues and holes that once were eyes.

Or tried to lift the fallen beasts, that still have life within some

To try and coax another day in hopes the rain might come,

Or fire the gun at widened eyes of one you cannot rally

And in your mind, with crying eyes, you mentally make the tally.

With prayerful hearts you search the skies and ponder on the reason

For this continued hot, dry spell now in the rainy season,

And knowing that your back is broke and you are going under

Will it ever rain again, you cannot help but wonder.

But the rains will come, of course they will, and ease all of our sorrow

As we lie in bed at night our prayer is rain tomorrow.

We farmers are a plucky lot, the lifestyle is our blood

To stay and fight another day through drought and fire and flood

~ Wendy Hobbs



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville



Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Meg's Musings

We live in a world of increasing contrasts - floods in north Queensland at the same time as Victoria and Tasmania are struggling with bush-fires, and NSW continues to be gripped by drought.

In the northern hemisphere people were experiencing arctic conditions of minus 40 and 50 degrees, at the same time as Australia's Bureau of Meteorology announced that we had experienced the hottest January since records were begun. It seems as though extremes are now normal, and "average" is something of the past.

But Jesus' life and teaching also "broke the mold", and he refused to conform to what was expected of him. Jesus seemed to be unpredictable, and even his disciples were continually surprised by what he said and did.

Just as we can feel threatened by such extreme weather, the Jewish leaders of Jesus' time felt threatened by Jesus - he shook them up, and challenged them.

We feel challenged by the weather at the moment, but we know that God is there for us, through it all.... just as God was there, supporting Jesus throughout his ministry.

Blessings from Meg

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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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