



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the  
desert,  
in a salt land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup> “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”

<sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> “I the LORD search the heart  
and examine the mind,  
to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve.”

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NIV)

### The Resurrection of the Dead

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from  
the dead, how can some of you say that there is no  
resurrection of the dead?

<sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even  
Christ has been raised.

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is  
useless and so is your faith.

<sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false  
witnesses about God, for we have testified about God  
that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not  
raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not  
been raised either.

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile;  
you are still in your sins.

<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ  
are lost.

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of  
all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

## Psalms 1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of  
water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the  
righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

## HAPPINESS

- \* “For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.”
- \* “The greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.”
- \* “Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”
- \* “The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up.”
- \* “For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.”



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD :

We again turn our attention to  
Operation Christmas Child.

We decided to focus on the under 10's this year.  
Suggestions of things which would be useful are  
small metal cars or planes, toy tools, plastic  
dinosaurs, toy jewellery, clothes, soft toys,  
coloured pencils, sunhats.

“Happiness depends upon ourselves.” ~ Aristotle

## CHURCH SERVICES

24 February 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

24 February 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people fighting bushfires at the moment, and also for those whose homes and properties have been burned.
- We continue to pray for the people of Townsville whose homes were inundated by the flood.
- We pray for rain in our region.
- We thank God for the abundance of fruits and salads available to us.
- We thank God for our church family.
- We pray for the members of our congregation who are unwell.

### Meg's Musings

Early this week we made a trip from Tamworth to Young. On the way we saw some areas where the countryside looked green and pleasant. In other places there were scrawny sheep in bare paddocks. In a few places there were pools of water lying beside the road. In other places tumbleweed was being blown across the road. Near Mullalley there were sorghum crops growing, and close by willy-willy's were sweeping the dusty topsoil hundreds of metres into the sky. The contrasts were stark! In this week's lectionary gospel reading, Jesus makes stark contrasts too - about the differing futures of those who have little, and those people who are presently blessed with abundance. I guess that there are always going to be contrasts in life - where the rain from thunderstorms falls is an obvious one! What God looks at is how we respond to the times of plenty, and whether we notice those who have less.

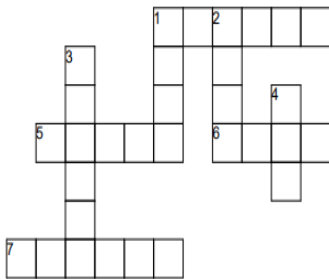
Blessings from Meg



## Happiness Is . . .

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Luke 6:20 NIV

The words in this puzzle are taken from Luke 6:20-23 NIV



#### HORIZONTAL

1. Something given or received in return for good behavior
5. The sound which expresses happiness or delight
6. Having very little money or few possessions
7. To have a desire or need for food

#### VERTICAL

1. Having a great amount of money
2. To shed tears
3. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
4. A feeling of great happiness

In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back  
~ Charlie Brown



### Luke 6:17-26 (NIV)

#### Blessings and Woes

<sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon,  
<sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, or yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

### Peel Valley Congregation Council Meeting

All welcome!

Sunday 24th February after the service at Wests.

Every night before I go to sleep  
I thank the lord down on my knees  
For the bare necessities  
Food, water, shelter, love.  
~ Adam Brand



#### 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**

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Bruce Jarrett



**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

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