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Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NIV)

First fruits and Tithes

26 When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour.

⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.

⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.

⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.

¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 (NIV)

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

¹⁰ no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

¹² they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

"Don't underestimate the value of **Doing Nothing**, of just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering."

Winnie the Pooh



Romans 10:8b-13 (NIV)

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

"Happy people plan actions, they don't plan results."

~ Dennis Waitley

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 Doss Wark Ross Davidson
Bruce Jarrett



"The grass is always greener where you water it." ~ Anon

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth Scorgie, and for her family.
- We pray for healing for Doss Wark.
- We pray for Ian Blanch, and also for Heather.
- We pray for Kevin Hoyt as he mourns the loss of Pat.
- We pray for Viv Chaffey who has had the flu for over a week.
- Our prayers for rain continue.

Meg's Musings

" The divine presence is not the way out of the desert, it is the way through the desert."

I came across this quote this week, and it seemed relevant to what our Parish is going through at the moment.

In the space of a week Bob Forrester and Pat Hoyt have died, and Doss Wark has suffered a debilitating stroke. Things are tough!

When friends die, we feel their loss.

Just because we are Christians, we aren't entitled to "smooth sailing", and the absence of painful experiences.

But being a Christian does ensure that God walks beside us, no matter what we are facing.

God understands our sense of loss, loneliness and grief.

And being able to pray for friends and family members facing troubles, is a privilege and a joy.

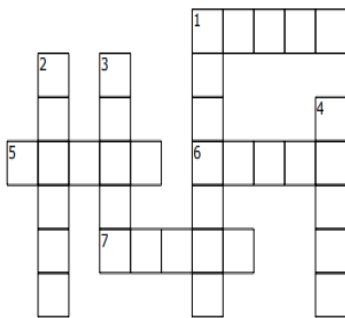
Blessings from Meg



The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

CHURCH SERVICES

15 March	6pm	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan
17 March	11am	West	~ Rev Chris Wright

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.

⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here.

¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

**When I was a child,
I thought nap time was
a punishment.**

**Now, as a grown-up, nap time
feels like a vacation.**



Experience the beauties of nature, and in doing so learn about yourself. ~ Japanese saying

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9 March	~ Barry Constable
12 March	~ Joyce Dowsett
13 March	~ Reg Myer
13 March	~ Doug Crowell
29 March	~ Bruce Jarrett



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

24 March

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