



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 55:1-9 (NIV) Invitation to the Thirsty

⁵⁵ "Come, all you who are thirsty,
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
 and your labor on what does not satisfy?
 Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
 and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
 listen, that you may live.
 I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
 my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
 a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
 and nations you do not know will come running to
 you,
 because of the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has endowed you with splendor."

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
 and the unrighteous their thoughts.
 Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy
 on them,
 and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways,"
 declares the LORD.

⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 63:1-8 (NIV)

¹ You, God, are my God,
 earnestly I seek you;
 I thirst for you,
 my whole being longs for you,
 in a dry and parched land
 where there is no water.

² I have seen you in the sanctuary
 and beheld your power and your glory.

³ Because your love is better than life,
 my lips will glorify you.

⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
 and in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
 with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

⁶ On my bed I remember you;
 I think of you through the watches of the night.

⁷ Because you are my help,
 I sing in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ I cling to you;
 your right hand upholds me.

Luke 13:1-9 (NIV)

Repent or Perish

¹³ Now there were some present at that time who told
 Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had
 mixed with their sacrifices.

² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans
 were worse sinners than all the other Galileans
 because they suffered this way?"

³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all
 perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in
 Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more
 guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?"

⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all
 perish."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree
 growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit
 on it but did not find any.

⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard,
 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit
 on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down!
 Why should it use up the soil?'"

⁸ "Sir," the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more
 year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.

⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it
 down."



Watching the sunrise
 outdoors statistically
 increases your odds of
 having a good day.
 And needing a nap after
 lunch. ~anon

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



Die with memories not dreams. ~anon

CHURCH SERVICES

5 April	6pm	Hallsville	~Jim Newton
7 April	11am	West	~Jim Newton

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the many people of all faiths affected by the New Zealand tragedy.
- We pray for continued healing for Doss, who has many health problems at the moment.
- We pray for others in nursing homes - Viv Chaffey, Judith Watts, Gordon Gibson, Hazel McGillivray and Noreen Dobbie.
- We pray for drought-breaking rain.... or, in fact, any rain!
- We pray for our "new" state politicians; that they may govern wisely and well.

Meg's Musings

I was visiting at Alblas this week, and I was struck by the way in which some people remembered Peel Valley.

The worship, the church buildings, and especially the congregation were remembered with great fondness.

We can be proud as a congregation that we have provided people with a sacred and happy place to worship.

We can also be proud that we have offered the hand of Christian friendship to so many people over the decades.

We needn't get discouraged that there are no "young people" in our congregation.

Instead we can feel proud of all those people who have enjoyed being a part of our church - and that people still reminisce fondly about being a part of such a special group.

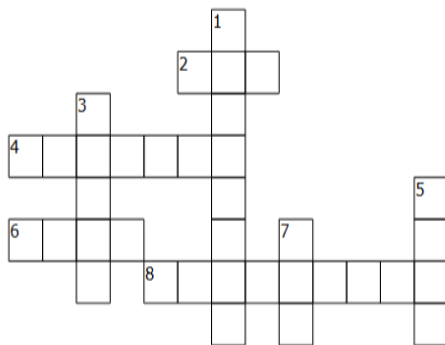
Blessings from Meg



Living a Fruitful Life

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' " Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

Based on Luke 13:1-9



ACROSS

2. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

DOWN

1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
7. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV)

Warnings From Israel's History

10 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry."

⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

29 March ~ **Bruce Jarrett**

1 April ~ **Laurie Mangan**

22 April ~ **Mavis Chaffey**

28 April ~ **Jean Stratford**

Next Sunday: 31 March

Combined Peel Valley Congregation

There will be a service at Hallsville at 11:00am, which will include a short film.

Lunch, prepared by Marg Crowell, will follow.

There will be a \$10:00 charge for lunch

- any profits will be put back into Parish funds.

If you need a lift, please contact

Meg, and transport will be arranged.



7 April 2019 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
Clocks turn BACK 1 hour



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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