



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

7 April 2019

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Isaiah 43:16-21 (NIV)

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—
 he who made a way through the sea,
 a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
 the army and reinforcements together,
 and they lay there, never to rise again,
 extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
 do not dwell on the past.
¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
 Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
 I am making a way in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland.
²⁰ The wild animals honor me,
 the jackals and the owls,
 because I provide water in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland,
 to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹ the people I formed for myself
 that they may proclaim my praise.

Psalms 126 (NIV)

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 we were like those who dreamed.
² Our mouths were filled with laughter,
 our tongues with songs of joy.
 Then it was said among the nations,
 “The LORD has done great things for them.”
³ The LORD has done great things for us,
 and we are filled with joy.
⁴ Restore our fortunes, LORD,
 like streams in the Negev.
⁵ Those who sow with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.
⁶ Those who go out weeping,
 carrying seed to sow,
 will return with songs of joy,
 carrying sheaves with them.

Philippians 3:4b-14 (NIV)

⁴ If someone else thinks they have reasons to put
 confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of
 Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews;
 in regard to the law, a Pharisee;
⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for
 righteousness based on the law, faultless.
⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss
 for the sake of Christ.
⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because
 of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my
 Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider
 them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in
 him, not having a righteousness of my own that
 comes from the law, but that which is through faith in
 Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on
 the basis of faith.
¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of
 his resurrection and participation in his sufferings,
 becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow,
 attaining to the resurrection from the dead.
¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have
 already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold
 of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to
 have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting
 what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which
 God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

*Laugh when you can,
 apologize when
 you should,
 and let go of what you
 can't change.
 Life's too short to be
 anything... but happy.*

~ Author Unknown ~

CHURCH SERVICES

14 April 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
 14 April 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan

GOOD FRIDAY

19 April 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Rev Henry Swindon

EASTER SUNDAY

21 April 9am **West** ~ Rev Chris Wright



1st Sunday of the month **3rd Sunday of the month**
 ~ Luncheon @ West ~ Trading Table @ West
4th Sunday of the month
 ~ Markets @ **Hallsville** 28 April

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 April ~ **Laurie Mangan**
 22 April ~ **Mavis Chaffey**
 28 April ~ **Jean Stratford**

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beulah as she goes through further scans on Tuesday.
- We thank God for the wonderful rain which fell recently, and pray for follow-up rain to fall.
- Doss's health has deteriorated further over the past week. Please pray for her.
- We thank God that Bronwyn Monckton had a good report on her eye. She will need to be monitored over the next 12 months.

Meg's Musings

What a difference a week makes!

After last Saturday's rain, the air feels clearer, cleaner and fresher.

The leaves of Freesias are beginning to poke up out of the ground, and shrubs which had looked very sad have suddenly sprouted fresh flowers.

The drought may not be over, but the signs are all around us that God has not forgotten us - and rain is still able to lift our spirits, refresh our gardens, and fill water tanks.

And just as God is able to supply rain, he is able to supply love, comfort and support when we are most in need of it.

Blessings from Meg



John 12:1-8 (NIV)

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

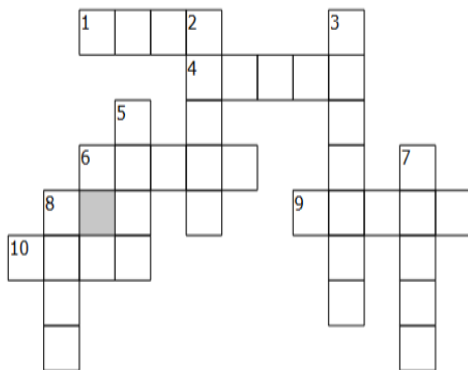
⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

A Most Precious Gift

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3a (NIV)

Based on John 12:1-8



ACROSS

1. The part of the body on which a person stands
4. The building in which a family lives
6. What we use to buy things
9. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
10. What grows on the head of a person

DOWN

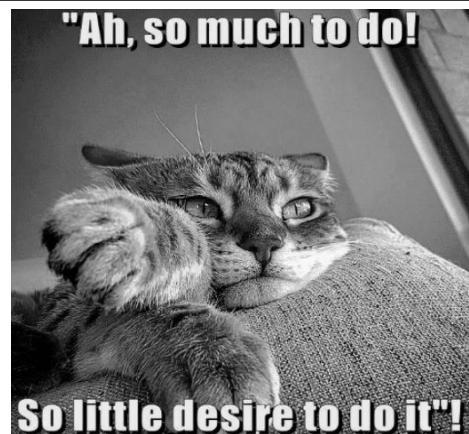
2. A person who steals
3. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
5. The opposite of rich
7. Pay received for the labor of a worker
8. The woman who poured perfume on the feet of Jesus

Leave a little room for God

Leave a little room for God
As you're goin' through the day
Leave a little room for God
You know he won't get in your way

Save a little place inside
Somewhere you can call your own
Then leave a little room for God
And you won't ever be alone.

~ From lyrics by Neil Diamond



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD :

We again turn our attention to Operation Christmas Child.

We decided to focus on the under 10's this year. Suggestions: small metal cars or planes, toy tools, plastic dinosaurs, toy jewellery, clothes, soft toys, coloured pencils, sunhats.



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

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