



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Psalm 118 : 1 - 2, 19 - 29 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:  
"His love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

<sup>25</sup> LORD, save us!  
LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal  
procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

## Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the  
same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to  
be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every  
name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should  
bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ  
is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## MY FRIEND

You give so much to others  
to make life more worthwhile,  
Your warmth and understanding,  
your ever-cheerful smile.  
You're always bringing happiness  
and joy that has no end --  
You know the wonderful secret  
of how to be a friend.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

22 April ~ Mavis Chaffey  
28 April ~ Jean Stratford

"When you connect to the silence within you that  
is when you can make sense of the disturbance  
going on around you." ~ Stephen Richards

## CHURCH SERVICES

### GOOD FRIDAY

19 April 9am Hallsville ~ Rev Henry Swindon

### EASTER SUNDAY

21 April 11am West ~ Rev Chris Wright



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville 28 April

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West



A friend is someone  
who thinks you're  
a good egg  
even though you're  
slightly cracked!

## 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



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



**Luke 19:28-40, 45-48 (NIV)**

**Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

<sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

<sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.

<sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

<sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

**Jesus at the Temple**

<sup>45</sup> When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling.

<sup>46</sup> "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

<sup>47</sup> Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him.

<sup>48</sup> Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

**Chocolate**

- If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.
- A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one go. Now isn't that handy?
- One of life's greatest mysteries: you can eat a 1 kg. box of chocolate.....and gain 5 kg.
- Exercise is a dirty word.

Every time I hear it, I have to wash my mouth out with chocolate.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- We pray for the Wark family as they mourn the death of Doss.
- We pray for Ross Davidson as he copes with a clot in his heart. Please pray that the clot doesn't move!
- We also continue to pray for rain.
- We pray for everyone who is travelling over Easter and the school holidays.
- We pray that the Royal Easter Show is a happy time for exhibitors and all those people enjoying the sights and the rides.
- We thank God for autumn glories.

**Meg's Musings**

Before the election was called on Thursday, we experienced a "pseudo" election.

There were advertisements trying to influence our votes, and politicians were trying to make as many appearances on the news as possible.

"Mud-slinging" was happening all around, with politicians very ready to call each other "liars" and much worse.

How different to the words of Psalm 118, where praise of the Lord fills the mind of the Psalmist.

Instead of being drawn to cutting others down, and puffing himself up, the Psalmist overflows with praise and gratitude.

What if humility became one of the criteria for judging politicians?

What if care and protection for the beauty of our earth became policy?

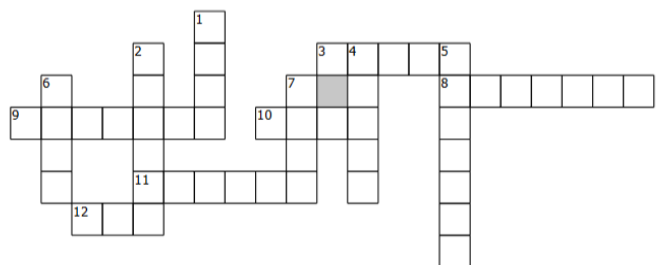
Our political options are quite limited, but perhaps we need to look at who, and what, would be pleasing to God in the upcoming election.

Blessings from Meg



**The Triumphal Entry**

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:38 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 3. The Son of God
- 8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
- 9. A small town
- 10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
- 11. To stretch out over a large area
- 12. To secure with a piece of rope

**DOWN**

- 1. What a person is called
- 2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
- 4. To go into a place
- 5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
- 6. A male ruler of a country
- 7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

Easter is very important to me, it's a second chance. ~ Reba McEntire