



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Acts 11:1-18 (NIV)

### Peter Explains His Actions

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

<sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story:

<sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.

<sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds.

<sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup> "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup> "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.'

<sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup> "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

<sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.

<sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

<sup>15</sup> "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.

<sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Love one another. As I have loved you ~ Jesus

## CHURCH SERVICES

26 May 8.30am **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan  
26 May 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



## Psalms 148 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens

and you waters above the skies.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for at his command they were created,

<sup>6</sup> and he established them forever and ever—  
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

<sup>8</sup> lightning and hail, snow and clouds,

stormy winds that do his bidding,

<sup>9</sup> you mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars,

<sup>10</sup> wild animals and all cattle,

small creatures and flying birds,

<sup>11</sup> kings of the earth and all nations,

you princes and all rulers on earth,

<sup>12</sup> young men and women,

old men and children.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his splendor is above the earth and the

heavens.

<sup>14</sup> And he has raised up for his people a horn,

the praise of all his faithful servants,

of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened.

Happiness never decreases by being shared." ~ Buddha

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another. ~ Roy Crabtree



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

~ Luncheon @ West

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

~ Markets @ **Hallsville**

26 May

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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for each and every member of our families.
- We pray for Mavis Crowell's grand-daughter Karen. Her partner died in a tragic drowning accident last weekend.
- We pray for Judith Watts, Noreen Dobbie and Gordon Gibson who are unwell at the moment.
- Beulah is to get a cortisone injection this week. We pray that it is effective for quite some time.
- We pray for those people have been newly-elected to Parliament.
- We continue to pray for rain.

### Meg's Musings

As I drive around Tamworth I often look at the trees I pass.  
As spring comes I enjoy the fresh, new growth sprouting to cover the bare branches.

In later spring the beautiful blue of Jacaranda, and the gold of Silky Oaks make an amazing display.

Usually in autumn many trees are covered in gold, orange and scarlet leaves..... this year, not so much.

Many of the leaves are just fading to a pale brown, as though the trees don't have the energy to put on a display.

The lack of rain over the past few years has had a real impact, and the trees are struggling to remain alive.

When we fail to refresh ourselves by spending time with God, we can become faded, jaded, and lacking vitality.

Time with God is something which each of us needs - just as the trees need regular rain!

Blessings from Meg



### Revelations 21:1-6 (NIV)

#### A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

<sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

<sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Life is better when you're laughing. ~ 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 Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



### John 13:31-35 (NIV)

#### Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him.

<sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer.

You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### \*\*\*BIGGEST\*\*MORNING\*\*TEA\*\*\*

West Tamworth Uniting Church

Tuesday, 21st May, 10:00am to 11:30am

Bring your friends and neighbours along for an absolutely scrumptious morning tea



Every cup counts in the fight against cancer

We have this idea that love is only felt between two people. But love is universal, and energy, a contagious force, a gift. To offer money to a homeless man is love. to smile at a stranger is love. to be grateful, to hopeful, to be brave, to be forgiving, to be proud, is to love. ~ A R Lucas

**"Enjoy the little things in life  
because one day  
you'll look back and realize  
they were the big things."**

-Kurt Vonnegut

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

14 May

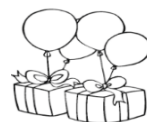
~ Evelyn Keen

14 May

~ Gordon Gibson

20 May

~ Shirley Whitten



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