



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom;  
listen to the instruction of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> "The multitude of your sacrifices—  
what are they to me?" says the LORD.  
"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,  
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;  
I have no pleasure  
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me,  
who has asked this of you,  
this trampling of my courts?

<sup>13</sup> Stop bringing meaningless offerings!  
Your incense is detestable to me.  
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—  
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

<sup>14</sup> Your New Moon feasts and your appointed  
festivals  
I hate with all my being.  
They have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands in prayer,  
I hide my eyes from you;  
even when you offer many prayers,  
I am not listening.  
Your hands are full of blood!

<sup>16</sup> Wash and make yourselves clean.  
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;  
stop doing wrong.

<sup>17</sup> Learn to do right; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed.  
Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow.

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us settle the matter,"  
says the LORD.  
"Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient,  
you will eat the good things of the land;

<sup>20</sup> but if you resist and rebel,  
you will be devoured by the sword."  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NIV)

### Faith in Action

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

<sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

<sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

<sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

<sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge. - *Disraeli*

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please bring along

- \* Marbles and marble bags
- \* Ribbons, jewellery, small cuddly toys



The fool wonders. the wise man asks. ~ Disraeli

### 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



"If You Feel Like You Are Losing Everything, Remember That Trees Lose Their Leaves Every Year, And They Still Stand Tall And Wait For Better Days To Come." ~ anon

### CHURCH SERVICES

16 August 6pm **Hallsville** ~ John Nash  
18 August 11am **West** ~ Peter Battle



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Bob Fenwick (one of Beulah's sons) who is awaiting heart surgery.
- Elphie Lang has now moved to Alblas Lodge. We pray for her as she settles in.
- We also pray for Judith Watts and Noreen Dobbie. They are residents of Alblas whose health has deteriorated recently.
- We pray for absent church friends.
- We continue to pray for rain which is urgently needed.

### Meg's Musings

The cooking legend, Margaret Fulton recently passed away, and much has been made lately of her more famous recipes. I have never owned a Margaret Fulton recipe book, but I do value a recipe book which I purchased many years ago. It was prepared by Jennifer Battle, and was used to raise funds to ensure that some South Sea Islanders were able to attend the National Christian Youth Convention in the early 1980's. Many people throughout the Presbytery contributed recipes. They were tried and true and dependable. I always turn to it for Hazel McGillivray's chocolate cake, Phyll Jeffrey's biscuit recipe (chocolate works just as well as peanuts in this recipe), and recipes for pavlova and butter cake. God is also true and dependable - and in an even more important way than my treasured recipe book. God can see us through all of life's ups and downs. He is there for us, no matter what.

Blessings from Meg



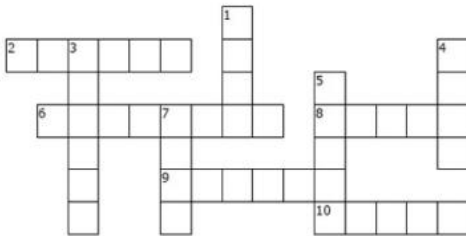
### Luke 12:32-40 (NEB)

- <sup>32</sup>Have no fear, little flock; for your Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom.
- <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give in charity. Provide for yourselves purses that do not wear out, and never-failing wealth in heaven, where no thief can get near it, no moth destroy it.
- <sup>34</sup>For where your wealth is, there will your heart be also.
- Watchful Servants**
- <sup>35</sup>Be ready for action, with belts fastened and lamps alight.
- <sup>36</sup>Be like men who wait for their master's return from a wedding-party, ready to let him in the moment he arrives and knocks.
- <sup>37</sup>Happy are those servants whom the master finds on the alert when he comes. I tell you this: he will fasten his belt, seat them at table, and come and wait on them.
- <sup>38</sup>Even if it is the middle of the night or before dawn when he comes, happy they if he finds them alert.
- <sup>39</sup>And remember, if the householder had known what time the burglar was coming he would not have let his house be broken into.
- <sup>40</sup>Hold yourselves ready, then, because the Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect him.'

## Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

2. The home where we will live forever with God
6. Valuable things such as gold, silver, jewels, or money
8. The organ that pumps blood through the body
9. Small in size
10. A group of sheep that live or feed together

#### DOWN

1. Having little money or possessions
3. Filled with fear
4. An insect with wings similar to a butterfly, usually flies at night, and is attracted to light
5. Someone who steals
7. To exchange or deliver something for money

### Psalm 50:1-8 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
- <sup>2</sup> From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
- <sup>3</sup> Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.
- <sup>4</sup> He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- <sup>5</sup> "Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
- <sup>6</sup> And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.
- <sup>7</sup> "Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

Chocolate chip cookie recipes are my favourite algorithms. You put a bunch of bad-for-you stuff in a bowl and get a delicious result. ~ Hilary Mason

- 9 August ~ Ross Davidson
- 13 August ~ Judy Lennon
- 28 August ~ Anna Davidson
- 31 August ~ Fiona Hansford
- 31 August ~ Alan Littlejohns



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month** ~ Luncheon @ West  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month** ~ Markets @ Hallsville  
 25 August  
 Tuesday 20 August MEMORY LANE

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