



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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**Isaiah 5:1-7 (NIV)**

### The Song of the Vineyard

5 I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.  
He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.  
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.

3 "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of  
Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?  
When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?

5 Now I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.

6 I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briars and thorns will grow there.  
I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it."

7 The vineyard of the LORD Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.  
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NIV)**

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as  
on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so,  
they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had  
marched around them for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she  
welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who  
were disobedient.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell  
about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about  
David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through  
faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and  
gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of  
lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped  
the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned  
to strength; and who became powerful in battle and  
routed foreign armies.

<sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life  
again. There were others who were tortured, refusing  
to be released so that they might gain an even better  
resurrection.

<sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains  
and imprisonment.

<sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were  
sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They  
went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute,  
persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not  
worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and  
mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none  
of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since  
God had planned something better for us so that only  
together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a  
great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything  
that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And  
let us run with perseverance the race marked out for  
us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and  
perfector of faith. For the joy set before him he  
endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down  
at the right hand of the throne of God.

### BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine  
and asked what he was working on these days.  
He replied that he was working on .....

"Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics,  
aluminium and steel under a  
constrained environment."



I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I  
learned that he was washing dishes with hot water  
under his wife's supervision.

28 August ~ Anna Davidson  
31 August ~ Fiona Hansford  
31 August ~ Alan Littlejohns



### 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



### CHURCH SERVICES

25 August 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ John Nash  
25 August 11am **West** ~ John Nash



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**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- Please continue to pray for rain!!!
- Bob Fenwick has begun to improve after a setback following heart surgery. All of the Fenwick family have appreciated your prayers.
- Ivan Whitten has returned home to Stanthorpe to recuperate from his injuries. We pray that his knee heals well.
- We pray that Evelyn and Tony are safe on their holiday at Jindabyne.
- We pray for the members of the Scorgie family.

**Meg's Musings**

Some magnolia trees and shrubs are coming into full bloom at the moment.

To me, they are delicate, elegant and beautiful.

When I used to walk to work I changed my route in early spring to walk past as many magnolia trees as possible.

Because some trees bloom earlier than others, I could enjoy a range of blooms for about a month.

My favourite tree spread out beautifully, with low branches hanging out over the footpath.

Occasionally I picked a bloom and took it to work with me. It would cheer me up when work seemed tedious.

We have a God who is the most creative being in the universe.

Flowers, sunsets and people each reflect God's creativity.

Have you stopped recently to notice the beauty which God scatters around us?

Blessings from Meg



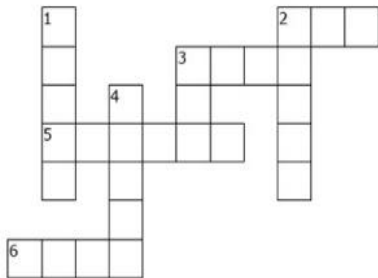
**Run the Race**

Crossword

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Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

Based on Hebrews 12:1-2



**ACROSS**

- 2. A feeling of great happiness
- 3. A contest of speed
- 5. The place where a king or queen is seated
- 6. The organs which are used to see

**DOWN**

- 1. A strong belief in God
- 2. The Son of God
- 3. To traveling on foot at a fast pace
- 4. The wooden structure on which Jesus was crucified;

**Luke 12: 49-56 (NIV)**

**Not Peace but Division**

<sup>49</sup> "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

<sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

<sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.

<sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three.

<sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

**Interpreting the Times**

<sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does.

<sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is.

<sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth <sup>2</sup> before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

<sup>8</sup> You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

<sup>11</sup> Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

<sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

<sup>13</sup> Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.

<sup>14</sup> Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine.

I find it incredibly amazing how at every sunset, the sky is a different shade. No cloud is ever in the same place. Each day is a new masterpiece. A new wonder. A new memory. ~ Sanober Khan

God is the creator of incredible beauty and all that He envisioned and desired to create, He also desired to share. ~ Michelle Carbotte



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

**Tuesday 20 August MEMORY LANE**

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