



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Jeremiah 2:4-13 (NIV)

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel.

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

⁸ The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD?’ Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

⁹ “Therefore I bring charges against you again,” declares the LORD. “And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

¹⁰ Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar[□] and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the LORD.

¹³ “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (NIV)

Concluding Exhortations

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

“Just because it didn't last forever, doesn't mean it wasn't worth your while.” ~ Unknown

“Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, “Wow what a ride!” ~ Hunter S Thompson

MEMORY LANE: This Tuesday, 3rd September. Please bring any items for Operation Christmas Child, and we will see what has been covered and what we still need to provide.

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.”

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Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



5 September **Fay Monckton**
26 September **Carol Thompson**
29 September **Athol Whitten**
30 September **John Murray**



WHEELIE WALKERS: Now we have 2 walkers available at West Tamworth. Let's make good use of them!

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Val Lush is continuing to improve after her recent stroke.
- We pray for Beth Scorgie who is facing a range of health issues at the moment.
- We continue to uphold everyone affected by the drought. We pray for the residents of BUPA who are in lock-down at the moment.
- Thank-you Lord that Bob Fenwick was well enough to go home from hospital on Thursday.

Meg's Musings

We don't have too many plants flowering at the moment - not surprising, considering how dry it has been. But our rosemary is flowering well, and is attracting lots of bees. Mostly it is the "ordinary" bees which are busily hovering over the plant. The smaller native bees seem to be given their marching orders if they approach it whilst the larger bees are around. So the native bees are making do with whatever they can find; mostly little patches of alyssum and native violets.... small flowers for small bees. The native bees seem to be content to flit around, finding the smaller plants which are less visible. It reminds me of John Wesley's covenant service in which people rededicated their lives at the beginning of the year. It included the words, "I freely and heartily yield all things" to God's will. May we be content with where we find ourselves, knowing that God is with us.

Blessings from Meg



Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NIV)

Jesus at a Pharisee's House

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:

⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.

⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests.

¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

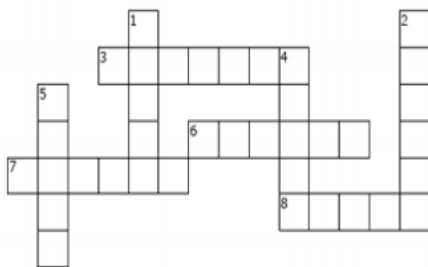
¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

A Lesson in Humility

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 14:11 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 14:7-14 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. A marriage ceremony and any celebrations which follow it
6. A person whom you know well and like a lot
7. To ask someone to go somewhere with you
8. A flat piece of furniture with four legs where we eat our meals

DOWN

1. A large meal for many people
2. Not proud or not believing that you are important
4. A person who has been invited to a social occasion, such as a party or a meal
5. To show great respect for someone, especially in public

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (NIV)

¹ Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

¹⁰ I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt.

Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

¹¹ "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me.

¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices.

¹³ "If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways,

¹⁴ how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!

¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,

and their punishment would last forever.

¹⁶ But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Every talent you have is not wasted. It is there because of a reason and God will open that door when the right time comes along to use it." ~ Shannon L. Alder

CHURCH SERVICES

6 September 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan
 8 September 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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

Tuesday 3 September MEMORY LANE

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