



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Joel 2:23-32 (NIV)

- <sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion,  
rejoice in the LORD your God,  
for he has given you the autumn rains  
because he is faithful.  
He sends you abundant showers,  
both autumn and spring rains, as before.
- <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be filled with grain;  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.
- <sup>25</sup> "I will repay you for the years the locusts have  
eaten—  
the great locust and the young locust,  
the other locusts and the locust swarm —  
my great army that I sent among you.
- <sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the LORD your  
God,  
who has worked wonders for you;  
never again will my people be shamed.
- <sup>27</sup> Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the LORD your God,  
and that there is no other;  
never again will my people be shamed.

## The Day of the LORD

- <sup>28</sup> "And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.
- <sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.
- <sup>30</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens  
and on the earth,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- <sup>31</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and dreadful day  
of the LORD.
- <sup>32</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the LORD will be saved;  
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
there will be deliverance,  
as the LORD has said,  
even among the survivors  
whom the LORD calls.

Aspire to inspire before we expire. ~ 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."

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Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



## Psalms 65 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- <sup>2</sup> You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.
- <sup>3</sup> When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.
- <sup>5</sup> You answer us with awesome and righteous  
deeds,  
God our Saviour,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas,
- <sup>6</sup> who formed the mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,
- <sup>7</sup> who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the turmoil of the nations.
- <sup>8</sup> The whole earth is filled with awe at your  
wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.
- <sup>9</sup> You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.  
The streams of God are filled with water  
to provide the people with grain,  
for so you have ordained it.
- <sup>10</sup> You drench its furrows and level its ridges;  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
- <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.
- <sup>12</sup> The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.
- <sup>13</sup> The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing.

- 11 November ~ Judy Nowland  
11 November ~ Mavis Crowell  
27 November ~ Elijah Debenham



## Memory Lane:

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



## CHURCH SERVICES

- 1 November 6.00pm **Hallsville** ~ John Nash  
3 November 11am **West** ~ John Nash



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We uphold Peter Battle in our prayers as he mourns the loss of Ivy.
- We give thanks for the time and effort Paul Turner has put into playing his keyboard at West Tamworth. Paul has now decided to retire.
- We continue to hold Max and Shirley Whitten in our prayers.
- Our prayers continue for rain for our region, and for much of south-east Australia.
- The Scorgie family continue to need our prayers.

### Meg's Musings

The gospel reading for this week is about the Pharisee and the tax collector.

The Pharisee used his prayers as an opportunity to remind God, and any other listeners about how good he was.

God doesn't *need* to be reminded of our goodness - He can see it at any moment!

The tax collector asked God for forgiveness.

God does like us to confess our shortcomings to Him - and it helps to remind us that we rely on God for everything we have.

God also likes us to bring our needs and requests to Him.

In fact, God likes to hear from us any time, and in any place!

Blessings from Meg



### 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

<sup>8</sup> Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

#### The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

<sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

<sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

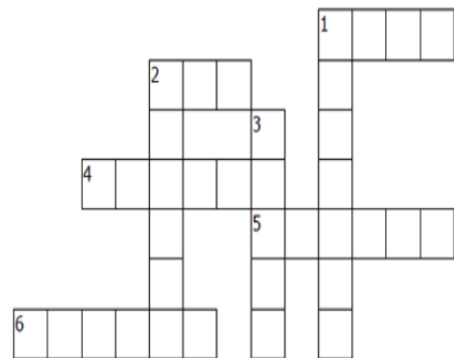
<sup>13</sup> "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

<sup>14</sup> "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

### The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

Based on Luke 18:9-14



#### ACROSS

1. To speak to God
2. Money paid to support the government
4. Modest, not proud
5. Someone who steals from someone
6. A person who breaks God's law

#### DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to teach his followers
2. A place of worship
3. Showing great kindness and forgiveness

"Forgive me my nonsense as I also forgive the nonsense of those who think they talk sense."

~ Robert Frost



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**  
~ Luncheon @ West

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**  
~ Markets @ **Hallsville**  
27 October

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday MEMORY LANE**

Great minds discuss ideas  
Average minds discuss events  
Small minds discuss people

Eleanor Roosevelt

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