



Peel Valley Congregation

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Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NIV)

The Righteous Branch

23 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD.

2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD.

3 "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number.

4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

Colossians 1:11-20 (NIV)

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, **12** and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of the Son of God

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.



A seed grows with no sound, but a tree falls with a huge noise.
Destruction has noise, but creation is quiet.
This is the power of silence.
Grow Silently. ~ Confucius



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

24 November

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

27 November ~ **Elijah Debenham** *Happy Birthdays*

Memory Lane:

Tuesday 3rd December.

Please bring along one Christmas treasure - an ornament, card which is important to you, ---- family tradition etc.



CHURCH SERVICES

29 November 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Ross Davidson
1 December 11am **West** ~ Ross Davidson



Peel Valley Congregation Annual General Meeting



TODAY 24 November 2019

11am at West

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



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- As has been the case for so long now, prayers for rain are needed.
- We also pray for everyone affected by the bushfires, and give thanks for the many volunteers assisting in any way.
- Prayers for the many people affected by smoke are also needed.
- We pray that the doctors may soon be able to begin treatment for Max Whitten, who has undergone many tests over the past month.



Meg's Musings

Laurie and I have spent time over the last couple of weeks trying to arrange some Christmas gifts for our grandchildren. Fortunately our daughters have been able to point us "in the right direction" with some specific requests.

Going online and researching these suggestions has taken some of the frustration out of the hunt!

But it is also fun to wander around in the shops looking at what might be of interest. Finding little "extras" which will hopefully surprise the children on Christmas Day is special.

There is so much to choose from. And even staples like pencils, textas, and crafty bits and pieces to add to drawings are fairly inexpensive, and come in a wide, wide range.

And childrens' books range from classics to the quirky, with so many to choose from.

It seems that the difficult thing is to help the children to an understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, because all of the "extras" seem to become overwhelming.

The huge choice which we are presented with today almost overshadows the essentials..... that **God loves us**, and sent Jesus with just that message.

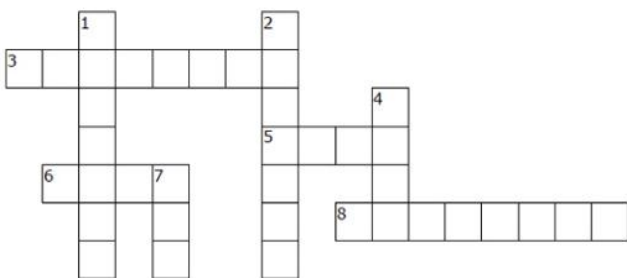
Blessings from Meg



King Backward

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33

Based on Luke 23:33-43



ACROSS

3. A place of peace and rest; sometimes used to describe heaven
5. To rescue someone from harm
6. A male ruler; opposite of queen
8. A person guilty of crime

DOWN

1. To kill by nailing to a cross
2. The promised Savior sent from God
4. To be afraid of something
7. The creator and ruler of the universe

Luke 23:33-43 (NIV)

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said,

³⁷ "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"

⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 1:68-79 (NIV)

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors

and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;

for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace."

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