



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

1 December 2019

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Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

The Mountain of the LORD

2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalms 122 (NIV)

¹ I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

⁴ That is where the tribes go up—the tribes of the LORD—

to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.

⁵ There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure.

⁷ May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels."

⁸ For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

Romans 13:11-14 (NIV)

The Day Is Near

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.



"Oh, for the good old days when people would stop Christmas shopping when they ran out of money." ~ unknown

Memory Lane:

Tuesday 3rd December.

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



6 December Jane Morris
26 December Pat Johnston
28 December Myra Forrester
29 December Lorabelle Whitten



CHURCH SERVICES

8 December 8.30am Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan
8 December 11am West ~ Meg Mangan



Christmas Day Services

9am Hallsville Rev Jim Newton

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

- We give thanks that Elphie is in much better health this week.
- We pray for people who look toward Christmas with weariness, or feelings of loneliness, rather than with joy.
- We pray for the newly-formed Kairos Inside committee as they work towards re-establishing the prison ministry in our region.
- Our prayers are with Max Whitten, who commenced chemotherapy this week. Our prayers are also with Shirley.

Meg's Musings

This week Memory Lane is focusing on our "Christmas treasures", with each person requested to bring along one tradition, card, memory or ornament which is important to them. Sometimes it can seem as though all of the Christmas "extras" can crowd out the true meaning of Christmas.

But sometimes they can also add to the joy of the occasion.

I have read of many Christmas traditions - of families hanging tree ornaments and remembering people who have moved away, or died in the past year.

Others gather at a special place each Christmas - remembering past Christmases, and old friends and family members.

For others, Christmas isn't Christmas without a special food - a recipe passed down through the generations.

This Christmas, let's remember the God who sent Jesus, and also other people, and traditions, which are important in our lives.



Blessings from Meg

Mathew 24:36-44 (NIV)

The Day and Hour Unknown

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

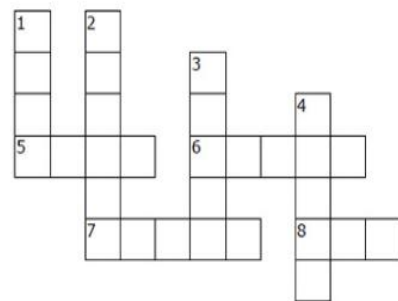
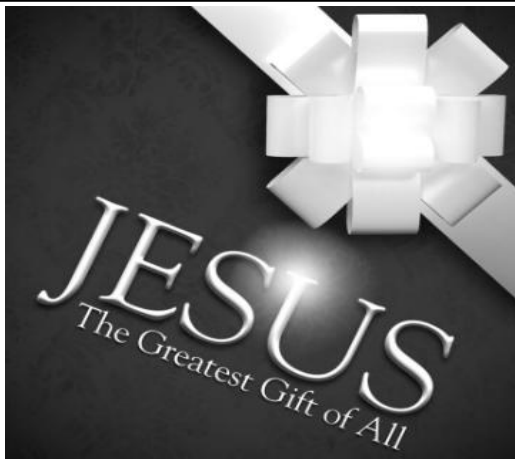
⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Ready for His Return

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Matthew 24:36,44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 24:36-44



Peel Valley Congregation

First 2020 service at West 5th January

~ Margaret Crowell.

First 2020 service at Gowrie 9th February

~ Meg Mangan

First 2020 service at Hallsville 19th January

Country Gospel Breakfast ~

~ Rev Jim Newton



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

ACROSS

5. A period of time sixty minutes long

6. One who steals something

7. The time period from sunset until sunrise

8. The period from sunrise until sunset

DOWN

1. Man in the Bible who built an ark

2. To come back

3. To look or observe attentively or carefully

4. To be prepared or available for service or action

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas." ~ Peg Bracken

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