



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV) The Branch From Jesse

- 11** A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- 2** The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
- 3** and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- 4** but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- 5** Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
- 6** The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.
- 7** The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- 8** The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
- 9** They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- 10** In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13 (NIV)

- 4** For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.
- 5** May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, **6** so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7** Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
- 8** For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed **9** and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:
- "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."
- 10** Again, it says,
- "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."
- 11** And again,
- "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."
- 12** And again, Isaiah says,
- "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."
- 13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Christmas gift suggestions:

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect."



~ Oren Arnold

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other." ~ Burton Hillis



Christmas Day Services

9am Hallsville Rev Jim Newton

NB: Peel Valley Congregation will be in recess until **Country Gospel**

Breakfast 19th January 2020

~ **Jim Newton.**

First 2019 service at **West 5th January 2020**

~ **Margaret Crowell.**

First 2019 service at **Gowrie 9th February 2020**

~ **Meg Mangan.**

CHURCH SERVICES

15 December 11am **West** ~ Will Pearson

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 pray for Beulah's grand-daughter Rachel, as she has heart surgery on 11th December.
- We also pray for Beulah, and for Rachel's mum Annette, at this worrying time.
- Our whole state needs good falls of rain - we pray that it will come soon.
- At Christmas time, our thoughts often turn to family members. We pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones this year.



Meg's Musings

Last Monday night we stayed at accommodation at the ANU in Canberra.

It is a bit quirkier than ordinary motels, being on the university grounds.

Instead of a swimming pool, there is a very long pond, with fish and water-lilies. Some wood ducks also seem to have taken up residence there for the moment.

On Tuesday morning we were at reception when I got quite a surprise.

Two ducks, along with several ducklings walked through the automatic glass doors of the front entrance.

They walked across the lobby, and through the other automatic doors on the other side of the room, and waddled over to the pond..... leaving a "calling card" on the way.

No-one else seemed surprised that the ducks could open the glass doors, just by approaching them. The ducks were obviously in the habit of using this short-cut.

We live in a world that has the ability to surprise and to delight us. The secret is never to stop expecting God to send such moments our way.



Blessings from Meg

Mathew 3:1-12 (NIV)

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (NIV)

1 Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

2 May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

4 May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

5 May he endure ^[a] as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

6 May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

7 In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

18 Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds.

19 Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

**Health does not
always come from medicine.
Most of the time it comes from
peace of mind, peace in the
heart, peace in the soul. It
comes from laughter
and love.**

26 December Pat Johnston
28 December Myra Forrester
29 December Lorabelle Whitten



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. - Leonardo

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