



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 35:1-10 (NIV) Joy of the Redeemed

35 The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.

³ Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸ And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

⁹ No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Psalms 146:5-10 (NIV)

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of
Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets prisoners free,
⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD.

Luke 1:46b-55 (NIV)

Mary's Song

^{46b} "My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their
inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

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

22 December 11am **West** ~ Sue Budden

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 Beulah's grand-daughter Rachel had successful heart surgery last Wednesday, and is recovering well.
- We pray for Heather Budden's sister Hazel, and for Heather's eldest daughter, Frances. They are both facing health problems at the moment.
- We pray for Loribel Whitten as she recovers from surgery.
- Thanks to God for all those people fighting bushfires, and for the many people supporting them.
- Our prayers for rain continue - especially for plentiful rain to douse the bushfires.
- We pray for Ian Blanch.
- Our prayers continue for Max Whitten's health.



Meg's Musings

What a lovely, happy atmosphere there was at Hallsville last Sunday.

There was plenty of conversation, and plenty of smiles and laughter.

The ukulele choir entertained us well, with a range of songs and carols.

Marg's cooking was wonderful, and the tables looked lovely and festive.

Thanks to all the servers, and thanks to everyone who came and added to the joy of the occasion.

God's presence and bounty were obvious to everyone!

Blessings from Meg



Mathew 11:2-11 (NIV)

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see:

⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces.

⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

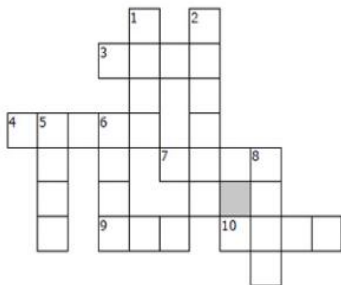
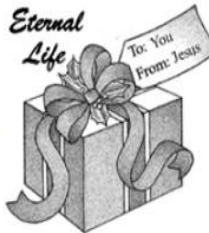
¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To receive sound using your ears
4. Unable to see
7. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
9. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
10. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

DOWN

1. Not living
2. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
5. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
6. Information or reports about recent events
8. Unable to hear

STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backward.

James 5:7-10 (NIV)

Patience in Suffering

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



Christmas Day Services

9am Hallsville Rev Jim Newton

26 December Pat Johnston

28 December Myra Forrester

29 December Loribel Whitten



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

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