



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 7:10-16 (NIV)

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,
¹¹ "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."
¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."
¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?
¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.
¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right,
¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

Romans 1:1-7 (NIV)

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—
² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures
³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David,
⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.
⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from [□] faith for his name's sake.
⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.
⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:
 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.



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


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



Christmas Day Services
 9am Hallsville Rev Jim Newton

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 (NIV)

¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth ² before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
 Awaken your might; come and save us.
³ Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
⁴ How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smoulder against the prayers of your people?
⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
⁶ You have made us an object of derision [□] to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.
⁷ Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.
¹⁹ Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

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 the Reason
 for the 
Season.

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



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for Kevin's eye operation, and the fact that he was looked after so well in Newcastle.
- We thank God for our Peel Valley friends, and for the strong ties within our congregation.
- We thank God for "the reason for the season" - Jesus, born in a manger.
- We pray that our world will be more mindful in 2020 of our creator God, and Saviour Christ.
- We pray for everyone affected by the drought, and by the fires.

Meg's Musings

It seems that everyone is tired of our hot, smoky weather. Some people have asked why this is happening - why doesn't God send rain - now!

But scientists are telling us that our predicament is caused in part by human actions.

In failing to properly care for creation, we must disappoint God..... He is probably as sad about our weather as we are. The answer seems to lie, not just with God, but with us choosing to co-operate with God in caring for our planet. If peoples' actions change, then our weather is likely to improve. But it will take time to undo the situation which has been created over time.

Let's resolve to co-operate with God in the BIG, and the small aspects of life.

Blessings from Meg



Angel Appears To Joseph

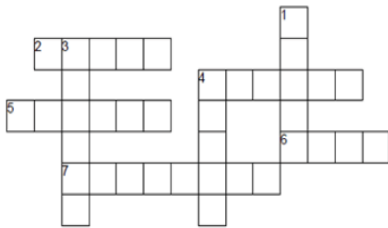
Crossword

An Angel Appears to Joseph

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:24-25 (NIV)



Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

2. To become husband and wife
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. A pure, unmarried girl or woman
6. The mother of Jesus
7. A name that means "God is with us"

DOWN

1. Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
3. To be filled with fear
4. The Son of God

"Some people have been collected tea-bag labels. However, Nicolette does not know of anyone who is able to use these tags.

Nicolette can pass on the bread tags, so please continue to bring them to West Tamworth where there is a box to collect them in.

Mathew 1:18-25 (NIV)

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

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²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



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.



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

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