



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

Christmas 2019

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Luke 2: 1 - 20 (NIV)

The Birth of Jesus

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.



Now the Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,

the work of Christmas begins:

- to find the lost,
- to heal the broken,
- to feed the hungry,
- to release the prisoner,
- to rebuild the nations,
- to bring peace among the people,
- to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

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

Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 (NIV)

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

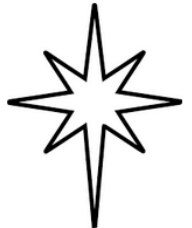
³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.



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For
God
so loved
the world
that he gave
his only Son
that whoever believes
in him should not perish
but have eternal life
John
3:16

Salvation and Christ's love is a gift. You don't earn it. You've got to receive that gift. ~ Joel Osteen



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for everyone who has lost a love one this year. We pray that Christmas will contain happy memories, as well as some bitter-sweet moments.
- We pray for those people who are working today.
- Our prayers go out to everyone who is affected by the fires this Christmas.
- We especially pray for family harmony today.
- We give thanks for Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

Meg's Musings

Do you have memories of a special Christmas... one which stands out in your mind as "the best Christmas ever"?

What made it special?

Was it the gifts which you received. The people you shared it with?

Did it mark a special time in your life –

Starting infants school, or high school, or leaving school?

Perhaps it was your first Christmas after your honeymoon, or your first Christmas as a parent?

The last you spent with a much-loved relative?

Or was it a time when Jesus birth was especially important and meaningful to you?

May this Christmas be special for you – special because you know that you are loved by God.

Blessings from Meg



The 12 Prayers of Christmas

LOVE - Lord, help us follow the way of love - let the love of Christ compel us

(1 Corinthians 14:1; 2 Corinthians 5:14).

JOY - Restore the joy of Your salvation to us; let us experience the joy of Your presence

(Psalm 51:12; 16:11).

PEACE - Let Your peace rule and guard our hearts; give us more of You - You are our peace

(Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:7; Ephesians 2:14).

HOPE - Enlighten the eyes of our heart so that we may know the hope You called us to.

(Ephesians 1:18).

FAVOR - Let Your favour rest on us

(Luke 2:52).

LIFE - Shine Your light of life on us; help us to walk in it

(Job 33:30; Psalm 56:13).

SALVATION - Help us to fear You so we can unlock the treasure of Your salvation

(Isaiah 33:6).

SELFLESSNESS - Keep us from self-seeking attitudes that reject truth

(Romans 2:8).

GENEROSITY - Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised

(2 Corinthians 9:11).

RECEIVING - Help us receive Your kingdom, Your Spirit, and Your grace

(Daniel 7:18; John 20:22; Romans 5:17).

SEEKING - Encourage us to seek Your face with all our hearts

(Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 27:8).

PRAISE - We ascribe glory to Your name, Lord; we come before You in worship for You are holy

(1 Chronicles 16:28-29).

~ Pastor Marilyn Bowens

HAPPY BIRTHDAY over Christmas New Year

26 December ~ Pat Johnston

29 December ~ Lorabelle Whitten

11 January ~ Ernie Thompson

17 January ~ Jan Parker

24 January ~ Phyl Bylund

30 January ~ Trevor Forrester

31 January ~ Margaret Crowell

31 January ~ Cameron

31 January ~ Kevin Hoyt

Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville ~ Friday 6pm and 2nd Sunday of the month
1st & 3rd Friday 6.30pm Markets 4th Sunday of the month.

1266 Manilla Road, Hallsville 2340

Gowrie ~ Sunday 8.30am and 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

2125 Tamworth-Gowrie Road, 2340

West Tamworth ~ every Sunday 11am

79 Denison Street, West Tamworth 2340

Memory Lane at West Tamworth

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:00am to 11:30am

Combined Worship

5th Sunday of the month Peel Valley Congregation Fellowship and fun.



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.

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 Barbara Murray
Doss Wark Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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