



Peel Valley Congregation

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1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV)

Samuel Anoints David

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." **10** Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." **11** So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Psalm 23 (NKJV)

23 The LORD *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

Ephesians 5:8-14 (NIV)

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

10 and find out what pleases the Lord.

11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

14 This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

1 April

~ Laurie Mangan

22 April

~ Mavis Chaffey

28 April

~ Jean Stratford



...who is the happier man, he who has braved the storm of life and lived or he who has stayed securely on shore and merely existed?"

— Hunter S. Thompson



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Meg, Laurie and family - sadly Meg's daughter-in-law Mel passed away on Thursday morning.
- We pray for Ian Blanch.
- We continue to uphold Max and Shirley Whitten in prayer.
- We pray for calm as many people are impacted by the decisions made to attempt to limit the spread of Covid 19.
- We pray for world leaders, that they will make wise and informed decisions.
- We pray for our friends in hospitals, nursing homes and aged-care facilities.

John 9:1-4 (NIV)

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.
2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."
4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

Meg's Musings

It seems as though we are living on shifting sands at the moment.

Many peoples' ability to earn money is already affected as gathering sizes are limited.

People in the entertainment industry are suddenly without work.

Casual teachers - from day-care to university level education are uncertain about how many hours work they will be offered.

Chefs and waitresses are suddenly left twiddling their thumbs.

If schools are closed, how will parents who both work cope?

There are many worries, and many unanswered questions.

The one thing which never changes is that God loves us, and is with us, no matter what we are facing!

Blessings from Meg

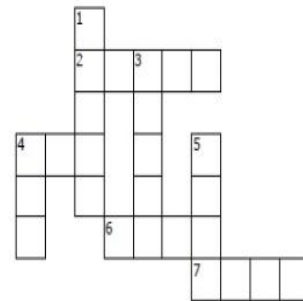


"You don't know how strong you can be until strong is your only option" ~ anon

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
4. An adult male human being
6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

DOWN

1. Unable to see
3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
5. To clean something using water

*Your memory is my keepsake,
 With which we'll never part.
 God has you in his keeping,
 I have you in my heart.*

- BONNIE DODD

MEMORY LANE

Tuesday 7 April

Tuesday 21 April



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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DAY LIGHT SAVING ENDS

April 5, 2020, 3 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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