



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Genesis 22 : 1 - 14



Welcome

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast

where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least

and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

singing welcome, welcome to this place

you're invited to come and know God's grace,

all are welcome, the love of God to share

'cause all of us are welcome here,

all are welcome in this place.

~ Laurie Zelman and Mark Miller

A woman who had invited some people to dinner.

At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said,

"Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?" ~ FaithSermons.com



A smile is the universal welcome. ~ Max Eastman

Meg's Musings

The reading from **Matthew 10:40-42** is very short, but it says a lot.

It speaks about people who receive the disciples receiving Jesus. In other words, because they are representing Jesus, they are entitled to be received as people would receive Jesus.

I imagine that over the centuries those words have given courage to many people to go out and to meet people on Jesus' behalf.

Jesus words are relevant today, just as they were for the disciples. When we meet people, and act as a friend towards them, we are doing it in Jesus' name - because we call ourselves Christians.

Being a Christian means that we are being an ambassador for Jesus, and it affects every part of our lives.

The Psalm has a very different tone. To me, it seems to be written by someone suffering from depression - someone who is afraid that he is about to be completely overwhelmed by his thoughts of worthlessness, fear and pain. Someone who sees those feelings as his enemy. Someone who feels that he can no longer rely on himself to remain safe. Someone who is calling out to God through his pain, seeking understanding and relief.

People often see depression as something which happens to weak people. However, depression can affect even the strongest of people. When it does, kindness, understanding and love can be the ideal balm. Christians reaching out, as Jesus would reach out, can have a huge impact on someone suffering from depression. It may seem to be very basic and simple ways of helping - the equivalent of a cup of cold water - but it can have a big impact.

Certainly medical help is sometimes required; acceptance and understanding are not always sufficient.

Jesus accepted people just as they were, and he calls us to also accept others in His name.

In this time of semi-isolation and lots of grey weather, it is easy for people to begin to feel "blue". Perhaps this is a time when we are being asked to reach out to others - even just by phone - to see if they are coping well in such strange and unusual circumstances.

Blessings from Meg



hospitality has to be defined as, The ability to make your guests feel at home when you wish they were. ~ FaithSermons.com

CHURCH SERVICES

5 July 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

5 July 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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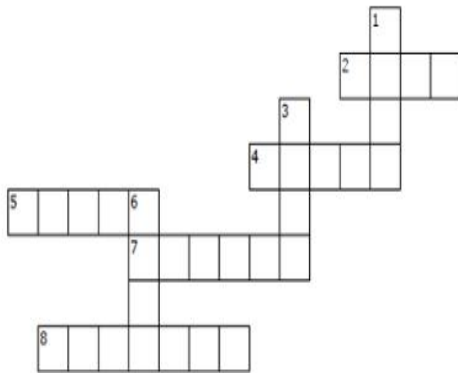
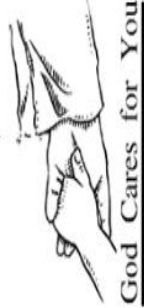
IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Joyce Dowsett and Beth Scorgie who have arthritic pain.
- We pray for Ross Davidson who has some health issues at the moment.
- We pray for Peter Scorgie who is waiting to hear about when his heart surgery will be performed.
- We give thanks that Phyll Bylund seems to be coping well with assistance from Meals on Wheels and Care Package helpers.
- We continue to pray for rain to replenish our dams.

You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. The spiritual part of a person
- 4. A small copper coin
- 5. The value of something
- 7. To be fearful or anxious about something
- 8. A common, small, gray-brown bird

DOWN

- 1. The physical part of a person
- 3. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain
- 6. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

Mistakes are painful when they happen, but years later a collection of mistakes called experience which leads us to success.

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Next week, **5th July, Peel Valley congregations will recommence worship**, unless government rules change in the meantime.

We are all keen to resume services and see our friends, but, please do not come to church if you are feeling unwell.

At West Tamworth we will be able to welcome 18 worshippers. However, until further notice, the serving or sharing of food is not permitted, therefore we will not be having our usual lunch.

The other Peel Valley congregations will have no problems with numbers, however until further notice there will be no church at Hallsville, as serving or sharing food is still not permitted.

We will be unable to sing - government regulations - and hymn books will not be used, as we have been asked to ensure that people handle as few things as possible.

The offering bowl will be placed where we usually hand out hymn books, and people are requested to put their offering directly into the bowl, either on the way in, or when you are leaving. Each person will also collect their newsletter from there.

We are made for goodness.

We are made for love.

We are made for friendliness.

We are made for togetherness.

We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know.

We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders.

All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all.

We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family. ~ Desmond Tutu

The light heart lives long. ~ Irish Proverb

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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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