



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, following that distress,  
 "the sun will be darkened,  
 and the moon will not give its light;  
<sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky,  
 and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'  
<sup>26</sup> "At that time people will see the Son of Man  
 coming in clouds with great power and glory.  
<sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect  
 from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to  
 the ends of the heavens.  
<sup>28</sup> "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon  
 as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you  
 know that summer is near.  
<sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening,  
 you know that it is near, right at the door.  
<sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not  
 pass away until all these things have happened.  
<sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words  
 will never pass away.

### The Day and Hour Unknown

<sup>32</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not  
 even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only  
 the Father.  
<sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when  
 that time will come.  
<sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: He leaves his house  
 and puts his servants in charge, each with their  
 assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep  
 watch.  
<sup>35</sup> "Therefore keep watch because you do not know  
 when the owner of the house will come back—  
 whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the  
 rooster crows, or at dawn.  
<sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you  
 sleeping.  
<sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

"The greatest lessons I have ever learned  
 happened at the times where I kept my mouth  
 shut and my ears open. The problem is, I have  
 great difficulty keeping those in the right  
 order."  
 ~ Craig D. Lounsbrough

### 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."

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Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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

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



## 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and  
 the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Thanksgiving

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his  
 grace given you in Christ Jesus.  
<sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—  
 with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—  
<sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ  
 among you.  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you  
 eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be  
 revealed.  
<sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you  
 will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ.  
<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship  
 with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Die with memories, not dreams. ~ anon

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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Marg Crowell.
- We pray for Alan Littlejohns, who will have cataract surgery on Monday.
- We pray for Beulah Fenwick.
- We give thanks that 3 Covid19 vaccines have now been developed, and pray for safe and fair distribution during 2021.
- On this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.... and His love for each one of us.

### Meg's Musings

I have been crocheting "granny squares" recently, and have made one large rug, and am almost ready to begin joining up the squares of a second rug.

As I laid the squares out to make sure that the colours looked right together, I looked the many combinations of colours. If some squares didn't look quite right together, I moved them around, trying to miminise clashes, or having too much of one colour in an area, so that the completed rug would look as good as possible.

It reminded me of the old Sunday School hymn, "Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight". Each square has a part to play in how the completed rug looks. We each have a part to play in how our world looks, feels and operates.

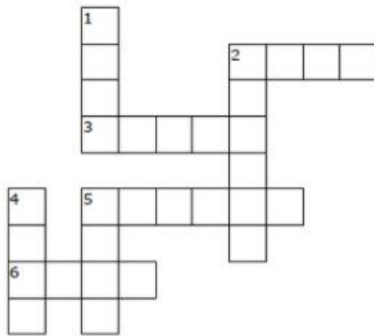
Blessings from Meg



### In the Potter's Hand

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

Puzzle is based on Isaiah 64:1-9



#### ACROSS

- 2. The part of the body at the end of the arm
- 3. To be rescued
- 5. A craftsman who shapes things from clay
- 6. A very fine-grained soil that is soft when moist but hard when dried or fired

#### DOWN

- 1. Acts of disobeying God's law
- 2. Something that is difficult to see or find
- 4. The front of the face wher the eyes, nose, and mouth are located
- 5. To make requests to God

**NOTICE:** The morning tea scheduled for next Tuesday, 1st December, has been cancelled, as Marg has been in hospital for several days.

"Guard your heart in your spirit." ~Lailah Akita



### Isaiah 64:1-9 (NIV)

- 1 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!
- 2 As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!
- 3 For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
- 4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
- 5 You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?
- 6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
- 7 No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.
- 8 Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.
- 9 Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

- 6 December ~ **Jane Morris**
- 26 December ~ **Pat Johnston**
- 28 December ~ **Myra Forrester**
- 29 December ~ **Lorabelle Whitten**
- 11 January ~ **Ernie Thompson**
- 17 January ~ **Jan Parker**
- 24 January ~ **Phyllis Bylund**
- 30 January ~ **Trevor Forrester**
- 31 January ~ **Margaret Crowell & Cameron**
- 31 January ~ **Kevin Hoyt**



### CHURCH SERVICES

- 6 December 11am **West** ~ Evelyn Keen
- 13 December 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
- 13 December 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan
- 20 December 11am **West** ~ Sue Budden
- 25 December **Combined Service**



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