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Jonah 3:1-10 (NIV)

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:

2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

5 The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

6 When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

7 This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

8 But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

CHURCH SERVICES

7 February 11am West ~ Meg Mangan



24 January ~ Phyllis Bylund

30 January ~ Trevor Forrester

31 January ~ Margaret Crowell & Cameron

31 January ~ Kevin Hoyt



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



Meg's Musings

Jonah, after being afraid and disobedient, decided to be faithful to God, and to go to Nineveh and give the people the message which God gave to him to pass on.

To Jonah's surprise, he received acceptance from the people. They listened to what he had to say, and were repentant.

Jonah realised that God's message to Nineveh was important. He also realised that these people mattered to God, and that He cared that they had gone astray.

Jesus, on the shore of Galilee, called Simon, Andrew, James and John, and they left their nets and fishing boats and went with him. It seems that they didn't have a second thought, but were keen to go with Jesus, wherever he led them. It was the beginning of a fantastic adventure. They were called into situations which they could never have envisaged.

They had their faith tested and challenged. They learned from Jesus' teaching, stories and actions. They tried new things, and found that they were capable of far more than simply catching fish!

They were the nucleus of something we call "The Christian Church", which has grown, changed and adapted over the past 2,000 years.

Sometimes we think that we are too old, too uneducated, too set in our ways, or not adventurous enough to be used by God.

God doesn't believe any of those ideas. He knows us, and knows what we are capable of - because He also knows just how able the Holy Spirit is to equip us to do whatever we are being called to do.

God knows us, and God knows the way we need to go - why doubt Him?

Blessing from Meg



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



Mark 1:14-20 (NIV)

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Jim Newton is recovering from his accident last month.
- We pray for Barry Wall who is in hospital after a fall. We also pray for Anne, his wife (nee Donaldson).
- We continue to pray for Fay, and for her recovery and return to Tamworth.
- We pray for safety from the corona virus within Tamworth whilst there are so many visitors in our midst.
- We pray for safe travel for people travelling to and from Tamworth for some very important birthdays; Phyll 103, Marg 80 and Kevin 90.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:
Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31



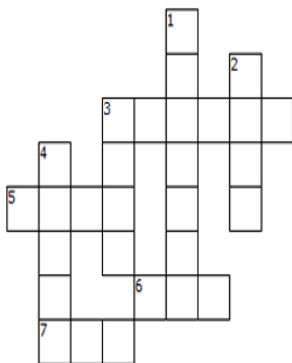
Acting is a way to get through life.
Authenticity is a way to live through life.

~ Trudi Jane

Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 14:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



ACROSS

- 3. To get behind someone and go where they go
- 5. A report of recent occurrences
- 6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
- 7. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean

DOWN

- 1. An area of Israel; the place of Jesus' ministry
- 2. A small vehicle for travelling on water
- 3. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
- 4. The Son of God



"That tree has been through some rough times," said the Tiny Dragon.

"Yes," said the Big Panda, "but it's still here and it has gained strength and beauty."



Love never claims,
it ever gives. ~ Gandhi

Phyllis Bylund

Some of my best friends are like fairy tales.

They've been there since once upon a time, and will

be there until forever after. ~ anon



Today is the oldest you have been, and the youngest you will ever be again. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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