

Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Psalm 111 (NIV)

- ¹ Praise the LORD.
 - I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered:
 - the LORD is gracious and compassionate.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- He has shown his people the power of his works.
 - giving them the lands of other nations.
- The works of his hands are faithful and just;
 - all his precepts are trustworthy.
- They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
 - all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
 - To him belongs eternal praise.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13



- 30 January ~ Trevor Forrester
- 31 January ~ Margaret Crowell
- 31 January ~ Kevin Hoyt
 - 1 February ~ Beth Scorgie
 - 2 February ~ Daryl Lush

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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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Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.

The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!"

²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him."
²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

I said a prayer for you today And know God must have heard. I felt the answer in my heart, Although He spoke no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind. I asked Him to send treasures Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you In all things, great and small, But it was for His loving care I prayed for most of all.

~ Author Unknown



Meg's Musings

Some time ago a friend was telling me of their plans to travel to Western Australia. Part of the attraction was to to enjoy seeing the wildflowers. I told him of our experiences within the Fitzgerald River National Park, which is renowned for its spectacular wild-flowers. Although it was well past the "official" wild-flower season when we visited, we had been overwhelmed by the beauty and variety of flowers which were blooming. It had been a special part of a special holiday which we had enjoyed a number of years earlier.

Sharing with my friend brought back some of the joy which we had experienced - it put me "back in the moment".

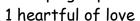
Fortunately the gospel writers put together vibrant and meaningful stories which capture much of what it was like to be with Jesus, and to hear what he had to say. Sometimes when we read of what Jesus said and did, it puts us "back in the moment". We get to feel something of what it must have been like to be there. From the time that I was a small child attending Sunday School, I have enjoyed hearing the stories of Jesus.

Being able to put ourselves back in time, and to feel some of what Jesus meant to the people of that time is a precious gift. It helps to grow our faith, and our understanding.

Blessing from Meg

Margaret Crowell

Recipe for happiness 2 heaping cups of patience



2 handsful of generosity,

1 head full of understanding,

A dash of laughter,

Sprinkled generously with kindness.

Add plenty of faith and mix well.

Spread over a period of a lifetime.

And serve everyone you meet. ~ unknown



May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your
face:

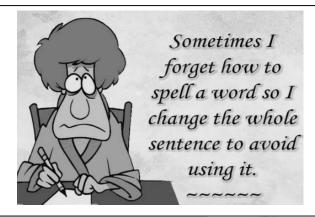
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

~ Traditional Irish Blessing

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for our friends who are having important birthdays this week Marg, Kevin and Beth.
- We pray for the millions of Covid sufferers throughout the world, and the people who are caring for them.
- ➤ We give thanks that Fay is safely back at home after her holiday. She still has some recuperating to do.
- ➤ Once again we pray for rain, after several weeks of dry weather.
- We give thanks that we can look back on past events, and remember how it felt, and what was special about it.
- We pray for Elphie Lang.



Kevin Hoyt

Fore your Birthday~ Wedge in some fun, Slice into cake,

Hook up with friends and family And have a "par"fect day!

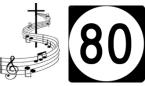


There is no enjoying the possession of anything valuable unless one has someone to share it with.~ Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Beth SCorgie

Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the

Happy Birthday



soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us. ~ Martin Luther

Sharing is a wonderful thing, Especially to those you've shared with. ~ Julie Hebert

CHURCH SERVICES

7 February 11am West ~ Meg Mangan 🏑

