

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Mark 11:1-11, 15-18 (NIV)

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.continued

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Isaiah 50:4-9a John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29



CHURCH SERVICES

2 April 9 am **West Good Friday** ~ Margaret Crowell & Meg Mangan 4 April 11 am **West** Easter Sunday ~ Anna Davidson



Mark 11:15-18 (NIV)

¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.

¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers."

¹⁸ The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) Dear God, we celebrate today just as those people celebrated in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. This is the day that You have made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! In Jesus' name, amen. ~ sermon4kids

"Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket." ~ anon

Southside is inviting all three Uniting Congregations to join in the livestreaming of Synod Services, led by the Moderator on following dates:

Sunday 28th March—7.30pm—Palm Sunday— "Obedience in the Wilderness" Sunday 23 May—7.30pm—Pentecost—

The Possibilities of the Wilderness

Sunday 8 August—7.30pm—Transfiguration Sunday "Changed in the Wilderness"

Sunday 21 November—7.30pm- Christ the King Sunday "A Home in the Wilderness"

"The real champions in life are so humble and gracious. They just continue doing what they do without all the posturing. If you've got the real thing, you don't have to flaunt a loud imitation." ~ Denis Waitley

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for many thousands of people affected by floods.
- We pray that Heather Blanch will soon have healed sufficiently to join us at church once more.
- We give thanks that the first Covid19 vaccines have arrived in Tamworth.
- We pray for safety on our roads over the upcoming Easter break.
- We give thanks for our loving, generous friends within our congregations.
- We pray God's blessing on "Fabulous Finds", and its' volunteers, donors and customers.

Meg's Musings

The weather has created a week of mixed feelings for us. We have felt delight that Tamworth has received two inches of rain.

We are also delighted that local dams and tanks have received good inflows.

We are pleased to see the plants looking green and "happy".

We have felt frustration at road closures which have disrupted traffic, and caused problems navigating our way around Tamworth.

We have felt great sympathy for the many thousands of people who have sustained flood damage to their homes and workplaces.

We felt especially sorry for the young couple who were unable to get together to marry, and whose home was washed away.

We have felt awe at the might of the weather, and the way in which has triggered destruction over such a wide area.

We have sought to understand the role which climate change has made this weather event worse than it needed to be.

We feel fear that climate change could make such floods things worse in the future.

With so many different thought and feelings at work, how do we cope?

By sharing our thoughts, emotions and hopes with God and being ready to work with Him to ensure the best outcomes for each and every person.

Blessings from Meg

"If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave but it won't stay there." ~ *Clarence W. Hall*

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."

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005 Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
- even death on a cross!
- ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

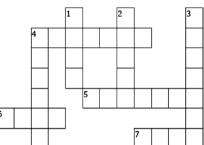
- ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
- in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV) Puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11





ACROSS

- Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
- A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
- 6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway
- 7. What a person is called

DOWN

- A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
- 2. The Son of God
- 3. A small town
- 4. To stretch out over a large area



DAYLIGHT SAVING April 4 2021 Put your clock back 1 hour

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