



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## John 20:1-18 (NIV)

### The Empty Tomb

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

**2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

**3** So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

**4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

**5** He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

**6** Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7** as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

**8** Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

**9** (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

**10** Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ....continued

## John 20:11-18 (NIV)

**11** Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

**13** They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

**14** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

**15** He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

**16** Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

**17** Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

**18** Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week: 

**Acts 10:34-43 Isaiah 25:6-9 Mark**

1 April ~ Laurie Mangan  
22 April ~ Mavis Chaffey  
28 April ~ Jean Stratford



"No, that is the great fallacy: the wisdom of old men. They do not grow wise. They grow careful." ~ Ernest Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms

## CHURCH SERVICES

11 April 8.30 am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
11 April 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



For I remember it is Easter Morn and life and love and peace are all new born.~ Alice Palmer



Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation. ~ D. Elton Trueblood

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for those people affected by last week's flooding.
- We pray for Reg who is very unwell.
- We pray that more people will become aware of the true meaning of Easter this year.
- We pray for those people managing the Covid19 outbreak in Brisbane.
- We give thanks that the Covid19 vaccine is slowly being made available throughout Australia.

### Meg's Musings

During Lent and Easter, there are a range of emotions for us to work through.

Immediately before Lent begins we experience Transfiguration Sunday, when we look at the awesome story of God speaking out of the cloud, and Jesus glowing a dazzling white.

As Lent progresses we perhaps experience some of the feeling of dread and foreboding which Jesus must have felt.

During Holy Week the Bible readings become darker and more somber. Then we experience Maundy Thursday, with Jesus washing the disciples feet, and his call to servanthood. We accompany Jesus out to the Mount of Olives, where he was disappointed when his disciples could not stay awake with him.

His arrest, trial, crucifixion and death follow swiftly on Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday we are able to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Just as God helped Jesus through each of his experiences, so God longs to help us through each of our emotions and situations.

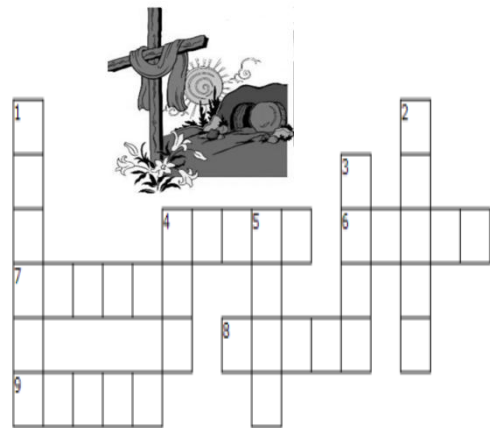
Are you ready to allow God to share your highs and lows?

Blessings from Meg



### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (NIV)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel say:  
"His love endures forever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.
- 15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:  
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
- 16 The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"
- 17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
- 18 The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.
- 21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
- 23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24



### ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

### DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Suggestions include: toys, hygiene items, school supplies, small clothing items and fun gifts.

**"Fabulous Finds" ~ Op-Shop at Hallsville.**  
Our op shop opening soon.

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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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