



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 1 John 3:1-7 (NIV)

**3** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

**5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

**6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

**7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## 1 John 1:1-4 (NIV)

### The Incarnation of the Word of Life

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

**2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

**3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

**4** We write this to make our joy complete.

A smile is an inexpensive way to change your looks. ~ Charles Gordy

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

**Psalm 4**

**Acts 3:12-19**



Life can put beauty in the things that you see. ~anon

## John 20:19-31 (NIV)

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

**19** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

**20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

**21** Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

**22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

**23** If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

### Jesus Appears to Thomas

**24** Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

**25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

**26** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

**27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

**28** Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

**29** Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

### The Purpose of John's Gospel

**30** Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life. ~ Mark Twain

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Patrick who suffered a mild stroke last Sunday.
- We pray for people returning home from holidays this weekend.
- We give thanks for changing seasons.
- We pray for the members of our congregation who are unwell.
- We pray for the people in Timor, Indonesia and Western Australia who have impacted by the tropical cyclone.



### Meg's Musings

Until a couple of years ago, there was a tree across the road from us which was absolutely beautiful throughout autumn.

As we turned the corner into our street, our eyes would fix on this colourful tree which seemed to embody God's beauty and wonder.

For several weeks each year we would watch as the leaves changed colour, and then drifted slowly to the ground.

Then one day someone came along and cut it down. The street seems less interesting without it there.

We can be sad at missing what once was, or we can choose to be glad that we could enjoy the tree for so many years.

We choose to be grateful, and to thank God for what we have enjoyed and experienced.

Blessings from Meg



### WARNING

Do not let them take your temperature when going into the store!

It's a scam!

They're erasing your memory!

I went in for bread and milk and came out with six bottles of wine.



22 April ~ Mavis Chaffey

28 April ~ Jean Stratford



### CHURCH SERVICES Anzac Day

25 April 8.30 am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

25 April 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



### 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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### Luke 24:36b-48 (NIV)

#### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

<sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

<sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

<sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

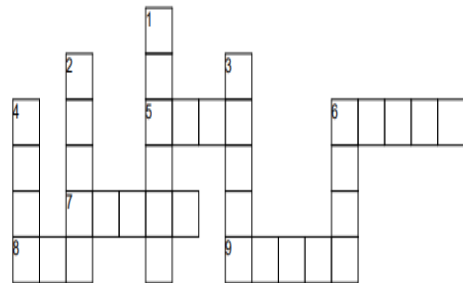
<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

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#### ACROSS

5. An animal that lives in the water

6. The soft outer parts of the body; skin

7. What the skeleton is made of

8. To take in food through the mouth

9. to handle or feel something with your fingers

#### DOWN

1. To feel pain

2. To be unsure about something.

3. A dead person appearing in a bodily form

4. To return from death

6. An animal that lives in the water