



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## 1 Jn 3:16-24 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

<sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:

<sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

<sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

## Psalm 23 Hymn

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

**Acts 4:5-12**



28 April ~ Jean Stratford



**Ego** says: "Once everything falls into place, I will find peace."



**Spirit** says: " Find peace and everything else will fall into place."



## CHURCH SERVICES

2 May 11 am **West** ~ Marg Crowell

### 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



They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn;  
At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning  
**We will remember them**  
**Lest we forget**



The story of life is quicker than the wink of an eye. ~ Jimi Hendrix

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Patrick as he recovers from the stroke.
- We thank God for the bravery of soldiers, past and present.
- We pray for Judy Lennon's sister Lyn and her husband, as they move into care closer to Sydney.
- We pray for Ian Blanch as he continues to remain positive in his battle with cancer.
- We give thanks for the scientists who are continuing to research ways to combat Covid19.



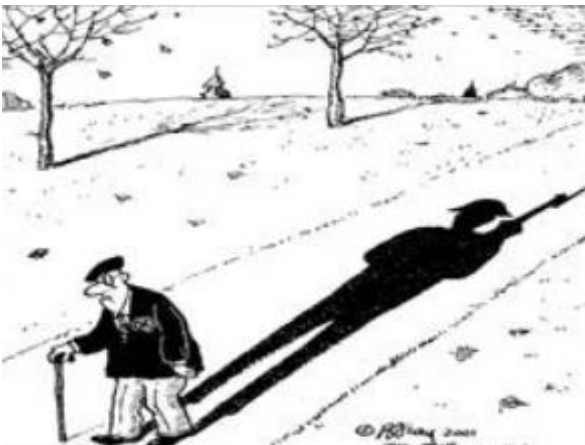
### Meg's Musings

The three Tamworth parishes are looking at calling two ministers to cover our parishes. In order to put together a combined profile, we have been asked to provide our Peel Valley profile. That sounds straightforward - until you realise that the format required has changed since we last submitted our profile. Tony did a great job transferring information across from the old format, and adapting what he could. Then came the realisation that things have changed - significantly - over the past year. Covid19 has changed so many church activities. It could be enough to give you a headache..... except, for the fact that it showed just what a resilient, determined group of people we are. We have continued to meet together; we have moved ahead in establishing a new Op-Shop; and we still display friendship and love to each other, and to each and every visitor we have. God is good - and our Peel Valley congregation continues to serve Him well.

Blessings from Meg



Remember who they still are in spirit.



"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."

~Jimi Hendrix

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### John 10:11-18 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

<sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

<sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

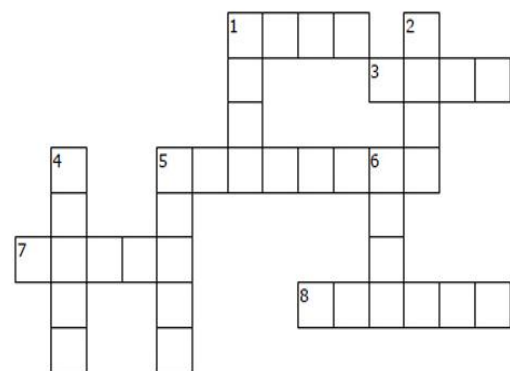
<sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.

<sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

### The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



#### ACROSS

1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

#### DOWN

1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking