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1 John 4:7-21 (NIV)

God's Love and Ours

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.

~ Thomas Jefferson

Psalm 22:25-31 (NIV)

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—

may your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—

those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

10 May ~Alison Forrester

14 May ~Evelyn Keen

20 May ~Shirley Whitten

26 May ~Bill Forrester



Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

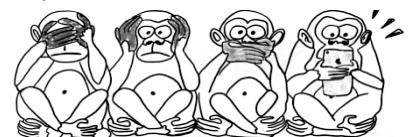
Acts 8:26-40



Finally the fourth wise monkey!

He is the sum of the first three:

He **sees** nobody,
He **hears** nobody and
He **speaks** to nobody.



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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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Our prayers continue for Jan Parker who expects to spend another 7 – 10 days in hospital in Newcastle.
- We give thanks that Bruce has had some improvement with the Shingles
- We also give thanks that Patrick is home from hospital. We pray for further recovery, and that he will be able to drive again before long.
- We pray for the people of India, especially the medical staff. 
- We pray that Tamworth Council is able to approve the Op Shop at Hallsville in the very near future.

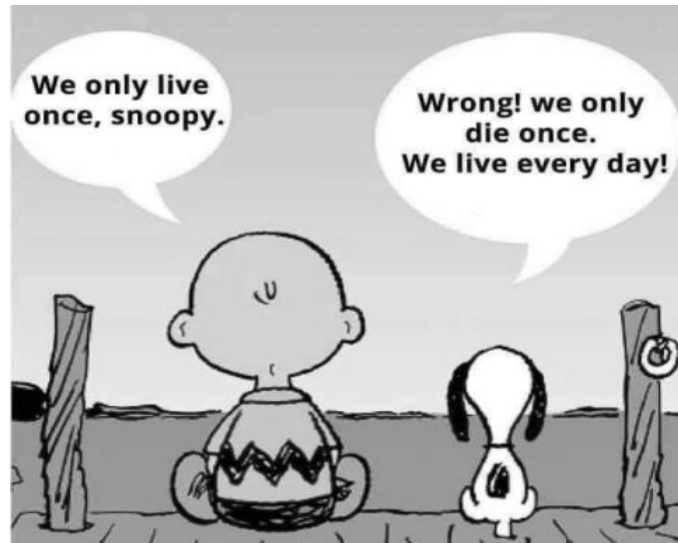
Meg's Musings

A letter from Mondays' Sydney Morning Herald,
 "Just after 6am yesterday (Anzac Day), I walked to the end of my driveway and lit a candle. I was alone in quiet contemplation for about a quarter of an hour, when I was joined by about 25 sulphur-crested cockatoos. They settled on the telephone lines above and stayed, mostly silently, until I blew out the candle and walked back inside.
 The cockatoos slowly and quietly drifted away. Gotta love this country."
 What a special time to have shared with our native wildlife. Sometimes God sends the most unlikely of companions to share meaningful moments with us.

Blessings from Meg



CHURCH SERVICES Mother's Day
 9 May 11 am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
 9 May 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



"I hope the millions of people I've touched have the optimism and desire to share their goals and hard work and persevere with a positive attitude." ~ Michael Jordan



John 15:1-8 (NIV)

The Vine and the Branches

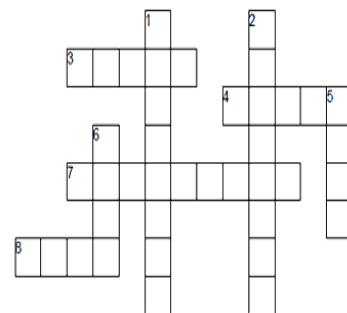
- 15** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.
³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.
⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

The True Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8.



ACROSS

- 3. Praise or honor
- 4. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- 7. Those who follow Jesus
- 8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

DOWN

- 1. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- 2. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 5. The opposite of false
- 6. Burning flame

"You can't go back and make a new start, but you can start right now and make a brand new ending." ~ James Sherman