

Meg's Musings

Over the past several days there have been RAAF planes flying over the Tamworth area.

Have I seen them? No

I have heard them, so I know that they are there in the sky above.

Sometimes people ask whether anyone has seen God. The answer to that question is also, "No".

That doesn't mean that I don't know that God is there.

I may not see or hear him, but I know his presence.

There are times when, if I stop, I just know that God is there with me.

As I prepared to lead Kevin Hoyt's funeral service this week, I could feel God directing me.

I also see God at work in the lives of some of my friends.

For me, God is as real as those planes flying overhead.

Blessing from Meg



Kevin Hoyt passed away in his sleep last Thursday morning, 15th July. He was 90 years old.

Kevin was our friend.

We will remember Kevin as caring, grateful and kind.

He was someone who always had a story or joke to tell, or a saying that was appropriate for the moment.



Kevin's favourite saying was,

"Hurry Slowly".

Kevin is now reunited with Pat, the love of his life.

We will miss him.

**KINDNESS IS FREE
SPRINKLE
THAT STUFF
EVERYWHERE**

John 6:1-21:

For lots of different reasons, the day this reading refers to would have been remembered by many people.

Many people were impressed by the healings which Jesus had performed.

Perhaps they wanted healing for themselves, or perhaps they wanted the opportunity to see Jesus heal someone else.

Phillip must have remembered the day as one where he felt put on the spot. I can imagine him feeling flustered, and stammering out a reply to Jesus - how could the money be found to give so many people even a mouthful each?

The boy who provided the loaves and the fishes to Andrew would always remember how Jesus was able to turn his small offering into a feast - it became more than enough for everyone. Can you just imagine him going home, and bursting through the door with his news, "Mum, Dad, Jesus just fed thousands of people - and all he used was my lunch!"

Those people in the crowd who wanted to make Jesus king would remember the day well too. How on earth did Jesus slip away from them? Why wouldn't he want to become king? What was his plan?

The disciples must have remembered lots of things about the day - the crowd getting a bit unsettled, as tummies started grumbling with hunger. They would have remembered passing the food around, ensuring that everyone got something to eat. As they looked back on it, they must have wondered, "How did Jesus do that?"

The disciples would also have remembered Jesus coming to them across the water - their fear, and their surprise.

To top off an absolutely memorable day, the disciples would look back on the way that they were suddenly at their destination.

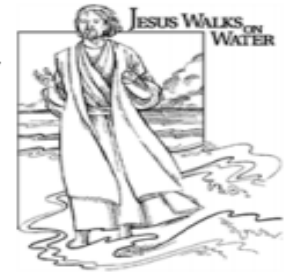
None of us can look back on a day quite like that. But I hope and pray that each of us have had moments where we were surprised by how God has been able to create change, surprise, healing or joy in our lives.

Blessing from Meg

Do all you can, and make as little fuss about it as possible. ~ Charles Dickens

Jesus Walks on Water

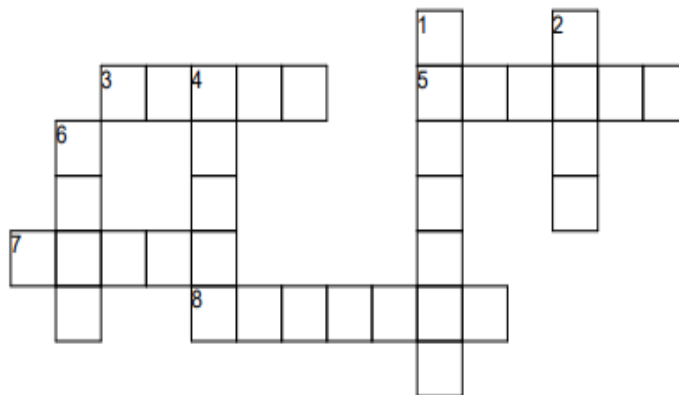
When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." John 6: 19-20 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 6:16-21

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AFRAID	WIND	WALKING	BLOWING
JOINED	BOAT	LAKE	STRONG
JESUS	DARK	WATER	EVENING



ACROSS

- The Son of God
- Filled with fear
- A liquid necessary for the life of plants and people
- The later part of the day

DOWN

- Traveling on foot
- A body of water surrounded by land
- Land along the edge of a body of water
- A small vessel for travel on water