

# **Peel Valley Congregation**

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#### Job 1:1;2:1-10 (NIV) Prologue

**1** In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

2 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

<sup>4</sup> "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life.

<sup>5</sup> But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

<sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

<sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head.

<sup>8</sup> Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

<sup>9</sup> His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"
<sup>10</sup> He replied, "You are talking like a

<sup>10</sup> He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard,

but must be felt with the heart."



~ Helen Keller

#### Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12 (NIV) God's Final Word: His Son

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

<sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

<sup>4</sup> So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

### Jesus Made Fully Human

<sup>5</sup> It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.
<sup>6</sup> But there is a place where someone has testified:

"What is mankind that you are mindful of them,

a son of man that you care for him?

- <sup>7</sup> You made them a little lower than the angels;
- you crowned them with glory and honour

<sup>8</sup> and put everything under their feet." In putting everything under them God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.

<sup>9</sup> But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons and daughters to glory,

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

<sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

<sup>12</sup> He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the assembly I will sing your praises."

### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for people travelling this long weekend.... and for the many people who wish that they could, but are unable to.
- We pray for medical staff who have been caring for  $\triangleright$ Covid19 patients, and give thanks for their willingness to serve others.
- We pray for people suffering from hayfever at the  $\triangleright$ moment.



- We continue to give thanks for the beauty and colour of sprina.
- We pray for the many people who have been bereaved since Covid19 began.

### Meg's Musings

As the year unfolds, I look forward to various things as the seasons come and go.

Our first rose bloomed this week, and our banksia rose is covered in pale yellow blooms - it looks spectacular! But along with these happy-making things, there is a bugbear.

The aphids have arrived, as they do each year. You'd think that I had laid out a welcome mat, but I have done everything possible to discourage them.

I have tried to use sprays some years - it destroyed the leaves and tiny buds, even more than it killed the aphids.

So now, each day, I do the rounds of the rose bushes sometimes several times in a day.

I carefully inspect the tiny, fragile leaves and buds for aphids. If I find any, I do my best to flick them, squash them, or otherwise get rid of them.

I guard my rose bushes as well as I can, and I am looking forward to some lovely blooms.

We have a God who sees us that same way - as delicate, and precious blooms, who are sometimes threatened by pests.

Blessing from Meg

God tries to protect us always, so we may bloom beautifully for him.



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



If you have anything for us to

include in the Operation Christmas Child boxes, please bring it with you to church on Sunday 10 October. Alternatively, Meg will collect things from your home.

- 7 October ~ Heather Blanch
- 15 October ~ Audrey Davidson
- 18 October ~ John Nowland

18 October ~ Shelby Davidson

# Psalm 26 (NIV)

- Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life: I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;
- 3 for I have always been mindful of vour unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.



- 4 I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.
- 5 I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.
- 6 I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD,
- 7 proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.
- 9 Do not take away my soul along with sinners.
- my life with those who are bloodthirsty,
- <sup>10</sup> in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.
- <sup>11</sup> I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me.
- <sup>12</sup> My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the LORD.

## CHURCH SERVICES

10 October 8.30am Gowrie 11 am West 10 October NEXT SUNDAY, 10th October



Church will recommence at Gowrie and West Tamworth.

Come, and enjoy worshipping, catching up, and being together.

Please wear a mask.

Winners make a habit of manufacturing their own positive expectations in advance of the event. ~ Brian Tracy

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