



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Mark 10:17-31 (NIV)

### The Rich and the Kingdom of God

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

<sup>29</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

## Hebrews 4:12-16 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

<sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

### Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## Meg's Musings

Tamworth is looking at its' absolute best at the moment. Trees are clothed in fresh new leaves, the grass is growing madly, and gardens are at their brightest and most colourful best.

It seems that the efforts of people over the past couple of years - of keeping plants alive - have been amply repaid this spring.

There has been plentiful rain this year, and it has made a real difference.

It has been wonderful to see plants not just survive, but thrive.

In all aspects of life, there are times when, no matter how much effort we put in, very little happens.

At other times we do very little, yet something special and wonderful happens.

We are always dependent on God for inspiration, energy, and the right circumstances, to bless our efforts.

Blessing from Meg



Strive for greatness. ~ Lebron James

## CHURCH SERVICES


17 October 11 am West Fay Monckton



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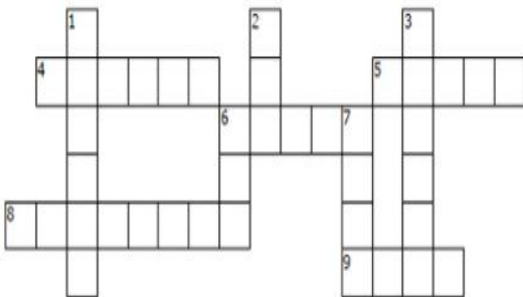


### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Jean Stratford, who is spending time at Alblas in respite care.
- We give thanks for the beauty surrounding us this spring.
- We pray that people will continue to come forward to be vaccinated. 
- We give thanks that a new medication reducing symptoms of Covid19 has passed through some medical trials.
- We pray for Rev Paul Cosier, who has been diagnosed with cancer this week. He will be retiring from active ministry.

## Rich Young Man

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

- 4. A small, slender implement used for sewing
- 5. A long-necked animal with humps
- 6. To go into
- 8. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
- 9. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

#### DOWN

- 1. The home of God and the angels
- 2. An adult male human
- 3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
- 6. An opening in a needle
- 7. Possessing great material wealth

I think God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability. ~ Oscar Wilde

**Other Lectionary Reading for this week:**  
**Job 23:1-9,16-17**

15 October ~ **Audrey Davidson**  
18 October ~ **John Nowland**  
18 October ~ **Shelby Davidson**



### Psalm 22:1-15 (NIV)

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from my cries of anguish?
- 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
by night, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
you are the one Israel praises.
- 4 In you our ancestors put their trust;  
they trusted and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried out and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me;  
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
- 8 "He trusts in the LORD," they say,  
"let the LORD rescue him.  
Let him deliver him,  
since he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.
- 10 From birth I was cast on you;  
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- 11 Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.
- 12 Many bulls surround me;  
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- 13 Roaring lions that tear their prey  
open their mouths wide against me.
- 14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted within me.
- 15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death.



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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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