



Peel Valley Congregation

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Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

Final Exhortations

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 12:2-6 (NIV)

² Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.
The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defence;
he has become my salvation."

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say:
"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

26 December ~ Patrick Johnston

28 December ~ Myra Forrester

29 December ~ Lorabelle Whitten



"What is Christmas?

It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future." ~Aanes M. Pahro



CHURCH SERVICES

19 December 11 am West ~ Jennifer Battle



Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NIV)

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." ¹⁸ "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. ²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.

"Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home." ~ G.K. Chesterton

"Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words."

~Harlan Miller, writer

Christmas Day Service

Hallsville 9am



CHRISTMAS LUNCH:


This will take place after church on 12th December, and will be held at either Marg and Doug Crowell's home, weather permitting, or at Hallsville Church.

All members of the Parish are most welcome.

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Fay Monckton, who will be caring for her family in Cessnock until after Christmas.
- We pray that Tony Orr's daughter Megan, and her family, are able to get to Australia from the Netherlands for Christmas.
- We give thanks that we can celebrate Jesus' birth. 
- We pray that all of our congregation remains well through this very changeable weather.

Megs Musings

As this year draws to a close, we need to take time to reflect on our very different year. Covid19 has shadowed us, but none of us has fallen prey to it. We have spent more time at home, but we have comfortable homes to be in. We have spent more time in our own company, but we know that God is always with us. Watching the Olympic Games made us proud of our athletes. Watching the Paralympics inspired us, and helped us to see just how hard some people work at overcoming disabilities. Our churches have been shut for parts of the year, but we have continued to pray for, and to support one another. Friends have been lost, but their memory, and their kindness live on inside us. We have all coped with the many changes which came our way. Well done everyone!

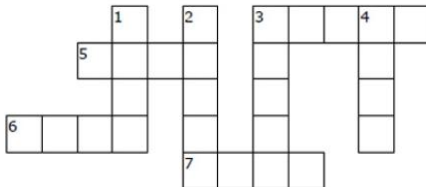
Blessings from Meg



Christmas Joy

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 3:7-11



ACROSS

3. An item of clothing that is worn on the upper half of the body
5. To have very little money or possessions
6. The opposite of bad
7. A tall plant that has a trunk, branches, and leaves

DOWN

1. What we eat
2. The sweet food that grows on a tree
3. To give part of what you have to someone else
4. The part of a tree that grows under the ground

Luke 3:7-18 (NIV)

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"
⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.
⁹ The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
¹⁰ "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.
¹¹ John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."
¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"
¹³ "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.
¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."
¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.
¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."
¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.



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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Let fun be an important item on your daily agenda. ~ unknown

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