



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Isaiah 43:1-7 (NIV)

### Israel's Only Savior

**43** But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob,  
he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush<sup>[a]</sup> and Seba in your stead.

<sup>4</sup>Since you are precious and honored in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’

and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the  
earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.”

## Psalm 29 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendour of  
his holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of  
Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD strikes  
with flashes of lightning.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

## Acts 8:14-17 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that  
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they  
sent Peter and John to Samaria.

<sup>15</sup>When they arrived, they prayed for the new  
believers there that they might receive the Holy  
Spirit, <sup>16</sup>because the Holy Spirit had not yet  
come on any of them; they had simply been  
baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John placed their hands on  
them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Be Happy - it drives people crazy.



### NOTICE:

Unfortunately, the Country Gospel Breakfast  
has been cancelled for 2022, due to Covid19  
concerns.

At this stage, church for Peel Valley  
will resume at

West Tamworth on 6th February,  
and at Gowrie on 13th February.



11 January	~ Ernie Thompson
17 January	~ Jan Parker
24 January	~ Phyllis Bylund
30 January	~ Trevor Forrester
31 January	~ Margaret Crowell & Cameron



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for a safe, and healthy 2022 for our church members, their families and friends.
- We pray that we be known as loving, kind people who choose to follow Christ.
- We pray for medical staff worldwide, as they do their best in this Omicron pandemic.
- We give thanks that vaccinations are available to reduce the spread, and symptoms, of Covid19.



**Megs Musings** The beginning of another year. I'm sure that there have been times when each of us has been more excited about the dawn of a new year.

As we face the third year of our struggle with Covid19, I'm sure that many people would rather just hide somewhere safe until the pandemic runs out of steam.

We are unable to change the fact that it is not the most auspicious of starts to a new year.

What we can shape is our response.

We can hide, we can complain, or we can choose to make the most of the time given to us by God.

There is a saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade".

Each of us is able to turn to God, and to ask what God wants us to make of this coming year..... to ask how we can best serve Him..... not in a "perfect" world, but in the world as it is, right now.

Blessings from Meg



**"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."**

~ John Wesley

**We all know  
mirrors don't lie...  
I'm just grateful  
that they  
don't laugh!**



### 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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### Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

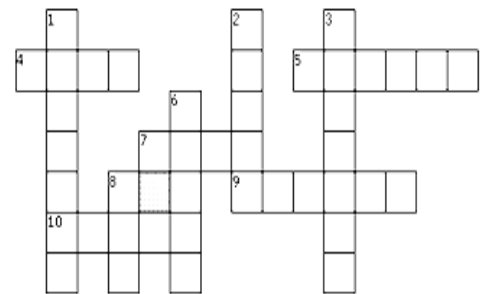
<sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>17</sup> 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."

### The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

## The Baptism of Jesus



#### ACROSS

4. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. To turn away from sin.
10. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.

#### DOWN

1. To pardon for sins.
2. The liquid used to baptize someone.
3. To admit that you have done wrong.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.
8. To break one of God's commandments.



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