



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Psalm 63:1-8 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.
- <sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.
- <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
- <sup>5</sup> I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of  
foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> On my bed I remember you;  
I think of you through the watches of the  
night.
- <sup>7</sup> Because you are my help,  
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
- <sup>8</sup> I cling to you;  
your right hand upholds me.



## Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville Open 9:00 to 1:00pm, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The proceeds from the shop last week amounted to \$1013. With Peel Valley's contribution we sent \$2100 to the Lismore Uniting Church. They lost everything from the Church and associated halls, the cafe and Op shop. Their office had almost 2 meters of water. Lismore Church provides a considerable amount of food through their welfare program to those in need. All those stocks of food have been lost. When the refuge centres close in a couple of weeks that need for food will be substantial. It is their intent to use our donation to provide food vouchers to the many families in need. All donated funds to Lismore Uniting Church will be used in this way and not for restoration or other work.

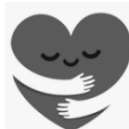
## Isaiah 55:1-9 (NIV)

### Invitation to the Thirsty

- 55** "Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.
- <sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labour on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
- <sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me;  
listen, that you may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
my faithful love promised to David.
- <sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the  
peoples,  
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know  
not,  
and nations you do not know will come  
running to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with splendor."
- <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have  
mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
- <sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,"  
declares the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**



**When the power of love  
overcomes the love of power, the  
world will know peace.** ~ Jimi Hendrix



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for people with Covid19. We also pray for the many close contacts who are isolating at the moment.
- We pray for our world - for peace, and for common-sense to hold sway.
- We pray for Shirley Whitten.
- We continue to pray for people who have lost their homes.
- We give thanks for the many people supporting our Fabulous Finds op shop.

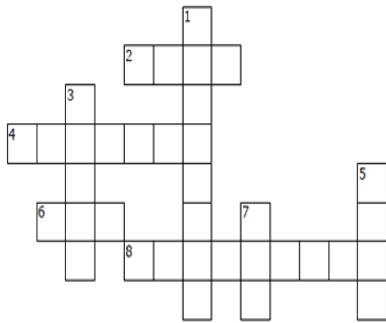


## The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

2. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

#### DOWN

1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
7. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.



We used to be young and beautiful  
Now we are just beautiful. ~ anon



### CHURCH SERVICES

27 March 8.30 am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
27 March 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan

#### 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 13:1-9 (NIV)

#### Repent or Perish

**13** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

**2** Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?"

**3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

**4** Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?"

**5** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

**6** Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.

**7** So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

**8** "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.

**9** If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

#### Megs Musings

God and I enjoy gardening together.

Our efforts are helped by friends who offer cuttings from their own gardens.

God supplies the soil and the rain, and I do some weeding, pruning and watering.

It all adds up to a happy place - one where bees are enjoying buzzing around at the moment.

Surprises are also part of the deal.

Recently crocuses have burst into flower, and it is lovely to know that they survived the drought, and are still part of the garden.

Last week some lovely, delicate red lilies made an appearance for a few days. They were a real joy to see.

This week, in a different part of the garden, some larger and more robust yellow lilies began to flower. They look so sunshiny and happy.

When we link our efforts to God, wonderful things happen!

Blessing from Meg



29 March ~ Bruce Jarrett



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