



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Psalm 126 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.  
<sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, LORD,  
like streams in the Negev.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

## Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD says—  
he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise

## Philippians 3:4b-14 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence.  
If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.  
<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.  
<sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.  
<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.  
<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.  
<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Palm Sunday

10 April 8.30am

Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan

10 April 11 am

West ~ Meg Mangan



22 April ~ Mavis Chaffey  
28 April ~ Jean Stratford



I didn't get old on purpose, it just happened.  
If you're lucky, it could happen to YOU. ~ A Ronny



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of the NSW north coast, and south-east Queensland, as they once again begin the clean-up process.
- We pray that the first tentative peace talks concerning Ukraine continue.
- We give thanks for the gentle rain which we have experienced.
- We pray for everyone who is feeling unwell.
- We pray for displaced people throughout our world.



### Megs Musings

We are living in a period of great change. Europe is facing its biggest war since World War II finished. People are almost holding their breath, as they ask, "What, or who, is next?" Climate change is causing catastrophic weather conditions throughout the world. The east coast floods are just a small part of what is happening throughout our world. God has promised that He will be with us always. God is in the changes, as well as being a part of the familiar. Change has also brought rewards over time. Who would want to go back to cooking on a fuel stove, or reading by candle-light? Perhaps we need to step out bravely, and be ready to accept the changes, and the uncertainty which sometimes accompanies it. Ensuring that the people who are hurt by particular changes can also be an important part of everyone adapting to change. Helping victims of flood and war - through prayer, or financially - allows us to be the hands, and heart of God.

Blessing from Meg



Come to the **Country Music Big Breakfast** at the Hallsville Uniting Church on Easter **Monday 18th April** beginning at **7.30am**. Local artists and walk-up artists will entertain whenever possible. Do come for a chat and a great breakfast.



### 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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### John 12:1-8 (NIV)

#### Jesus Anointed at Bethany

**12** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

**2** Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

**3** Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

**4** But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

**5** "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

**6** He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

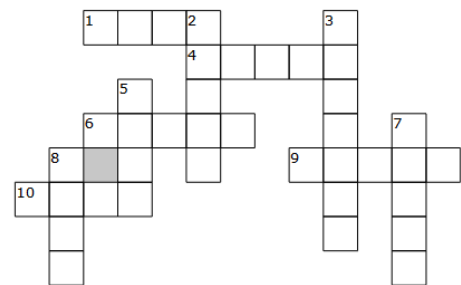
**7** "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial."

**8** You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

### A Most Precious Gift

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3a (NIV)

Based on John 12:1-8



#### ACROSS

1. The part of the body on which a person stands
4. The building in which a family lives
6. What we use to buy things
9. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
10. What grows on the head of a person

#### DOWN

2. A person who steals
3. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
5. The opposite of rich
7. Pay received for the labor of a worker
8. The woman who poured perfume on the feet of Jesus



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