



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Galatians 3:23-29 (NIV)

### Children of God

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup> So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

<sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

<sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

## Psalms 42 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When can I go and meet with God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me all day long,  
"Where is your God?"

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I used to go to the house of God  
under the protection of the Mighty One  
with shouts of joy and praise  
among the festive throng.

<sup>5</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast?  
Why so disturbed within me?  
Put your hope in God,  
for I will yet praise him,  
my Savior and my God.

<sup>6</sup> My soul is downcast within me;  
therefore I will remember you  
from the land of the Jordan,  
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep  
in the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your waves and breakers  
have swept over me.

<sup>8</sup> By day the LORD directs his love,  
at night his song is with me—  
a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God my Rock,  
"Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I go about mourning,  
oppressed by the enemy?"

<sup>10</sup> My bones suffer mortal agony  
as my foes taunt me,  
saying to me all day long,  
"Where is your God?"

<sup>11</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast?  
Why so disturbed within me?  
Put your hope in God,  
for I will yet praise him,  
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### Meg's Musings

The Gospel reading for this week is about the healing of a man who was controlled by demons.

Perhaps these days we may think of him as "crazy", or "deranged".

People in the district knew of the man, and of his strength, and were afraid of him.

When Jesus healed the man, and they heard that he was now completely well, and was no longer a threat, they were even more afraid.

The power which Jesus had shown in healing the man was more than they had ever witnessed before. Rather than being awed by Jesus' power, they were afraid of it. It was beyond their knowledge and experience.


We know that Jesus used his power to help people, and that we can turn to Jesus for strength and help at any time.

Christian friends sometimes say that they don't know how they would cope without Jesus' strength to rely on.

I'm so glad that we can see it as a positive, and not as something to be feared as the people of the Gerasene area did.

Blessing from Meg

### Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a Psalm 43 

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to uphold those who are grieving at the moment - especially the Fenwick and Hicks families.
- We also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We give thanks that Joyce Dowsett is now home from hospital.
- We pray for Ferdinand, Joyce's new great-grandson, who was born prematurely last week.



## Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. Luke 8:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 8:26-39 (NIV).

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FOOT	BEGGED	PEOPLE	HAND	CHAINS
PIGS	BROKEN	REPORTED	DROWNED	CURED
GUARD	GALILEE	HILLSIDE	DRESSED	JESUS
DEMON	FEEDING	SPIRIT	LAKE	EVIL



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

The Op Shop is doing very well. Last week more than \$900 was raised. Well done everyone!

### CHURCH SERVICES

26 June 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 8:26-39 (NIV)

#### Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.

<sup>27</sup> When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

<sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"

<sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

<sup>31</sup> And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

<sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission.

<sup>33</sup> When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup> and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

<sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

<sup>39</sup> "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.