



Peel Valley Congregation

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Philemon 1-21 (NIV)

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— ² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains.

¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you.

¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel.

¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.

¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

Continued.....Philemon 18-25

¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

²² And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. ²⁴ And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Meg's Musings



The Magnolias have been beautiful this year.

Now there is a carpet of petals under each tree, as the petals slowly drift to the ground.

The beautiful petals are free to drop when the right moment comes.

If only we human would learn a lesson from the Magnolias.

We find it difficult to let go of the things we treasure; things of beauty, wealth or power.

God, and not our possessions, is the key to our happiness. Let's learn to trust him with all we are, and all that we have.

Blessing from Meg

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Jenny Brown, Beulah's daughter, who has had a severe reaction to eye drops.
- We give thanks that Linda, Marg's daughter, received a positive report from the kidney specialist.
- We pray for a return to health for Pam McFayden, Fay's cousin in Armidale.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine.
- Father, we thank you for the beauty of spring.



"An optimist is the human personification of spring."~ Susan J. Bissonette



Psalm 139 (NIV)

¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying
down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of
the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in
your book
before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked!

CHURCH SERVICES



11 September 11am **West** ~ Evelyn Keane

Continued.....Psalm 139

²⁰ They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,
and abhor those who are in rebellion
against you?

²² I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:
Jeremiah 18:1-11 Luke 14:25-33



Some people could be given
an entire field of roses and
only see the thorns in it.
Others could be given a
single weed and only see the
wildflower in it. Perception
is a key component to
gratitude. And gratitude
a key component to joy.

— AMY WEATHERLY



5 September ~ **Fay Monckton**
26 September ~ **Carol Thompson**
29 September ~ **Athol Whitten**
30 September ~ **John Murray**



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Open 9:00 to 1:00pm, Thursdays,
Fridays, Saturdays.

SPRING - Plants for sale during September.

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing,
enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

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



Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0476 375 989**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett

1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ **West**

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ **Hallsville**

