



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

<sup>7</sup> After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

<sup>8</sup> So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

<sup>9</sup> But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

### Paul's Final Instructions

<sup>11</sup> But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup> And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate, <sup>14</sup> that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

<sup>15</sup> For,  
At just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. <sup>16</sup> He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honour and power to him forever! Amen.

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<sup>17</sup> Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

<sup>18</sup> Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

<sup>19</sup> By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.



### Meg's Musings

Like many Australians, we watched Queen Elizabeth's funeral service on Monday night.

It was a moving service, where respect, solemnity and reverence held sway.

The singing was absolutely beautiful, with the descants seemingly reaching up into the high, vaulted ceilings. The bible readings were appropriate, and beautifully enunciated.

The message included quotes from the Queen, and was as personal as it was possible to be, in the midst of so much pomp and pageantry.

2,000 people attended the service at Westminster Abbey. No doubt there was a mix of agnostics, atheists, people of other faiths, and committed Christians. Royalty, and heads of government throughout the world were there too.

God was there, present in it all, and through it all. It would be easy to overlook that, with so much attention paid to some of the dignitaries.

Let's choose not to overlook the presence of God in our (much smaller) worship services, and in our everyday lives.

Blessing from Meg

### Other Lectionary Reading for this week:



Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

A physician once said,  
"The best medicine for humans is love."

Someone asked,  
"What if it doesn't work?"

He smiled and said,  
"Increase the dose."



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



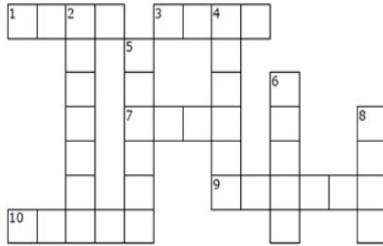
### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for the many people who have worshipped in the City Church over the past 150 years.
- We pray for people suffering from the effects of hay-fever, colds, 'flu and Covid19.
- We continue to pray for those grieving Queen Elizabeth II.
- We pray for children beginning their school holidays.
- Thank-you, Lord, for the wonder of spring.

## The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

1. Having a lot of money or valuable possessions
3. To tell someone of possible danger or harm
7. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit
9. The fleshy part in the mouth that is used in tasting
10. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid essential for most plant and animal life

#### DOWN

2. To soothe someone in a time of pain or suffering
4. To change your behavior because you are sorry for what you have done
5. A poor person who lives by asking others for money or food
6. Extreme physical or mental pain or suffering
8. Stopped living

### CHURCH SERVICES

2 October 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

2 October 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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

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



26 September ~ **Carol Thompson**

29 September ~ **Athol Whitten**



### 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 16:19-31 (NLT)

#### Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury.

<sup>20</sup> At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores.

<sup>21</sup> As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

<sup>22</sup> "Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

<sup>24</sup> "The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.'

<sup>25</sup> "But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish.

<sup>26</sup> And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.'

<sup>27</sup> "Then the rich man said, 'Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home.

<sup>28</sup> For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don't end up in this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup> "But Abraham said, 'Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.'

<sup>30</sup> "The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.'

<sup>31</sup> "But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"



**Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville**

**Open 9:30 to 1:00pm, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.**

**SPRING - Plants for sale during September.**