



Peel Valley Congregation

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23 October 2022

Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)

Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:

¹⁰ "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!

¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.'

¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



Baptism of **Billie Mae Collett**

We welcome

the Collett and Redgwell families.

Baptism Prayer

Father, take this little child into your loving arms,

Cover, protect and guide her from all harm.

Fill her days with love and joy, nurture all she is,

Help her to learn and grow, to feel loved and set apart.

Speak of truth and light, so that her soul can sing,

A cry of praise, a song of joy, and a love for peaceful things.

Take the little hands dear God and bless them as we pray,

Let a beautiful love story begin on this her baptism day.

~ www.lords-prayer-words.com

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:



Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION AGM

11:00am, 30th October at West Tamworth Church

CHURCH SERVICES

Combined Peel Valley Congregation Service

30 October 11 am **West**

Informal service led by Sue Budden.

Cuppa, fellowship and AGM.



"When you do something beautiful and nobody noticed, do not be sad. For the sun every morning is a beautiful spectacle and yet most of the audience still sleeps."
-John Lennon



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville
Open 9:30 to 1:00pm, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

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

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



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for the Collett family.
- We pray for Glenda's brother Herb, and for the Whitten family as they face up to his loss.
- We pray for the many people affecting by floodwaters and heavy rain.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine as they face a winter with disrupted power and water supplies, and damaged homes.
- We are thankful for the beautiful roses which are flowering at the moment.



"Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, **least costly, and most underrated agent of human change.**" ~ Bob Kerrey

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL (Australian version)

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful -
the Lord God made them all.

- 1 The wildflowers in their beauty,
the mountain ranges tall,
the billabongs and rivers,
and friendly birds that call, [Refrain]
- 2 The cold wind in the winter,
the bright, life-giving sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden -
he made them every one. [Refrain]
- 3 The coloured walls of gorges,
the gum trees green and tall,
the rocks, and pools, and palm trees,
the sparkling waterfall, [Refrain]
- 4 The many-coloured corals,
the creatures of the sea,
of bushland, field or desert,
on farms, or roaming free, [Refrain]
- 5 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty
who has made all things well. [Refrain]



~ together in song

Simplifying what's around you, will help you simplify what's within you. ~ anon

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."

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

Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



Meg's Musings



This week we packed the Operation Christmas Child boxes. It was good to be able to do something for children who have so very little.

The children who receive these boxes live in a very different situation to many Australian children.

I live near Calrossy, and some of the senior students drive themselves to school each day, and park near our house.

One regularly drives a newish Mercedes to school. Others have dual-cab utes.

There are very few steps which we can take to ensure that everyone is given equal opportunities in life.

One thing we can do is to pray about it, asking God for insight and guidance.

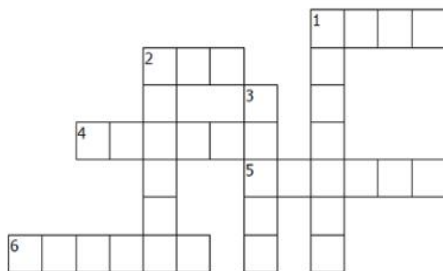
The other thing we can do is to care for, and about, other people.

Blessing from Meg

The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

Based on Luke 18:9-14



ACROSS

1. To speak to God
2. Money paid to support the government
4. Modest, not proud
5. Someone who steals from someone
6. A person who breaks God's law

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to teach his followers
2. A place of worship
3. Showing great kindness and forgiveness

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