



Peel Valley Congregation

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Christmas Bowl

Founded by Rev Frank Byatt in 1949, The Christmas Bowl has

brought together committed Australian Christians with dedicated local partners around the world, to give hope to people uprooted by conflict and disaster.

When Rev Byatt sat down to his Christmas dinner all those years ago, millions of people were starving in war-ravaged Europe.

He was compelled to offer help.

He put a Bowl of Remembrance on his Christmas dinner table and asked his loved ones to place a gift in it to *'share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands'*.

Frank couldn't have foreseen how his simple act of compassion that evening would grow into the Christmas Bowl tradition now celebrated in thousands of churches across Australia.

And he couldn't have known how much it would be needed in our world today.


One tree can start a forest;
One bird can herald spring,
One smile can begin a friendship,
One hand can lift a soul,
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal,
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam can light a room,
One candle can wipe out darkness,
One laugh can conquer gloom,
One hope can raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care,
One life can make the difference.

Be that one today



Psalm 98 (NIV)

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done wonderful deeds.
His right hand has won a mighty victory;
his holy arm has shown his saving power!
- ² The LORD has announced his victory
and has revealed his righteousness to every
nation!
- ³ He has remembered his promise to love and
be faithful to Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen the victory
of our God.
- ⁴ Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!
- ⁵ Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song,
- ⁶ with trumpets and the sound of the ram's
horn.
Make a joyful symphony before the LORD,
the King!
- ⁷ Let the sea and everything in it shout his
praise!
Let the earth and all living things join in.
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy
- ⁹ before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with fairness.

 **Other Lectionary Reading for this week:**
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12

CHURCH SERVICES

20 November 9.30 am West ~ Meg Mangan
20 November 11 am West ~ Meg Mangan



1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ **West**
4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ **Hallsville**



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


Sue Budden Daryl Lush



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Phyll Bylund. Her hearing is continuing to deteriorate. 
- We pray for the millions of people of Ukraine who are far from home.
- We pray for everyone impacted by floods.
- We give thanks for the beauty in this relatively damp, cool season.
- We pray for people grieving at the moment.



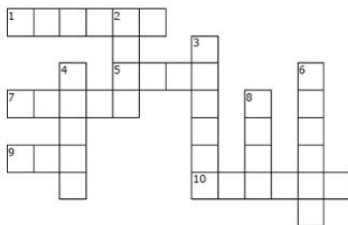
Meg's Musings

In our garden we have 100's of Gazanias. They are all different colours, and have different makings and patterns on them. Yet they all originated from one single plant. Many years ago we bought a plant - I can't remember what - at the Botanic Gardens in Tamworth. The Gazania also growing in the pot was a bonus. Over the years - quite slowly at first - they spread, and inhabited larger sections of our garden. It took several years before they changed from the cream-coloured original. Now we have yellows, oranges, pinks, and red and yellow stripes. Our faith also grows in diverse and wonderful ways. For each of us, it is based on God our Father, Jesus his son, and the Holy Spirit. We all develop a slightly different faith, and different perspectives. But we still share a Christian faith. It is important that we notice our similarities, as well as our differences.

Blessing from Meg

Signs of the End of the Age

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2
This puzzle is based on Luke 21:5-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
5. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
7. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple
9. Fighting between two or more countries
10. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government

DOWN

2. The period between birth and death
3. A building where people are kept as a punishment
4. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen
6. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
8. Something that is given without compensation

Luke 21:5-19 (NIV)

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said,

⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.

⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.

¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me.

¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.

¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.

¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me.

¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.

¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

"A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others"

~ Kotaku Wamura.



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