



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Luke 1:68-79 (NLT)

<sup>68</sup> "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people.  
<sup>69</sup> He has sent us a mighty Saviour from the royal line of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago.  
<sup>71</sup> Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us.  
<sup>72</sup> He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant—the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham.  
<sup>74</sup> We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.  
<sup>76</sup> "And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord.  
<sup>77</sup> You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins.  
<sup>78</sup> Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

Knowledge talks, wisdom listens. ~ Jimi Hendrix

## CHURCH SERVICES

27 November 11am **West** ~ Sue Budden



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

4<sup>th</sup> 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."

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**Elders:** Margaret Crowell      Ross Davidson

Sue Budden                      Daryl Lush

## Colossians 1:11-20 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, <sup>12</sup> always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, <sup>14</sup> who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

### Christ Is Supreme

<sup>15</sup> Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

<sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

<sup>18</sup> Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body.

He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.


So he is first in everything.

<sup>19</sup> For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,  
<sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth

by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

 **Other Lectionary Reading for this week:**  
 Jeremiah 23:1-6

 Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!  
 ~anon

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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray
- We pray for those attending the climate talks in Egypt - that the resolutions proposed may be acceptable to all.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine who face a winter of food and power shortages.
- We give thanks that Shirley Whitten's health is continuing to improve, and pray that her pain levels will decrease.
- We pray for the future of the Uniting Church in Tamworth.



### Meg's Musings

When I looked out our window on Tuesday morning, I realised that a couple of branches were hanging at unusual angles. The storms of Monday night had caused the branches to partly break off. Until then, the tree had looked healthy. Obviously there has been some rot building up inside the tree, and the storm showed up the weaknesses. Our relationship with God can hold up a mirror to ourselves, and can show us our weaknesses. When we are in a good relationship with God, he is able to point out our flaws and weaknesses, and he can help us to work at resolving them - before they cause harm to ourselves, or to other people. Jesus told us that he had come to earth to bring us "life, in all it's fullness". (John 10 : 10) I pray that each of us is able to allow God to help us towards wholeness, and to deal with our flaws and weaknesses.

**Blessing from Meg**

**I'M TOO BLESSED  
TO BE STRESSED,  
TOO GRATEFUL  
TO BE HATEFUL.**

When life get's you down,  
you've gotta..

LOVE a little deeper,  
LAUGH a little louder,  
SMILE a little bigger,  
GIVE a little more,  
FORGIVE a little quicker,  
HOLD the ones you love  
a little tighter.

Because tomorrow  
is never promised.



### Luke 23:33-43 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

<sup>35</sup> The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.

<sup>37</sup> They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

<sup>38</sup> A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?"

<sup>41</sup> We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong."

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

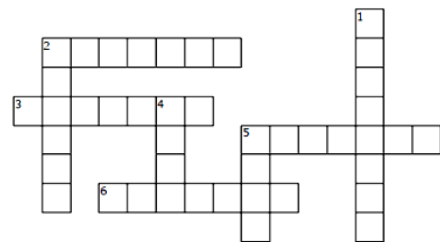
<sup>43</sup> And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)



CHRIST THE KING



#### ACROSS

2. Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
3. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
5. A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
6. To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done

#### DOWN

1. Someone who commits a crime
2. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
4. The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
5. To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue



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