



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Micah 6:1-8 (NIV)

**6** Listen to what the LORD says:  
 “ Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;  
 let the hills hear what you have to say.  
**2** “Hear, you mountains, the LORD’s accusation;  
 listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.  
 For the LORD has a case against his people;  
 he is lodging a charge against Israel.  
**3** “My people, what have I done to you?  
 How have I burdened you? Answer me.  
**4** I brought you up out of Egypt  
 and redeemed you from the land of slavery.  
 I sent Moses to lead you,  
 also Aaron and Miriam.  
**5** My people, remember  
 what Balak king of Moab plotted  
 and what Balaam son of Beor answered.  
 Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,  
 that you may know the righteous acts of  
 the LORD.”  
**6** With what shall I come before the LORD  
 and bow down before the exalted God?  
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
 with calves a year old?  
**7** Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of  
 rams,  
 with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?  
 Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,  
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
**8** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
 And what does the LORD require of you?  
 To act justly and to love mercy  
 and to walk humbly with your God.

## Once upon a Time...

When Window was a Square Hole in a Room &  
 Application was Something Written on a Piece  
 of Paper,  
 When Keyboard was a Piano & Mouse just an  
 Animal, When File was an Important Office  
 Material & Hard Drive just an Uncomfortable  
 Road Trip, When Cut was done with Knife &  
 Paste with Glue,  
 When Web was Spider's Home & Virus was Flu,  
 & When Apple & Blackberry were just  
 Fruits... That's when,  
 We had a lot of Time for Family & Friends

## Psalms 15 (NIV)

**1** LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
 Who may live on your holy mountain?  
**2** The one whose walk is blameless,  
 who does what is righteous,  
 who speaks the truth from their heart;  
**3** whose tongue utters no slander,  
 who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
 and casts no slur on others;  
**4** who despises a vile person  
 but honours those who fear the LORD;  
 who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
 and does not change their mind;  
**5** who lends money to the poor without  
 interest;  
 who does not accept a bribe against the  
 innocent.  
 Whoever does these things  
 will never be shaken.

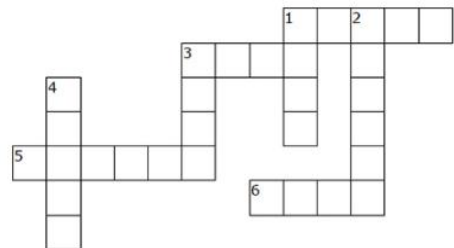
## Other Lectionary Reading for this week: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31



## The Beatitudes

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and  
 falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”  
 Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



### ACROSS

- To show great kindness toward others
- To be without any faults; without sin
- A need for food
- To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

### DOWN

- To be humble in spirit or manner
- A payment received in return for doing good deeds
- Having little money or few possessions
- To feel sadness


This above all: to thine own self be true,  
 And it must follow, as the night the day,  
 Thou canst not then be false to any man.

~ Hamlet, Shakespeare

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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Evelyn's niece Hilary, who is in hospital.
- We pray for Tina, Beth's daughter, who is in hospital.
- We give thanks for the safe arrival of Avery Anne, a great-grand-daughter for Beth and Peter.
- We pray for those people suffering from Covid at the moment - and also for many others who are impacted by it. 
- Ukraine has been under attack for eleven months, and we pray for its citizens, and the huge impact this has had.
- We pray for those Australians still faced with flood damage.



### Meg's Musings

This coming week, children will be returning to school.

Some will be beginning their school years, and some children will be beginning at a new school. Will their friends be in the same class, will they like their teachers, will the work be easy or hard? So many questions fill their minds as the holidays draw to a close. The answer to so many of those questions lie within a much simpler question, "Will people be kind to me?" Each child, and each person on the planet, needs kindness. If everyone chose to live by the simple directive of Jesus, "Love one another", the questions and fears of most people would disappear forever. Let's see if we can begin a "kindness revolution" within our community - who knows where it might spread?  
Blessing from Meg

**NEVER GET TIRED OF DOING LITTLE THINGS FOR OTHERS. SOMETIMES THOSE LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY THE BIGGEST PART OF THEIR HEARTS.**



### Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

#### Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

**5** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

#### The Beatitudes

He said:

- <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



May your right hand always  
Be stretched out in friendship  
And never in want.

~ Irish Blessing

Your life is your message. ~ Gandhi



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

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### CHURCH SERVICES

5 February 11am **West** ~ I't a surprise



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



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