



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Psalm 32 (NIV)

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
- ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
- ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
- ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.
- ¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (NIV)

- ¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
- ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;
- ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

The Fall

- ³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
- ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"
- ⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.
- ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
- ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

CHURCH SERVICES

- 5 March 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
- 5 March 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Romans 5:12-19




4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Evelyn and Tony at this sad and difficult time for them.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine, a year into the invasion of their homeland.
- We give thanks for the way in which Fabulous Finds offers hospitality to everyone. 
- We continue to pray for Glenda Whitten.
- We give thanks, and pray for, the families of each of our members.



Meg's Musings

This week we marked Pancake Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent.

In the past Pancake Tuesday marked a time when people used up all of their richer foods. If nothing like that was in the house, it was easier to stick to a "no frills" Lenten diet. Today some people still choose to give up particular foods for Lent.

Other people choose to limit other activities which they enjoy. Some people choose to read their Bibles more.

I can remember many children at school giving up lollies, and being quite cross about it. No one gained from that experience!

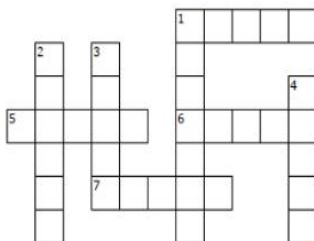
No matter how we choose to mark the season of Lent, it needs to be something which honours our relationship with God. Anything else is pointless.

Blessing from Meg

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Uniting Churches in Tamworth

LENT and EASTER - Combined Services

Maundy Thursday 6 April – Tamworth Southside

7pm ~ Rev S Hansford

Good Friday 7 April – Tamworth City

9am ~ Rev S Hansford

Easter Sunday - Tamworth Southside

9.30am ~ Rev S Hansford

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

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