



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Psalm 95 (NIV)

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our
salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
- ⁸ "Do not harden your hearts as you did at
Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the
wilderness,
⁹ where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what
I did.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with that
generation;
I said, 'They are a people whose hearts
go astray,
and they have not known my ways.'
¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger,
'They shall never enter my rest.'"

Romans 5:1-11 (NIV)

- ⁵ Therefore, since we have been
justified through faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom
we have gained access by faith into this grace
in which we now stand. And we boast in the
hope of the glory of God.
- ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our
sufferings, because we know that suffering
produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance,
character; and character, hope.
- ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because
God's love has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to
us.
- ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were
still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
- ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous
person, though for a good person someone
might possibly dare to die.
- ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in
this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for
us.
- ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his
blood, how much more shall we be saved from
God's wrath through him!
- ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we
were reconciled to him through the death of his
Son, how much more, having been reconciled,
shall we be saved through his life!
- ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom
we have now received reconciliation.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

John 4:5-42



CHURCH SERVICES

- 19 March 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
19 March 11am **West** ~ Sue Budden



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Open 9:30 to 1:00pm
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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

"Anger is the punishment we give ourselves
for someone else's mistake."

~ Gautama Buddha

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Glenda Whitten.
- We give thanks for a visit from John Nowland at West Tamworth Church last Sunday. It was wonderful to experience his joyful enthusiasm once again.
- Our prayer support continues for the people of Ukraine.
- We also continue to pray for people throughout the world impacted by flooding, earthquakes and other natural disasters.



Meg's Musings

During the week of flock of seven peacocks and peahens paid a visit to our street. I think that they are roaming further afield than usual, seeking some greenery. At first they wandered around, picking at various tidbits. On our verandah they took a fancy to some native violets, and the snow peas. I think that anything green was acceptable to them. They took their time investigating everything. Then a neighbours dog gave chase. Two of the peacocks took flight, landing on the roof of a nearby home. I was amazed. For such a large bird, they were able to take off extremely quickly, and reach quite a height. I had never seen a peacock fly before! God, through the wonders of nature, has the ability to surprise and to delight us. Are we also open to God's surprises in other aspects of our lives?

Blessing from Meg



"WHAT DOES AMEN MEAN?" "IT MEANS OVER AND OUT."

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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Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

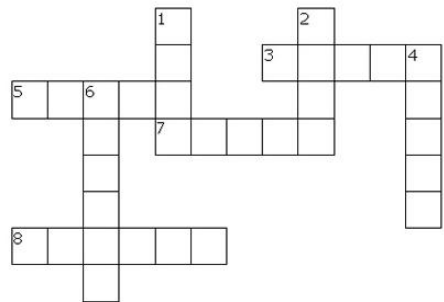
Water From the Rock

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" ⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Water from a Rock

"Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. Exodus 17:6

Based on Exodus 17:1-7



ACROSS

- The Hebrew prophet who led the Israelites out of Egypt
- A fluid necessary for the life of most animals and plants
- To take water or other liquid into the mouth and swallow it
- A dry area of land with little or no vegetation

DOWN

- Another name that refers God
- A stone
- A strong rod or stick sometimes used as an aid in walking
- A strong desire for something to drink

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