



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Ezekiel 37: 1 -14 (NLT)

A Valley of Dry Bones

37 The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones.

² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out.

³ Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?" "O Sovereign LORD," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD!'"

⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again!

⁶ I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons.

⁸ Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.'"

¹⁰ So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

Continued....

Ezekiel 37: 1 -14 (NLT)

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, 'We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.'

¹² Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel.'

¹³ When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the LORD.

¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the LORD has spoken!"

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45



CHURCH SERVICES

2 April 11am **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan
Baptism

All other services in the parish for that day will be cancelled.

If you would like a lift to Hallsville, please contact Meg.

We won't be holding our usual 1st Sunday of the month lunch on that day.



7 April: It has been decided that Peel Valley won't be holding a Good Friday service this year.

Rev Simon Hansford will be conducting a Good Friday service at City Church at 9:00am, and a Maundy Thursday service at Southside at 7:00pm.

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

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Doug has come through surgery well, and pray for continuing healing for him.
- We pray for Evelyn's niece Hilary, and for all of her family members.
- We pray for Beth as she consults a range of specialists.
- UKRAINE: We pray for support for the families impacted by crimes against humanity.
- We pray for wisdom as NSW politicians negotiate to form a new government.



Meg's Musings

After a very dry summer, most of our garden is looking decidedly dry and bedraggled.

However, a few things are blooming beautifully, in response to the rain which fell early last week.

There is a patch of vivid red lilies; they look glorious!

In another, less shaded spot, there are a few yellow lilies, doing their best to make a show.

Crocuses have also come into bloom.

Like the dry bones in the reading from Ezekiel, they are making the most of the opportunity given to them to surge back into life.

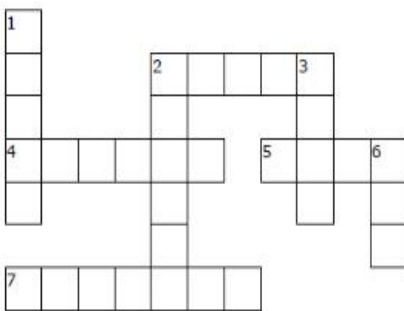
God constantly renews both people and nature. May we be open to his healing, renewing touch.

Blessing from Meg

Dry Bones

I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 37:6

Based on Ezekiel 37:1-14



ACROSS

- 2. The hard pieces that form the skeleton of a human or animal.
- 4. An area of low land between hills or mountains.
- 5. The movement of outside air
- 7. A person who speaks for God

DOWN

- 1. To have life; not dead
- 2. The air that you take into and let out of your lungs
- 3. The outside covering of our bodies
- 6. Without any water or liquid

'Dry Bones'

Ezekiel cried, "Dem dry bones!"
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 "Oh, hear the word of the Lord."

The foot bone connected to the leg bone,
 The leg bone connected to the knee bone,
 The knee bone connected to the thigh bone,
 The thigh bone connected to the back bone,
 The back bone connected to the neck bone,
 The neck bone connected to the head bone,
 Oh, hear the word of the Lord!

Dem bones, dem bones gonna walk aroun'
 Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun'
 Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun'
 Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

The head bone connected to the neck bone,
 The neck bone connected to the back bone,
 The back bone connected to the thigh bone,
 The thigh bone connected to the knee bone,
 The knee bone connected to the leg bone,
 The leg bone connected to the foot bone,
 Oh, hear the word of the Lord! ~ Folk Song



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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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