



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Matthew 19:13-15 (NLT)

Jesus Blesses the Children

¹³ One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

¹⁴ But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

¹⁵ And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

April 2: Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 31:9-16

Matthew 27:11-54

April 3: Isaiah 42:1-9

Hebrews 9:11-15

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Psalm 36:5-11

John 12:1-11



CHURCH SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

9 April 11am **West** ~ Evelyn Keane/
Fay Monkton



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



Matthew 21:1-11 (NLT)

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

²¹ As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.

² "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me.

³ If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."

⁴ This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

⁵ "Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.'"

⁶ The two disciples did as Jesus commanded.

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

Praise God in highest heaven!"

¹⁰ The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked.

¹¹ And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We surround Ula and Bill Lightfoot with our prayers. Mere was a much-loved daughter, friend and servant of God.
- We give thanks for Falynn Fishenden, and for her family. 
- We thank God for the rain which has fallen during the past week.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine - those people still living there, and those who have fled to safety in other countries.
- We pray that the people of NSW will be well-governed by the incoming parliament.
- We continue to pray for Beth as she receives treatment.

Meg's Musings

 When I was a teenager, there was a popular song, "Some days are diamonds, Some days are stone". That is true for each of us. The "diamond" days are ones which we enjoy immensely, and the days of "stone" are the ones which we just keep plodding through. The "diamond" days are the ones we look back on gratefully, and we remember the people who helped to make it so special. I've had some "stone" days this week. The reasons why they have been so challenging have been different each day. One thing has helped me through. I know that I'm not facing the difficulties on my own. I also know that I'm not depending just on my own strength. Whether days are "diamonds", "stones", or somewhere in between, I know that God is walking beside me - sharing the experience, and ready to support me with His strength. God is there for each and every one of us.

Blessing from Meg

 Life is like that. Some days are diamonds and some days are stone. ~ Jann Arden

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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."
 Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0476 375 989** 
 Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson
 Sue Budden Daryl Lush

JEWELS

1 When He cometh, when He com
 To make up His jewels,
 All His jewels, precious jewels,
 His loved and His own:



Refrain:
 Like the stars of the morning,
 His bright crown adorning,
 They shall shine in their beauty,
 Bright gems for His crown.

2 He will gather, He will gather
 The gems for His kingdom;
 All the pure ones, all the bright ones,
 His loved and His own.

[Refrain]

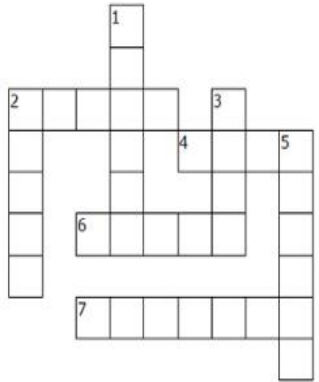
3 Little children, little children,
 Who love their Redeemer,
 Are the jewels, precious jewels,
 His loved and His own.

[Refrain]

~ William Cushing (1856)

The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)
 Based on Matthew 21:1-11



ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears