

# Peel Valley Congregation Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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#### Acts 10:34-43 (NLT)

#### The Gentiles Hear the Good News

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favouritism.

<sup>35</sup> In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.

<sup>36</sup> This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism.

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> "And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross,

<sup>40</sup> but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear.

41 not to the general public, but, to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name."

#### Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Psalm 118:1-2,

Collations 3:1-4

John 20:1-18 Acts 10:34-43 Jeremiah 31:1-6 14-24

#### CHURCH SERVICES

16 April 8.30 am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

16 April 11am West ~ Meg Mangan

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



### Matthew 28: 1-10 (NLT)

#### The Resurrection

**28** Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.

<sup>3</sup> His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.

<sup>4</sup> The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

<sup>5</sup> Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

<sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.

<sup>7</sup> And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message.

<sup>9</sup> And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him.

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." "The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created spring." "Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life." "For I remember it is Easter Morn and life and love and peace are all new born." ~ Bernard Williams



#### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth and her family. Beth is continuing to receive medical treatment at the Gold Coast.
- We give thanks that Doug was well enough to go down to the Sydney Show to to oversee the chaff.
- We pray for safe travel for Doug and Marg over the next month.
- We pray for Ula and Bill Lightfoot as they come to terms with the loss of their daughter Mere.
- We pray for Fay's friend Carol, whose health is deteriorating.
- We continue to pray for Glenda.

"May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.



And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide."

~ unknown



"I can't get this last branch in the right place," huffed Tiny Dragon.

Big Panda chewed his bamboo thoughtfully. "It's the imperfections that make it perfect."

#### 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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Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Sue Budden Daryl Lush



#### **Meg's Musings**

Easter is marked within our community, and our country, in many different ways.

For children, it is the beginning of the school holidays. There is also the excitement of Easter Hat Parades, and receiving chocolate eggs and rabbits.

For some people, it is the ideal opportunity to go camping - 4 days away from work, and the weather is usually pleasant.

It has traditionally been a time for weddings, and family functions.

But over-riding it all is the true meaning and purpose of Easter - to mark the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

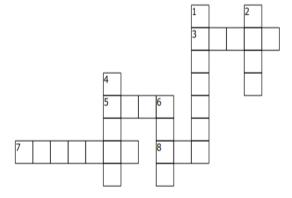
It is so much more than "a long weekend". It is the basis of our faith!

Blessing from Meg

## An Easter Surprise

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:5-6





#### **ACROSS**

- 3. "He is not here, he has ...
- A place where someone, especially an important person, is buried
- 7. The first or early part of a day
- 8. A period of twenty-four hours

#### DOWN

- To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
- 2. A period of seven days
- A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
- 6. The whole physical structure that forms a person



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