



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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John 10:1-10 (NLT)

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

10 "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber!

² But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.



³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴ After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.

⁵ They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

⁶ Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, ⁷ so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them.

⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.

¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

When I look back on my life, I see pain, mistakes, and heartache. When I look in the mirror, I see strength, learned lessons, and pride in myself. ~ Unknown

Church Council Meeting

7th May ~ after the West Tamworth service.

CHURCH SERVICES

7 May 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ **Hallsville**



Psalms 23 (NLT)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

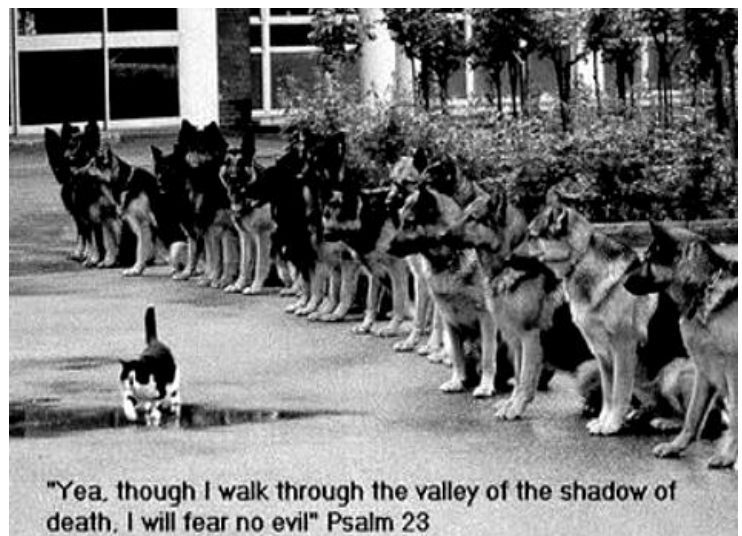
³ He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil.

My cup overflows with blessings.

⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25



Assurance is the fruit that grows out of the root of faith. ~ *Stephen Charnock*

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



Meg's Musings

We've had a run of visitors over the past fortnight. It seems as though people are trying to squeeze in a visit to Tamworth before it gets too cold.

Of course, compared to Armidale or Canberra, Tamworth doesn't get cold!



But everything is relative and if you live on the coast and don't experience frosts, then Tamworth can seem cold during the winter months.

Sometimes each of us experiences fear, doubt, and feelings of alone-ness. That, too, is relative, because we have God to call on in such moments.

It may not change the problems we are facing, but it can help us to realise that we don't face anything all by ourselves.

God is there for us. Psalm 23 has given that reassurance to people over the centuries.

Although people may have changed over time, God remains as available to us as he has always been. He is there for us, no matter what.

Blessings from Meg

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still. ~ DA Thrupp

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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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IN OUR PRAYERS

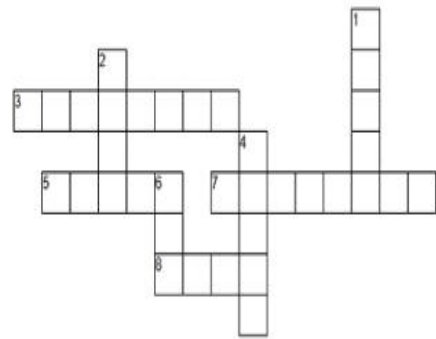
- We pray for our members who have had colds recently, and hope that they recover quickly.
- We give thanks that Nance Matthews is doing well, and pray that she will be home again soon.
- We pray for those people trapped by war in Sudan, for the the injured, and for the families of those people killed in the fighting.
- We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

The Shepherd's Voice

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:4 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

- Someone not known or not familiar
- A farm animal with thick curly wool
- A person who takes care of sheep
- The word or words by which a person or thing is known

DOWN

- The sound made when people speak or sing
- An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
- Someone who steals
- A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept

"Some people...no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty. They merely move it, from their faces into their hearts." ~ Martin Buxbaum



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

"Our **Biggest Morning Tea** will be held on **Friday 5th May** at Fabulous Finds, from **10:00 to 12:00am.**



Please come, and invite your friends."