



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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John 17:1-11, 23-24 (NLT)

The Prayer of Jesus

17 After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you.

2 For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him.

3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

4 I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

5 Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

6 "I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

7 Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, **8** for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

9 "My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.

10 All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory.

11 Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.

23 I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

24 Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

Acts 1:6-14 (NIV)

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

CHURCH SERVICES

28 May 11am **West** ~ Meg Managan



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



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the Davidson family as they mourn the loss of Ross. We also pray for his many, many friends.
- We continue to pray for Nance Matthews, who is still in hospital in Sydney.
- Our prayers continue for the Littlejohns family.
- We pray for Judy Lennon, still in Inverell with her daughter recovering from a lung infection.
- We give thanks that Rev. Geoff Flynn has indicated that he will accept a call to ministry in Tamworth.
- We pray for Beulah Fenwick who has Covid this week.



The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)
Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11



Meg's Musings

Tamworth is looking spectacular as the autumn leaves turn spectacular shades of yellow, orange and red. Some trees are already bare, whilst others are just beginning to change. I enjoy seeing the changes. It's almost as though the trees trust God, and trust the process. The life cycle is continuing, and there is nothing to fear as the leaves change colour, and then drift to the ground. Sometimes we humans fight against change; we fear change itself, and perhaps fear the loss of control which some changes bring. We too, can trust God, and know that he loves us, and always wants what's best for us.



Blessings from Meg



The funeral for Ross Davidson will take place next Wednesday, 24th May at 10:00am at Southside church.

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
 I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
 I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
 Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
 I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
 Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

~ Helen Lowrie Marshall



Our Biggest Morning Tea on 5th May raised \$700.00 for the Cancer Council. Well done, everyone!

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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 Daryl Lush

NOTICE: A congregational / church council meeting will be held on **4th June** during our service at West.

It is part of the process of calling Rev. Geoff Flynn to Tamworth

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