



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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**Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NIV)**

## The Calling of Matthew

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

<sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

<sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

## Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.

<sup>21</sup> She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said,

"Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

<sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

<sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.

**Romans 4:13-25 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless,

<sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

<sup>17</sup> As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

<sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

<sup>23</sup> The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

<sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

## Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 12:1-9



18 June 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

18 June 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Nance Matthews is finally out of hospital. She is in Young with her sister and niece.
- Our prayers are with Rachel and Roydon, two of Beulah's grandchildren who have health issues at the moment.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine, especially those whose homes were flooded this week.
- We pray that the Presbytery Zoom meeting next Saturday has sufficient attendees to endorse our call to Rev Geoff Flynn.



### Meg's Musings

This week I've had lots of phone contact with family members and friends who live along the coast. Some were saying that they have had lots of rain, and wish that the clouds would go away, and allow the sun to shine. Tamworth has had a month of dry weather, and most of us would enjoy getting some rain. I wondered whether people just want what they don't have. But I think there it is more to it than that. Many people like to maintain a certain balance in their lives - enough sunshine, enough rain, enough warm and cold weather. Following Jesus also allows us to maintain a balance in our lives. Jesus teaches us to love others as we love ourselves. He teaches us to value love, rather than material possessions. Jesus teaching helps us to re-balance our values. Jesus revealed much else too. But, if everyone was open to those teachings, what a different world we would live in!

Blessings from Meg



### Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville



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**Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



### 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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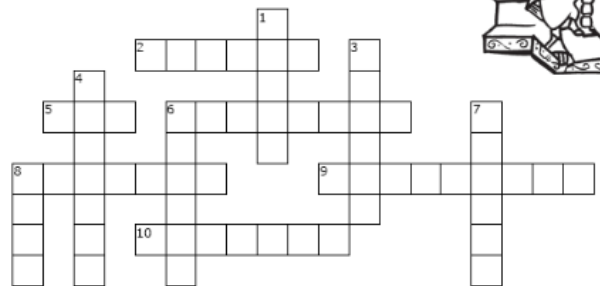


### Psalm 33:1-12 (NIV)

- 1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
- 5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars<sup>[a]</sup>; he puts the deep into storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- 11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

### The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."  
 Matthew 9:13b (NIV)  
 Based on Genesis Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

2. One who refuses to obey God's laws
5. An amount of money paid to the government
6. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
8. The opposite of standing
9. A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
10. Strong and free from illness and disease

#### DOWN

1. Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
3. To walk behind someone
4. The first book of the New Testament
6. The main meal of the day
7. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
8. To be affected with disease or ill health

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