



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Mathew 13: 24-30, 36-43 (NLT) Parable of the Wheat and Weeds

<sup>24</sup> Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field.

<sup>25</sup> But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away.

<sup>26</sup> When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

<sup>27</sup> "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

<sup>28</sup> "An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed.

"Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked.

<sup>29</sup> "No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do.

<sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn."

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## Parable of the Wheat and Weeds Explained

<sup>36</sup> Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, "Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed.

<sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one.

<sup>39</sup> The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.

<sup>40</sup> "Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world.

<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

<sup>42</sup> And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!



## Beulah Fenwick Wednesday 26th July

There will be a morning tea at West Tamworth at 10:00am on Tuesday, 25th July.

The "official" party will be held at Southside on Saturday 29th July at 2:30pm. Peel Valley members are invited to each of these events.

**Other Lectionary Reading for this week:**  
Geneses 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25

**Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville**  
**Open 9:30 to 1:00pm**  
**Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.**



FABULOUS FINDS will be **CLOSED** this week, and will reopen 4th August


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



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Tarni is home from hospital, and is making good progress following spinal surgery.
- We pray for Jan Parker, who is still in hospital in Newcastle. 
- We pray for our members in nursing homes: Phyll Bylund, Noreen Dobbie, Glenda Whitten, Jim and Enid Marston and Heather Blanch.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine. The war seems to have intensified over the past weeks.
- We pray that Evelyn and Tony are enjoying their trip north through Queensland.

### Meg's Musings

Beulah turns 100 this week. That is quite a milestone! We look forward to celebrating this special day with her. More than celebrating her birthday, we are also celebrating who Beulah is. Beulah is joyful, and has a wonderful sense of humour. She is prayerful, compassionate, encouraging and loving. Beulah has overcome all sorts of obstacles, relying on her faith in God to get her through. Beulah does whatever she can for whoever she can, whenever she can. These are traits worth celebrating, and amount to a life worth celebrating.

Blessings from Meg



"Kindness doesn't cost a thing, yet it's the richest gift you can give." ~ Hindi saying

The rich industrialist was horrified to find a fisherman lying comfortably beside his boat, soaking in the warm afternoon sun.

- "Why aren't you out fishing?" asked the industrialist.

- "I've caught enough fish for the day." said the fisherman.

- "Why don't you catch some more?"

- "What would I do with them?"

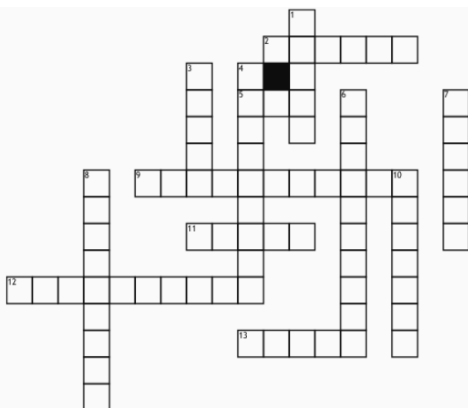
- "You could earn more money. Then you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters to catch more fish. That would bring you money to buy nylon nets, so more fish, more money. Then you could buy another boat and make more money, and then get a fleet of boats to make even more money. Then you would be a rich man like me!"



- "What would I do then?"

- "Then you could sit back and really enjoy life!"

- "What do you think *I'm doing right now?*"  
Timeless s Simplicity - John Lane



#### Across

- 2. The pearl of great price might be what?
- 5. The merchant \_\_\_\_\_ he had to get the pearl.
- 9. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the smallest of all seeds.
- 11. What does the mustard seed represent

- 12. The pearl might represent what?
- 13. Alternate meaning of the pearl

#### Down

- 1. The farmers field represents what?
- 3. This was sown with the wheat in the field

- 4. An alternative meaning for tares.
- 6. Leaven is representative of what?
- 7. The full tree represents \_\_\_\_\_ faith
- 8. An alternative meaning for "Leaven"
- 10. Tares (habits) roots entangle the wheat roots and can \_\_\_\_\_ the wheat.


#### Word Bank

Tares	World	bad habits	Gospel	All
scriptures	truth	mustard seed	Faith	mighty
destroy	True church	Testimony		



Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. ~ unknown

### CHURCH SERVICES

30 July 11am **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan 

We will be hosting City Church and Southside Church.

Southside Men's Choir will be singing during the service.

We will be providing lunch after this service.

### 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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