## Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville \& West Tamworth

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Romans 10:5-15 (NIV)
${ }^{5}$ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."
${ }^{6}$ But the righteousness that is by faith says:
"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or "Who will descend into the deep?"" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
${ }^{8}$ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:
${ }^{9}$ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ${ }^{10}$ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ${ }^{11}$ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."
${ }^{12}$ For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile-the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ${ }^{13}$ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
${ }^{14}$ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
${ }^{15}$ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (NIV)
${ }^{1}$ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
${ }^{2}$ Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
${ }^{3}$ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
${ }^{4}$ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.
${ }^{5}$ Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,
${ }^{6}$ you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.
${ }^{16} \mathrm{He}$ called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food;
${ }^{17}$ and he sent a man before themJoseph, sold as a slave.
${ }^{18}$ They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons,
${ }^{19}$ till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the LORD proved him true.
${ }^{20}$ The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free.
${ }^{21}$ He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed,
22 to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.
${ }^{45 b}$ Praise the LORD.

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

> Jan Parker is now out of hospital. She still needs lots of rehab - and lots of prayer.
$>$ We also pray for Alan, who is caring for Jan.
$>$ We give thanks for the winter sunshine we are enjoying.
$>$ We pray for absent friends.
$>$ We pray for Tamworths' nursing home residents those we know, and those we don't.
$>$ We pray for wisdom for world leaders at this time when so many problems are affecting our peace, stability and future.

## Meg's Musings

Yesterday I went for a walk in the sunshine, and admired the gardens I passed.
The jonquils are looking amazing and the japonica is vibrant. There were a few beautiful irises.
But it was the magnolias which captured by attention, although most blooms are haven't unfurled yet.
Many of them look like brand new lipsticks - a deep purplish-pink hue, promising beauty and wonder. God never stops seeing us, his children, as also embodying beauty and wonder.
We usually don't see ourselves that way, but it is comforting to know that God can see the perfect, as well as the less-than-perfect aspects of each one of us.

> Blessings from Meg

## Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 37:1-4.12-28

## CHURCH SERVICES

20 August 8.30am Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan
20 August 11am West ~Meg Mangan

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## 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." Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0476375989
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## Mathew 14:22-33 (NIV)

## Jesus Walks on the Water

${ }^{22}$ Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.
${ }^{23}$ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ${ }^{24}$ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
${ }^{25}$ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.
${ }^{26}$ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.
${ }^{27}$ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
29 "Come," he said.
Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.
${ }^{30}$ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"
${ }^{31}$ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"
${ }^{32}$ And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.
${ }^{33}$ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

2. The natural movement of air
5. To travel along on your feet
6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
8. A small vessel for travel on water
9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger

DOWN

1. To go downward in water
2. A lack of confidence or belief in God
3. A firm belief in God
4. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
5. To rescue someone
