



Peel Valley Congregation

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THE FOUR TREES



Once upon a time four trees started to grow on top of a small hill.

Three of the trees are very selfish, arrogant and proud trees always boasting how big and tall they will become, teasing each other how they will live forever.

The fourth tree is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

As time passes the three proud and selfish trees spend all their days growing as tall and impressive as they can, boasting each and everyday how wonderful they will be. The fourth tree listens but is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

Many years pass and the three trees all look impressive and have grown straight and tall, but they have grown ever more arrogant, selfish and proud, boasting and teasing constantly how they are better than the other and how surely they will now live forever.

The fourth tree isn't the best looking or the tallest but is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

The woodcutter comes along and cuts the three proud, arrogant trees down to the ground. The first tree is made into the City Gates the second tree a Great Warship and the third tree into a Great Place of Worship.continued

Each of the three trees is proud and happy of their new position in society, boasting that they are better than the other and how they really will live forever.

The fourth tree is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

A great army comes to attack, the City Gates are destroyed, the great Warship is sunk in the harbour and the Great Place of Worship burnt to the ground.

Only the fourth tree survives growing on the hill all happy and content, just to be a tree.

The fourth tree knows that it can not live forever. That the day must come when the fourth tree will too pass away, But not before it sets seed. Four little Trees growing on that hill, all Happy and Content, Just To Be a tree! ~Dhamma Tapasa

Moral of Story:

Impermanence is the nature of everything, when we truly know the impermanence in ourselves and others we understand how precious each and every moment is. All that matters in life is to live each moment truly happy and content just to be.

Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville



Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We are packing gifts for children.

The boxes will be packed at the end of October, so they can be sent to Sydney by 5th November.

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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Elders: Margaret Crowell Daryl Lush



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



Mathew 22:1-14 (NLT)

Parable of the Great Feast

22 Jesus also told them other parables. He said,

² "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son.

³ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come!

⁴ "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!'

⁵ But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business.

⁶ Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.

⁷ "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town.

⁸ And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor.

⁹ Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.'

¹⁰ So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding.

¹² 'Friend,' he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' But the man had no reply.

¹³ Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 32:1-Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

CHURCH SERVICES

22 October 11 am West Tamworth

~ Rev Geoff Flynn



IN OUR PRAYERS

- Please keep Mavis Chaffey in your prayers.
- We pray for Hugo - one of Lynne Bowd's grandsons. Hugo will be undergoing surgery on 18th October. It's expected that it will be an extended recovery period. Please pray that things go well for Hugo.
- We uphold the people of Israel, and the Palestinians in our prayers.
- We also pray for the people of Ukraine, and of Russia.
- We thank God for our friends.



Meg's Musings

Our roses have been beautiful; their colour and perfume have been delightful.

Because of a lack of water, and the warm weather, they haven't been lasting very long.

If I want to pick them before they reach full bloom, it's best to do it first thing in the morning.

The beauty of the roses is fleeting. They are there to be enjoyed and appreciated for a very short time.

Many gifts which God sends to us are here for a season, and then gone.

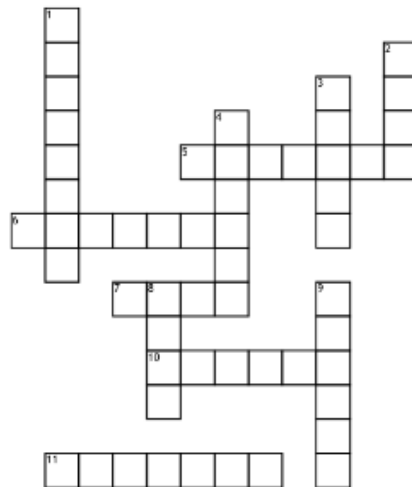
Receiving, and letting go, are each an important part of life.

God is happy when we appreciate his gifts whilst we have them, and give him thanks for them.

Blessings from Meg



Parable of the Banquet



Across

- 5. When a man and woman become husband and wife
- 6. Person who serves another
- 7. Someone who has no money
- 10. A made up reason for not going is called
- 11. Large gathering with lots of food

Down

- 1. Someone who can't use their arms or legs
- 2. A large area of grass that you build a house on
- 3. Someone who can't see
- 4. The boss of a servant
- 8. Large animal that pulls farm equipment
- 9. people invited to the banquet

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