



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Mathew 25:1-13 (NLT)

### Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

**25** "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

**2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

**3** The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, **4** but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.

**5** When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

**6** "At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!'

**7** "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps.

**8** Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'

**9** "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'

**10** "But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked.

**11** Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!'

**12** "But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!'

**13** "So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

## Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-71

Music is probably the only real magic I have encountered in my life. There's not some trick involved with it. It's pure and it's real. It moves, it heals, it communicates and does all these incredible things. ~ Tom Petty

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NLT)

### The Hope of the Resurrection

**13** And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.

**14** For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

**15** We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.

**16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.

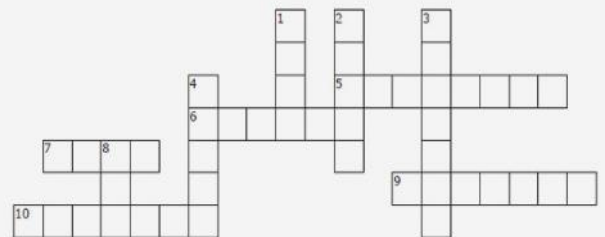
**17** Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

**18** So encourage each other with these words.

## Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- 12 o'clock at night
- Not awake
- A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
- Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
- Someone who does not use good judgment is \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOWN

- Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Devices used to produce light
- A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
- To observe or look at something
- A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Hugo, and his family. Hugo is in hospital with a number of serious medical problems at the moment.
- We pray for families who have concerns about increasing interest payments.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine, and the Middle East.
- Thank you, Lord, for our families.
- We pray for greater wisdom for world leaders.



I heard my mother asking our neighbour for some salt. I asked her why she was asking them as we have salt at home.

She replied: "It's because they are always asking us for things; they're poor. So, I thought I'd ask something small from them so as not burden them, but at the same time make them feel as if we need them too. That way it'll be easier for them to ask us for anything they need from us. ~ Ali al-Jifri

### From Rev Geoff Flynn

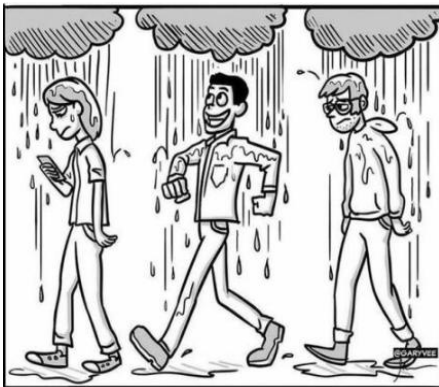
This week I have been thinking a lot about singing. Not because I am a good singer, but because on Friday night a group of people are planning to gather at the Hallsville Uniting Church at 5.30 pm to sing together and share some food. The good news is that it is not a choir practice but rather an invitation for children and adults to have fun using their voices.

Christianity is a singing religion. The bible includes a song book of 150 songs. According to Zephaniah 3:17, God is one day going to sing over us. And we are going to join in singing how valuable God is to us. When it comes to singing as in everything else, it is true that apart from Christ we can do nothing.

Songs however well chosen are dead things with out the breath of the Holy Spirit.

And so it is my prayer, that as we sing old and new songs, folk or gospel tunes, in unison or harmony our singing will be a joyful noise that draws us closer to one another and brings a smile to God's face.

Blessings Rev Geoff



The biggest asset in the world is your mindset.

~ anon

"Patience is not the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting."

~ Joyce Meyer

### CHURCH SERVICES



19 November 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
19 November 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan

### Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.



### Meg's Musings

The topic on everyone's lips over the past ten days or so has been the weather.

People have been looking up at the clouds, wondering whether or not it would rain; if it rains, will it be here, or somewhere else?

After several very dry months, everyone is looking forward to receiving some rain.

The longer we wait, the more welcome the rain will be. If only we could recognise each and every gift we receive as God-given. Our lives could be filled with joy, rather than with grumbles and expectations.

Blessings from Meg



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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."

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



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