



Peel Valley Congregation

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Mathew 25:14-30 (NLT)

Parable of the Three Servants

¹⁴ “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

¹⁵ He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

¹⁶ “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more.

¹⁷ The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more.

¹⁸ But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

¹⁹ “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.

²⁰ The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

²¹ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

²² “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

²³ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’continued

Mathew 25:24-30

²⁴ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate.

²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

²⁶ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, ²⁷ why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

²⁸ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.

²⁹ To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

³⁰ Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (NLT)

⁹ For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us.

¹⁰ Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever.

¹¹ So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123

My goal is really just to have a positive impact on everyone I meet, whether it's a smile, a laugh, or a changed heart. ~ Katherine Hepburn

Every storm runs out of rain

~ Maaya Angelou

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Hugo is out of hospital again, and pray that he continues to improve.
- We thank God for the rain which fell last week.
- We pray for people throughout the Middle East.
- We also pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We pray for those people who we know in nursing homes - especially Phyll Bylund, Glenda Whitten, Heather Blanch, Noreen Dobbie, and Jim Marston.



Meg's Musings

Peter Battle led his last service of worship last Sunday. After 71 years, he is retiring from his role as Lay Preacher.

At times Peter has also been responsible for the Tamworth area preaching plan, and was also the Lay Preacher representative within our Presbytery. Peter has acted with dedication, humility, enthusiasm and understanding.

But the trait which has been outstanding over this time is his faithfulness - faithfulness to God, and to God's people within the Methodist and Uniting Churches.

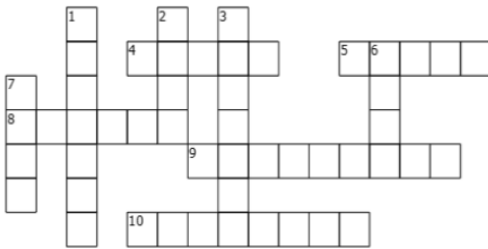
Thank-you Peter.



Blessings from Meg

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18
Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
5. To divide or use something with others
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

My daughter wouldn't hurt a spider
That had nested between her bicycle handles
For two weeks, she waited
Until it left of its own accord
If you tear down the web I said
It will simply know



This isn't a place to call home
And you'd get to go biking
She said that's how others
Become refugees isn't it?

~ Fady Joudah

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

CHURCH SERVICES



26 November 11 am **West** ~ Fay Monckton

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Open 9:30 to 1:00pm
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.



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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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"To love," said the mole

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4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ **Hallsville**



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