



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Mark 1:29-39 (NLT)

Jesus Heals Many People

²⁹ After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home.

³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away.

³¹ So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

³² That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus.

³³ The whole town gathered at the door to watch.

³⁴ So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

³⁵ Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶ Later Simon and the others went out to find him.

³⁷ When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

³⁸ But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came."

³⁹ So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

BEAUTIFUL THINGS

As we hurry along on life's journey today
With the joy and the sorrow it brings,
And never a thought what we pass on the way
Let us look for the beautiful things.

There is music that's free, that will surely
beguile

'Tis the song of the bird as he sings,
And the sun-kissed breeze makes us linger
awhile.

Just to look for the beautiful things.

Let us close our eyes to the faults of a
friend

Drop them deep in oblivion's springs,
As we travel along to life's golden end
We can always find beautiful things.

~ Lucile B. Ballard



CHURCH SERVICES

11 February	11am	West	~Rev Geoff Flynn
14 February	5.30pm	City	~Rev Geoff Flynn
18 February	8.30am	Gowrie	~Meg Mangan
18 February	11am	West	~Meg Mangan
25 February	11am	West	~Graham Barwick

4-WEEK LENTEN STUDY

"With Jesus to Calvary"

*Last Supper, A Rest,
Trial, Crucifixion*

Two sessions:

- Zoom studies commencing Tuesday 27 Feb at 7:30pm
- St Andrew's Room studies commencing Wednesday, 28 February 2pm.

Talk to Geoff if you would like to attend. (0421 338 202)

Join us for Pancakes

on Shrove Tuesday,

13 February at

Tamworth Southside

UC from 10:30am.

Happiness depends upon ourselves. ~ Aristotle

Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



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."

Minister: Rev Geoff Flynn 0421 338 202

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Lynne Bowd, and her family.
- Our prayers for Ukraine, and the Middle East continue.
- We give thanks for fans and air-conditioners.
- We pray for Beth Scorgie.
- We pray for absent friends.

Meg's Musings

The weather over the past several weeks has been unrelentingly hot, with very warm nights. I've been getting up at 3 or 4am, and opening up the windows to allow the cooler air into our home. That helps, but it still feels like the weather is draining our energy. That makes the words of Isaiah 40:31 all the more amazing,

"Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

We can trust God to renew our strength, even in the hottest and most uncomfortable of weather!

Blessings from Meg



Jesus Ministers in Galilee

So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Mark 1:39

Based on Mark 1:29-39



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FEVER	SIMON	HAND	DOOR	ANDREW
SUNSET	VILLAGES	PREACH	BED	DEMONS
JOHN	SYNAGOGUE	PEOPLE	JESUS	HELPED
HEALED	TOWN	EVENING	JAMES	SICK

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c



Words from Rev Geoff

I don't like being sick and it's most likely you don't like being sick either. We don't like the pain and suffering that often comes with sickness, or the fevers and tiredness, or the embarrassment and indignity when our body doesn't work or respond how we want it to.

We also don't like the depressing and despairing emotions and thoughts which often accompany sickness. We don't like feeling of being out of control, or feeling helpless and vulnerable. We don't like the feelings of loneliness and isolation. We don't like being a burden on someone else. We don't like feeling death is threatening to swallow us.

Knowing this, the good news as we discover it in Mark's gospel is that Jesus has power and authority to heal people. The week in Mark 1 :29-38 we hear how Jesus helped Simon Peter's mother-in-law and released her from her burning fever. The healing was so complete and immediate that she got up straight away to help and serve others. But that's not all. Mark goes on to report that as word spreads about the miraculous healing, the "whole city" gathers outside Simon's door, and Jesus "cures many who are sick with various diseases

The question this raises for those of us who are used to consulting an evidence based medical practitioner is this: "What are we supposed to do with Jesus' healing stories, here, today, now?"

I still believe in miracles today, but they are hard to come by. I have seen countless signs of God's healing both in the field of physical and mental health and I have also conducted the funeral for faithful Christians whose sincere prayers for healing went unanswered.

Healing prayer is not a magic incantation which gets us the result we desire. No, prayer is a deep and honest relationship with Jesus because Jesus' words and Jesus' preaching gives us hope and assurance that he truly has the divine power and authority to deal with our sicknesses, to deal with our deep-rooted sins, and to deal with our death.

So, when it comes to our experience of pain and suffering let us follow our heart and express our true feelings before God in prayer.

Rev Geoff



We are not our age, we are our energy.

~ anon