



February 4 WEEK LENTEN STUDY



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## John 10:11-18 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.  
<sup>12</sup> A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.  
<sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.  
<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, <sup>15</sup> just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.  
<sup>16</sup> I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.  
<sup>17</sup> "The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.  
<sup>18</sup> No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

## Other Lectionary Readings:

Acts 4:5-12 1  
John 3:16-24



## NOTICE:

The Joint Nominating Committee will be interviewing a minister this week. He, and his family will travel to Tamworth on Tuesday and Wednesday, and be shown around our parishes. Please pray that this time of discernment provides the right answers for the minister, his family, and the people of Tamworth.

## Psalms 23 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.  
<sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.  
<sup>3</sup> He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.  
<sup>4</sup> Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honour me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

People try to do all sorts of clever and difficult things to improve life instead of doing the simplest, easiest thing-refusing to participate in activities that make life bad. ~ Tolstory



## CHURCH SERVICES

28 April 11am **West Tamworth** ~Marg Crowell  
 5 May 11am **West Tamworth** ~ Meg Mangan  
 12 May 11am **West Tamworth** ~ Rev Geoff  
 19 May 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
 19 May 11am **West Tamworth** ~ Meg Mangan



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for the way everything has greened up after the rain.
- We pray for the politicians of the Middle East - that they will show wisdom and sensitivity.
- We pray for people travelling during the school holidays.
- We pray for the many people impacted by the recent stabbings at Bondi Junction and Wakeley.
- We thank God for the sunny, pleasant weather of the past week.

### Meg's Musings

It has been the kind of week that goes down in history - both in Australia, and internationally.

The Middle East tensions went up another notch when Iran rained missiles and drones on Israel.

Australians were left in shock when a man stabbed many people in a shopping centre at Bondi Junction.

That was compounded when a teenager stabbed people in a church at Wakeley, and there was then a riot outside the church.

How do we make sense of such senseless actions?

How do we shine God's light and love onto such horrific events?

We have absolutely no control over the politics of the Middle East. We can't directly impact the behaviour of people affected by mental illness.

But we can choose to shine God's light and love onto the people around us. If everyone chose to do just that, it could, and would make a difference to our world.



Blessings from Meg

### Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

"Biggest Morning Tea"

Thursday, 16th May

10:00am - 12:00.



### Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



### Words from Rev Geoff

The events of this past week have led me to offer a prayer of lament. Lord!

Did you really make this world?

Did you really make us a little lower than the angels?

Was the Psalmist wrong?

Was he living in a different world from the one I live in? He said that you put all things under the control of human beings. In these last few days it hasn't been true.

A man murders five innocent shoppers in Bondi Junction, stabs a nine-month-old baby and wounds several others.

Another man attacks a Bishop as he leads worship in the name of Christ Why would anyone do this?

It just doesn't make sense to those of us who are in the business of saving lives.

Guide us how to be with relatives and friends to comfort and support them in their grieving. When we are struggling to understand the things that happen, When we are weighed down by grief and sadness give us the assurance of your constant care that we may have the courage to meet the days ahead. Amen.

In light of the recent stabbing of a Priest in the Assyrian Church yesterday, the Moderator has shared concern for the wellbeing of all worshipping communities in all religions and denominations. Synod Mission Services joins our synod in praying for all who have been traumatised, and/or grieving the shocking death of their loved ones. Although completely unrelated, this attack, and the tragedy at Bondi, reminds us how fragile and precious life is. Perhaps it is also a timely reminder for us to review our Emergency Plan

In the meantime, we remember our calling to be a people defined by love and forgiveness, rather than fear. We are called to be alert but not alarmed as we put our trust in Jesus, for he is indeed the prince of peace and our Good Shepherd.

Reverend Geoff



"One day, I would like to turn on the news and hear, there is Peace on Earth."

~ Karon Waddell

## Burnt Toast

"When I was a kid, my Mom liked to cook food and every now & then I remember she used to cook for us. One night in particular when she had made dinner after a long hard day at work, Mom placed a plate of bread jam and extremely burned toast in front of my dad. I was waiting to see if anyone noticed the burnt toast. But Dad just ate his toast and asked me how was my day at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember I heard Mom apologizing to dad for burning the toast. And I'll never forget what he said: 'Honey, I love burned toast.' Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his toast burned.

He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a long hard day at work today and she was really tired. And besides, A burnt toast never hurts anyone but harsh words do!" You know, life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years, is that learning to accept each others faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. Life is too short to wake up with regrets. Love the people who treat you right and have compassion for the ones who don't."

It's all about giving. ~ Great story.

## Recessional

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

~ 1897 Rudyard Kipling



## 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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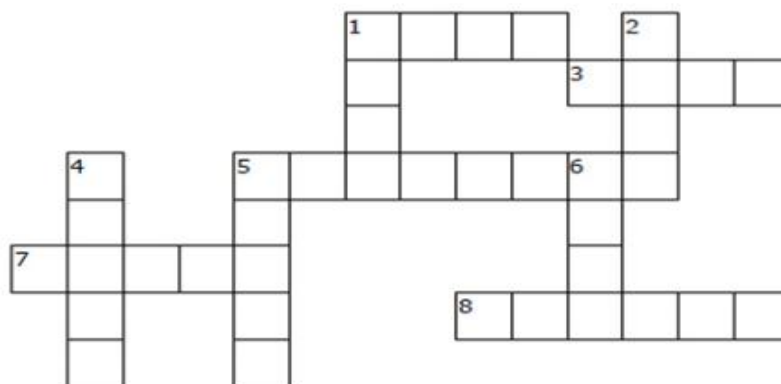
Elders: Margaret Crowell      Daryl Lush



# The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



## ACROSS

1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

## DOWN

1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

P E P F E L D W S R L G F T T  
 T B F L O C K P K M I U W E J  
 Q V C Q K N O W F L F R I A Y  
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LISTEN	SHEEP	LOVES	WOLF	FLOCK
ATTACKS	CARES	PEN	GOOD	RUNS
SCATTERS	VOICE	SHEPHERD	LIFE	KNOW

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