



## Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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### I Corinthians 13 (NLT)

#### Love Is the Greatest

<sup>13</sup> If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

<sup>2</sup> If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

<sup>3</sup> If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

<sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

<sup>8</sup> Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! <sup>9</sup> Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! <sup>10</sup> But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

<sup>13</sup> Three things will last forever-**faith, hope, and love**-and the greatest of these is love.

### Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NLT)

#### Jeremiah's Call and First Visions

<sup>4</sup> The LORD gave me this message:

<sup>5</sup> "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb.

Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup> "O Sovereign LORD," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!"

<sup>7</sup> The LORD replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. <sup>8</sup> And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the LORD, have spoken!" <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD reached out and touched my mouth and said,

"Look, I have put my words in your mouth!

<sup>10</sup> Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms.

Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow.

Others you must build up and plant."

#### Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 71:1-6    1 Luke 4:21-30



"I have a dream", a man once said,  
"where all is perfect peace;  
where men and women, black and white,  
stand hand in hand, and all unite  
in freedom and in love."

~ I Have A Dream A Man Once Said ,Pamela Pettitt

#### FUNERAL:

The funeral for **Bruce Jarrett**  
will be held at City Church  
on Tuesday, 4th February  
at 10:30am.

Rev Geoff Flynn will officiate.



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## IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for children, and teachers, returning to school this week.
- We pray for those people who feel the heat most acutely.
- We give thanks for cold drinks.
- We continue to pray for the Jarrett family.
- We pray for the people of the Middle East and Ukraine - that a way to a fair peace can be found.

## Meg's Musings

As we read today's passage from Jeremiah, the question arises. "Does God have a call, or a plan, for each and every one of us???"

For many of us, we try to find excuses for not following God's prompts; I'm not good enough, or smart enough, or experienced enough. I don't have the proper training, or expertise. I can't find the right words; I'm too old..... the list goes on. And, to a certain extent, we are right!

We aren't enough – but God is.

**God is more than enough.**

When the creator of the universe calls us to do something, we can be sure that He will go with us, and supply whatever we need for the task. We have nothing to fear. Our flimsy excuses will melt away as we begin to realise that God does have it all in hand.

*Blessing from Meg*



**What is Love** - A four-year-old boy who lived next door to an elderly man who had just lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man crying, the little boy went into his yard, climbed into his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the boy replied, "Nothing, I just helped him cry." ~ anon

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## Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Weekly Bulletin.

I am reminded of a song sung by Bill Gaither 'Going home' that really spoke to me and has a special place in my heart each time I go back home. The fact that I get to walk on the grounds that I walked on as a child and teenager, visit those 'spots' that was only special to my family and I growing up; all the memories and stories flooding back is quite special.

However, it was a different story for Jesus. When he spoke to his own people, Jesus knew how they would interpret what he said. They probably didn't want to recognize him – after all, he was just one of them and shouldn't think he was important.

When we go to "speak" our faith, the context does indeed sometimes deter us. Our life stands before us in its humanness, and we wonder why anybody should take any notice of us. What if we say the wrong thing? Jeremiah certainly felt that "he was only a boy". Why should God call him?

We are only ordinary and may have little experience in the faith and yet God places the Word among us and invites us to share it with others. Maybe our very humility is helpful alongside the insight from Jesus that we will never know what lies in each moment as a gift from God.

Rev Samuela Sadrata



**When we get up in the morning, we do our best. Nothing else matters ~ Judi Dench**

The Navajo teach their children that every morning when the sun comes up, it's a brand-new sun. It's born each morning, it lives for the duration of one day, and in the evening it passes on, never to return again.

As soon as the children are old enough to understand, the adults take them out at dawn and they say, 'The sun has only one day. You must live this day in a good way, so that the sun won't have wasted precious time.' Acknowledging the preciousness of each day is a good way to live, a good way to reconnect with our basic joy. ~ Pema Chödrön

instead of saying, "I know what it feels like", let's say "I cannot imagine your heartbreak". instead of saying, "you're strong, you'll get through this, let's say " you'll hurt, and I'll be here.

instead of saying, "you look like you're doing well, let's say, "how are you holding up today?"

instead of saying, "healing takes time", let's say "healing has no timeline".

instead of saying, "everything happens for a reason, let's say "this must feel so terribly senseless right now".



and when there are no words to say at all, you don't need to try and find some. love speaks in silences too. ~ Ullie Kaye

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

**9 February 11am West** ~ Rev Geoff

**16 February 11am West** ~ Meg Mangan

**23 February 11am West** ~ Meg Mangan



### **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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Elders: Margaret Crowell Daryl Lush



**4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets**

Resume on: 7:30am

**23 February**



Should someone do good, let them do it again and again. They should develop this habit, for the accumulation of goodness brings joy.

~ The Buddha



Picked out a cake at Meijer. I asked a employee if she could write on it for me.

She said she would, and

after a long time, she came and presented me with this cake. I looked at her and said thank you before I even looked at the cake. After looking, I nervously laughed and headed to check out it didn't really matter to me that it looked so bad- I thought people would think it was funny.

The cashiers at the self-checkout didn't think it was so funny though, and called a few more cashiers and a manager over to look, even taking pictures.

To my surprise, after they discussed it, one cashier put her arm on my shoulder and said "The girl who wrote that has Autism. Thank you for smiling and thanking her- even though she's not supposed to write on cakes, you probably made her day." So I guess the moral of the story is that kindness is important. ~ Lisa Aldrich

It takes two years to learn to speak and

sixty to learn to keep quiet. ~ Ernest Hemingway

### **EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE, I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK**

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember, we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're aged 600 someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that's required.
6. Build your future on high ground.



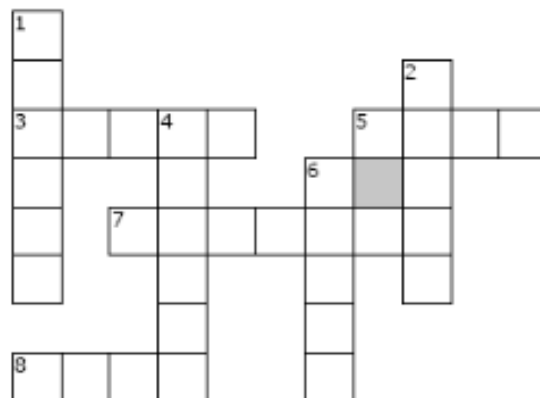
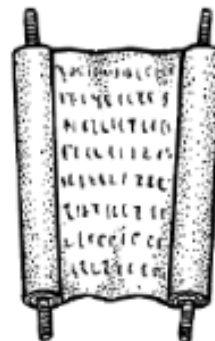
7. Keep safe, travel in pairs.
8. Speed is not always an advantage. Snails were on board with cheetahs.
9. When you stress, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals. ~ m0i0z
11. No matter the storm, when you're with God, a rainbow is always waiting.

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# The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)



## ACROSS

3. To utter words with the mouth; to talk
5. To be brought into life by birth
7. A person who speaks for God
8. Something said; a remark, or comment

## DOWN

1. To save or set free
2. The body opening through which we take in food
4. To be filled with fear
6. A very young person

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 A H R P E R G L V D O P X L G  
 S A O L O S P A E Z L R E A V  
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rescue	child	came	womb	send
formed	nations	hand	plant	speak
appointed	destroy	word	Lord	build
command	mouth	born	prophet	afraid

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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