



## Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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### Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

### Other Lectionary Readings:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31      Psalms 8



### CHURCH SERVICES

22 June 11am West ~ Meg Mangan

29 June 11am

**Southside Combined Service**

with Rev Geoff and Rev Sam.

Followed by fellowship lunch



It's about who stands in the rain with you when they have the choice to stay dry. ~ anon

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Peel Valley Congregation is currently collecting items for children.



### 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



### John 16:12-15

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### Meg's Musings

My mobile phone lets me know how many steps I've taken each day, and what distance I've travelled - provided I have my phone on me all of the time.

Other people have watches which provide similar information, and I read in the newspaper this week that scientists are now working on a ring to provide those same details.

It is amazing that so much data can be collected by such tiny devices. Such details can help us to keep tabs on our fitness, and our health, and that can be very helpful.

But how do you keep an eye on your spiritual health? How do you know that "It is well with my soul"?

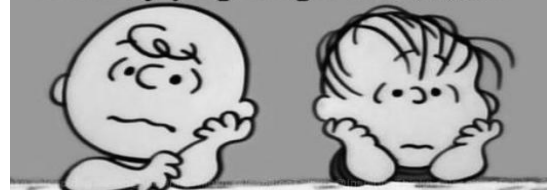
There are no devices which can tell us how much effort we have put into keeping in touch with God. No-one can tell us how many people we've helped in a day. No-one can tell us how many times we've said a quick prayer as we're driving, or walking by someone who needs such help.

But God knows - and he cares.

*Blessing from Meg*



Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening, it just keeps you from enjoying the good. ©InspiringThinks



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



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- After over a fortnight at St Vincent's Hospital, Daryl Lush is hoping very much to be discharged soon. Please pray for him and Val.
- We pray for Beulah's grandson Lindsay, who was involved in a fatal accident last Thursday. Lindsay has no major injuries, but was very shaken up.
- We also pray for the other people involved in that accident.
- We pray for Beth and Peter Scorgie who travelled to Sydney on Tuesday. Tina is critically ill.
- We thank God for glimpses of sunshine on cold winters days.
- We pray for the family and friends of Donna Harrow who passed away recently.

## Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15



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~ Sermons 4 Kids

COME  
BELONG  
SPEAK

TRUTH  
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FATHER

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## 'All that is gold does not glitter'

All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.  
From the ashes a fire shall be woken,  
A light from the shadows shall spring;  
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,  
The crownless again shall be king. ~J.R.R. Tolkien

## Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Newsletter

Trinity Sunday invites us into one of the great mysteries of the Christian faith: the understanding of God as Three-in-One—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While the Trinity may seem abstract, today's readings from Proverbs and John remind us that this mystery speaks powerfully into the way we live, lead, and minister.

It is in Proverbs we meet the figure of Wisdom, calling out to all people, standing at the crossroads of life. Wisdom is not hidden or exclusive; she is accessible, relational, and present in the everyday places of human life. She speaks not just to the wise, but to "all who live." What's more, Wisdom rejoices in God's creation, "delighting in the human race." Early Christian thinkers often saw Wisdom here as a poetic expression of Christ, present from the beginning, intimately involved in all of creation—not distant, but delighting in being with us.

This sense of joyful presence and shared work is echoed in John, where Jesus promises the disciples that the Spirit of truth will come to guide them into deeper understanding. What is striking in this passage is the flow of mutual giving: the Spirit will speak what is given from Christ, and Christ receives from the Father. There's no competition, no hierarchy of power—just a harmonious partnership working together for the sake of the community.

This is a powerful image for team ministry, particularly in our context here in the Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches. We come from diverse congregations, each with our own history, gifts, and challenges. Yet in our shared ministry, we are invited to mirror the life of the Trinity: to lead and serve in a way that values relationship over control, cooperation over competition, and shared wisdom over individualism.

Just as Wisdom rejoiced in creation and the Spirit continues to guide us, we too are called to find joy in working together, in being present in our communities, and in listening for God's leading—together. No one of us holds the full truth, just as no one part of the Trinity acts alone. We need each other—our different perspectives, experiences, and callings—to discern what God is doing in our region.

Team ministry also means trusting that the Spirit is already at work in each congregation, and that Christ's wisdom can be found not only in our planning and programs, but in conversations, in worship, in pastoral visits, and even in shared cups of tea. We don't minister alone. The God we follow is, at God's very heart, a community of love—and we are invited to reflect that love in the way we live and lead. So on this Trinity Sunday, let us give thanks for the mystery of a God who creates, redeems, and sustains us in perfect unity. And let us recommit ourselves to a way of ministry that is collaborative, Spirit-led, and grounded in joy—trusting that, like Wisdom, we are called not just to speak, but to delight in the people and places to which we are sent.

Rev Sam

