



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## **Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (NLT)**

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.
- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
- <sup>3</sup> You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.
- <sup>4</sup> You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!
- <sup>13</sup> You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
- <sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
- <sup>16</sup> You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
- <sup>17</sup> How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!
- <sup>18</sup> I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

## **Jeremiah 18:1-10 (NLT)**

- 18** The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said,
- <sup>2</sup> "Go down to the potter's shop, and I will speak to you there."
- <sup>3</sup> So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel.
- <sup>4</sup> But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.
- <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD gave me this message:
- <sup>6</sup> "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.
- <sup>7</sup> If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, <sup>8</sup> but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned.
- <sup>9</sup> And if I announce that I will plant and build up a certain nation or kingdom, <sup>10</sup> but then that nation turns to evil and refuses to obey me, I will not bless it as I said I would.

Some people look for a beautiful place, others make a place beautiful. ~ Hazrat Inayat

*The richest wealth is Wisdom,  
The strongest weapon is Patience,  
The best security is Faith,  
The greatest tonic is Laughter,  
And surprisingly all are free. ~ unknown*

### **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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### **Other Lectionary Readings:**

Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Judy Lennon.
- We also pray for each member of our congregation and for each person who is part of Fab Finds.
- We pray for our world leaders to aspire to understanding, wisdom and peace.
- We give thanks to God for the love which he showers on each of us.

### Meg's Musings

At the moment it almost looks as though God has got out his paints, and has been throwing colours around with abandon.

Pinks of all shades, purples and whites have been seen in increasing abundance over the past few weeks. This week reds and oranges have also made an appearance.

And of course, after all the rain we've had, many of the browns of winter have given way to brilliant greens.

It's intriguing to think of God enjoying splashing colour around in our world, much as small children use colour in their artwork.

Perhaps we have a God who never tires of seeing the colour and beauty of spring.

God also invites us to revel in the beauty he constantly creates.

*Blessing from Meg*



The platypus is possibly the weirdest animal: it's a mammal but lays eggs, has a duck-like bill, a beaver-like tail, otter-like feet, and is venomous. It possesses electroreceptors for locating prey, eyes with double cones, no stomach, and 10 chromosomes. It's also fluorescent and glows under UV light.



**Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville**  
**9:30 to 1:00pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday**

Op Shop news. 5 items of clothing for \$5 (not including Top Shelf) will continue until 11th September, when the new seasons clothing will be available. Great bargains still on offer.

*Cuppa and a chat always available.*



### THANK YOU

We offer a huge thank you to the people who helped set up Hallsville Church last Saturday, and also helped rearrange the chairs, set up tables etc between church and lunch.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped to serve the delicious meals.

A special thank-you to Marg's sister Nola and her travelling companion, who came all the way from Birdsville so that they could help the day go so brilliantly.

And thanks to Marg who did so much of the preparation, planning and cooking.



Spring is God's way of showing that after darkness there is always light. May you always look at the bright side of life. ~ anon



Your attitude is like a box of crayons that color your world. Constantly color your picture gray, and your picture will always be bleak. Try adding some bright colors to the picture by including humor, and your picture begins to lighten up. ~Allen Klein

**CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth**  
**14 September** ~ Rev Geoff Flynn  
**21 September** ~ Meg Mangan  
**28 September** ~ Rev Sam Sadrata



## Ministers Weekly Reflection

### Our Response to God's Marvelous Creation

When was the last time you paused to ponder the wisdom woven through Creation? Through the rhythm and flow of the seasons, the earth reminds us of deep truths about ourselves, about our world and about our God. Christian theology makes a distinction between general revelation and special revelation when it speaks about the two ways God has chosen to make Godself known to humanity.

General revelation refers to the general truths that can be known about God through nature. Psalm 19:1-4 expresses this truth succinctly "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

Special revelation refers to the more specific truths that can be known about God through the supernatural. Special revelation includes physical appearances of God, dreams, visions, the books of the Bible, and most importantly—Jesus Christ. When we think about climate justice — and it's deeply important that we do — it's easy to start from a place of concern, or anxiety, even desperation. But what if instead, we like the Psalmist first grounded ourselves in wonder that is revealed through nature? To assist us in our wondering, Christians around the world are participating in the Season of Creation from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) under the 2025 international theme, 'Peace with creation'. The symbol, 'Garden of Peace', is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18 and envisions a war-torn, overexploited land transformed into one that is fertile and thriving.

During September, the readings for our Sunday Worship services will focus on the Seasons of Creation themes of Oceans, Fauna, Storm, and Cosmos. My prayer is that this will be a time for us to both delight in God's incredible tapestry of life on earth and remind ourselves of our sacred calling to care for and nurture this common home of ours. The calling to care for creation transcends any single time of the year. And it's not just for some of us with special interests, political leaning, or professional roles. It's part of what it means to be human.

Rev Geoff



### Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT)

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens proclaim the glory of God.  
The skies display his craftsmanship.
- <sup>2</sup> Day after day they continue to speak;  
night after night they make him known.
- <sup>3</sup> They speak without a sound or word;  
their voice is never heard.
- <sup>4</sup> Yet their message has gone throughout  
the earth,  
and their words to all the world.  
God has made a home in the heavens  
for the sun.

### Isaiah 32:14-18 (NLT)

- <sup>14</sup> The palace and the city will be deserted,  
and busy towns will be empty.  
Wild donkeys will frolic and flocks will  
graze  
in the empty forts and watchtowers
- <sup>15</sup> until at last the Spirit is poured out  
on us from heaven.  
Then the wilderness will become a fertile  
field,  
and the fertile field will yield bountiful  
crops.
- <sup>16</sup> Justice will rule in the wilderness  
and righteousness in the fertile field.
- <sup>17</sup> And this righteousness will bring peace.  
Yes, it will bring quietness and confidence  
forever.
- <sup>18</sup> My people will live in safety, quietly at  
home.  
They will be at rest.



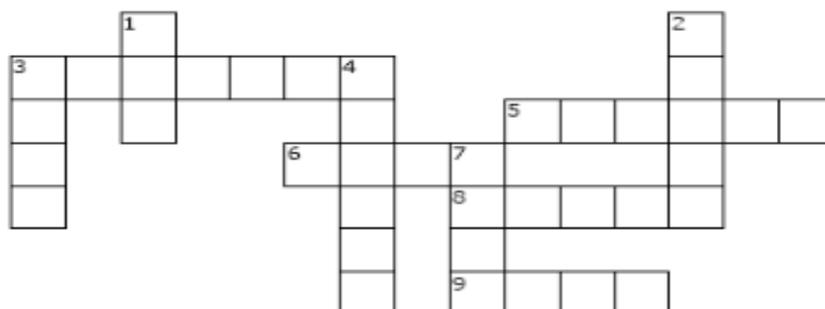
THE BIGGEST ASSET IN THE WORLD  
IS YOUR MINDSET!

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. If more people could shift from the former to the latter, surely the world would become a much better place. ~ Albert Einstein

# A Psalm of David

Even in darkness I cannot hide from you. Psalm 139:12

Based on Psalm 139 1-12, 23-24 (NIV)



## ACROSS

3. The sky or universe as seen from the earth
5. The part the mouth which is used for tasting and speaking
6. To have little or no light
8. The part of every 24 hour period when it is dark
9. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea

## DOWN

1. A period of 24 hours
2. The opposite of dark
3. To put yourself somewhere where you cannot be seen or found
4. To look carefully in order to find something
7. To be familiar with a person

HEAVENS DAY	KNOW TONGUE	DARK NIGHT	WORD SEARCH	LIGHT HIDE
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## Crafting with the Creator

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 G P N F L D V H A N D S T  
 U I T R S L V L E S S E V  
 D A W T E M S M A R R E D

WORKS VESSEL POTTER WHEEL  
 SHAPE CLAY HANDS MARRED