



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

21 September 2025

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Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (NLT)

Jeremiah Weeps for Sinful Judah

¹⁸ My grief is beyond healing;
my heart is broken.

¹⁹ Listen to the weeping of my people;
it can be heard all across the land.
“Has the LORD abandoned Jerusalem?”
the people ask.
Is her King no longer there?”
“Oh, why have they provoked my anger
with their carved idols
and their worthless foreign gods?” says
the LORD.

²⁰ “The harvest is finished,
and the summer is gone,” the people cry,
“yet we are not saved!”

²¹ I hurt with the hurt of my people.
I mourn and am overcome with grief.

²² Is there no medicine in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why is there no healing
for the wounds of my people?

9 If only my head were a pool of water
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
I would weep day and night
for all my people who have been
slaughtered.

Other Lectionary Readings:

Luke 16:1-13

Psalms 79:1-9



The body is the only medium through which
the mind and the soul are developed for
the up building of character.
It is the only medium through which we can
glorify God
Health is not only to be prized as a blessing
in itself, but as a means of doing good in
the world.
We are to cherish our health, that we may
live to the glory of God. ~ Ellen G. White

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Instructions about Worship

1. I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.
2. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
3. This is good and pleases God our Savior,
4. who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.
5. For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.
6. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.
7. And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I’m not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

Lamentations 3:19-27

- 19 The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words.
- 20 I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss.
- 21 Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:
- 22 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.
- 23 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.
- 24 I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!”
- 25 The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.
- 26 So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.
- 27 And it is good for people to submit at an early age to the yoke of his discipline:



IN OUR PRAYERS

As we listen to Jeremiah's lament and a call in 1 Timothy to pray for all people, we are invited to respond to life's challenges with honest lament and persistent compassion.

- We give thanks for the life of Laurie and the time we shared. We pray for Meg and their children, John, Rachel, Bronwyn, Andrew and Peter.
- We pray for Pat as she recovers in hospital from a fall'
- We give thanks to all our Fab Finds volunteers who give so generously of their time.
- We pray that Judy, still recovering, will soon be back to her normal routine.



Vale Laurie Mangan

We at Peel Valley are saddened by the news that our beloved member Laurie Mangan

passed away peacefully on Saturday 13 September. His wife Meg and their children are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

At 10.00 am on the 19th of September we gather at the Tamworth City Uniting Church to honour and remember a life well-lived — the life of Laurie a valuer by profession, but also a valuer in the truest sense: someone who recognised the worth of people, moments, and blessings.

He was a man with a deep faith, an intelligent outdoor adventurer who knew that the most precious things in life aren't measured in dollars, but in relationships, kindness, and the quiet satisfaction of a job done well Laurie often said he had a fortunate life. That wasn't because every day was easy, but because he chose to see life through the lens of gratitude. The apostle Paul reminds us that such a life pleases God. And Laurie's gratitude was not just a personal trait — it was a quiet testimony to the goodness of God.

Rev Geoff



Did you think to Pray

Ere you left your room this morning,
Did you think to pray?

In the name of Christ our Savior,
Did you sue for loving favour,
As a shield today?

O how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

When you met with great temptation,
Did you think to pray?

By His dying love and merit,
Did you claim the Holy Spirit
As your guide and stay?

When your heart was filled with anger,
Did you think to pray?

Did you plead for grace, my brother,
That you might forgive another
Who had crossed your way?

When sore trials came upon you,
Did you think to pray?

When your soul was bowed in sorrow,
Balm of Gilead did you borrow
At the gates of day?

O how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray. ~ M. A. Kidder (1876)

If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like Sunbeams and you will always look lovely

Ronald Dahl

Ministers Weekly Reflection

Storms

I love looking out the window on a rainy day or a snowy night, but I can't say I particularly like being caught in a hailstorm or waiting for a cyclone to arrive. Like it or not, storms are an inevitable part of God's creation, and they come in a variety of ways such as wind, hail, heavy rain, snow, thunder and lightning, and even dust storms. No matter the form it takes, we will experience the effects of a storm in our lives.

When storms hit, some blame God for the destruction. Others see the storms as God's judgment against forms of sin, even when the victims of storms include the innocent. These popular interpretations do not fully grasp the complex nature of God's engagement with God's creation through storms. For example we read In Job 37:12-13 that "they turn round and around at his guidance to accomplish all that he commands whether for correction, or for his land, or for love, he cause it to happen." (NRSV) While each of the four Seasons of Creation readings for this Sunday takes a distinctive perspective and raises challenging questions, together they affirm and even celebrate God as Ruler over all creation, including storms.

Clearly storms are integral to the weather patterns of our planet, even if global warming and other factors have intensified the impact of these storms. And we need to learn to live in a way that considers the natural forces around us.

Yet, the God revealed to us through Christ in the cross is not first and foremost a God of thundering power and might. Jesus the Christ doesn't come with thunderbolts and lightning to blast away the evils of Earth with cyclones and tornadoes.

Instead, the God we know in Jesus Christ, is ready to suffer with and for humankind. This God is with the victims of the storm rather than riding the winds. This God suffers with mothers in a tsunami and with fathers in a hurricane. Our God is a suffering companion not a storm king.
Rev Geoff

Some days are better.

Some days are worse.

Look for the blessing instead of the curse.

Be positive, stay strong, and get enough rest.

You can't do it all, but you can your best.^{.anon}



Crafting with the Creator

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**WORKS VESSEL POTTER WHEEL
SHAPE CLAY HANDS MARRED**

~ Sermons 4 Kids

**CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth
28 September ~ Rev Sam Sadrata**



You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.
~ Maya Angelou



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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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The dandelion is the only flower that represents three celestial bodies :

The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball resembles the moons, and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.

The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep.

Every part of the dandelion is useful.

It can be used for food, medicine, and dye for colouring.

Up until the 1800s, people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful "weeds" like chickweed, malva and chamomile.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word "dent de lion" meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves. 🦁

Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant.

Dandelion seeds are often transported away by a gust of wind and they travel like tiny parachutes, often carried as many as five miles from their origin!

Birds, insects, and butterflies consume nectar or seeds of dandelion. 🐦 🐝 🦋 🐛

Dandelion flowers do not need to be pollinated to form seeds.

Root of dandelion can be used as a substitute for coffee.

Dandelion is used in folk medicine to treat infections and liver disorders. Tea made of dandelion act as a diuretic.

If you mow dandelions, they'll grow shorter stalks to spite you.

Dandelions are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist. They are masters of survival worldwide." ~ Author Unknown

When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen. ~ Ernest Hemingway

"In our darkest moments, we don't need advice."

What we truly need is the power of human connection: a quiet presence, a gentle touch, or the smallest gesture that reminds us we're not alone. These acts of love and solidarity become the anchors that hold us steady when life feels overwhelming.

Pain is a deeply personal burden, and difficulties are uniquely ours to face—but your silent presence tells me I don't have to face them in isolation. It's a quiet reminder that, no matter how lost I feel, I am still worthy of love and connection.

Sometimes, words aren't necessary; your silent support speaks louder than anything else. Love, in its purest form, has the power to help us rediscover ourselves, even when we've forgotten who we are. ~ Ernest Hemingway

At the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics, Australian rower Bobby Pearce gave the world a lesson in both sportsmanship and greatness.



In the middle of his quarterfinal race, leading the single sculls,

he noticed a family of ducks crossing his lane. Instead of powering through, Pearce stopped completely to let them pass, allowing his opponent a five-boat lead.

But Pearce wasn't done. With sheer strength and determination, he caught up, overtook his rival, and still won the race by nearly 30 seconds, the fastest time of the round. He went on to win gold and set an Olympic record that lasted 44 years.

A true champion doesn't just win races, they show humanity in the moments that matter most. ~ Olympic Spirit