



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

5 October 2025

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2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSVUE)

Salutation

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him.

¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17:5-10 (NRSVUE)

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?"

⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?"

⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?"

¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Other Lectionary Readings:

Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalms 137

Lamentations 3:19-26



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

CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

12 October ~ Evelyn Orr



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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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of the Middle East, and the people of Ukraine who are living in war zones.
- We give thanks for the beauty of spring flowers.
- We pray that our grandchildren and great-grandchildren are enjoying their school holidays.
- We pray for people who are facing uncertainties.
- We thank God that his mercies truly are "new every morning".

Meg's Musings

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to the many people who have been so kind to us over these past weeks.

We've received phone-calls, and cards and flowers have appeared.

Many people supported us by attending Laurie's funeral, and giving us warm hugs and kind words.

Friends at City Church arranged for a cuppa and something to eat after the service, and other people brought food along.

We are so very grateful.

It truly seems to me that the Body of Christ has been present for us through this difficult time.

Blessing from Meg



**The very best days are the ones
where nothing big happens, but
your heart feels full.**

Cottage Whimsy

Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Newsletter.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul writes from prison with a deep awareness of his own mortality. Yet his words are not despairing. Instead, he urges Timothy to "rekindle the gift of God that is within you" (2 Tim 1:6). Paul is honest about hardship, chains, opposition, even suffering for the gospel; but his perspective is filled with hope because he trusts the One who has already defeated death and brought life and immortality to light.

Hope in the Christian sense is not wishful thinking. It is not a fairytale escape from the difficulties of life. It is the deep confidence that God is at work, even when circumstances tell us otherwise. Paul does not minimise the struggles Timothy faces, but he reminds him that God has given a Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. This Spirit makes it possible to endure, to remain faithful, and to live courageously in Christ.

In Luke's gospel, the disciples cry out, "Increase our faith!" They know their own limits. They see how demanding the way of discipleship is, and they long for more strength than they feel they possess. Jesus' reply is striking even faith as small as a mustard seed is enough. The power of faith does not lie in its size, but in the One who receives it.

These two readings together remind us that Christian hope is not built on our capacity to believe harder or do more. It rests on God's faithfulness. Even when our faith feels like a faint ember or a tiny seed, God can and does work through it to bring new life.

For us as the church here in Tamworth, this is both humbling and encouraging. We may look at our own lives, our congregations, or the challenges in our community and feel our resources are small. Yet the gospel insists that God is enough. The Spirit entrusted to us continues to stir hope, not because everything is easy, but because Christ has already gone before us in suffering, death, and resurrection. So we live with courage. We nurture the ember of faith entrusted to us. We hold onto the promise that even the smallest faith can be the seed of God's future. We bear witness in word and deed that hope is not an illusion, but a gift rooted in the living Christ.

Blessings Rev Sam

If we're kind and polite, the world will be right. ~ Paddington Bear.



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Friday & Saturday

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Today in the supermarket I came across a grandfather and grandson walking in front of me.

The grandson was screaming all the time and continually demanding something ...

The grandfather stopped and said: "Calm down, Misha, you just need to calm down".

Even when the boy fell and started hitting the floor with his feet and hands, the grandfather still remained completely composed and just said:

"Calm down, Misha. We will buy groceries and go home. That's all we need to do."

Finally, at the checkout, when the grandfather and grandson lined up, the child grabbed a kinder egg and crushed it.

Grandpa then said again, "Calm down Misha, we'll be home soon," and turning to the cashier, he continued, "Don't worry, I'm sorry, we'll pay for this kinder egg."

After they came out, I couldn't resist and continued after them. I caught up with them in the parking lot and said, turning to the man:

"Just so you know, I'm delighted with how you calmed Misha down today, it's for everyone to respect."

Grandpa smiled sadly and said, "The boy's name is Alexander," and added, "I'm Misha." ~ unknown

My new favourite word:

Kuchisabishii ~ Japanese word ... meaning the urge to eat because your mouth is lonely.



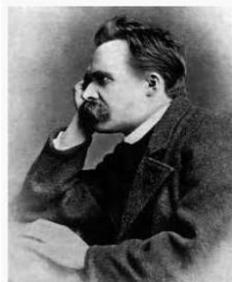
WISHING

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do:
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true;
Rid your mind of selfish motives;
Let your thoughts be clean and high.
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?
Well, suppose you make a start,
By accumulating wisdom
In the scrapbook of your heart:
Do not waste one page on folly;
Live to learn, and learn to live.
If you want to give men knowledge
You must get it, ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way;
For the pleasures of the many
May be oftentimes traced to one,
As the hand that plants an acorn
Shelters armies from the sun.

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox



I was in darkness, but I took three steps and found myself in paradise. The first step was a good thought, the second, a good word; and the third, a good deed.

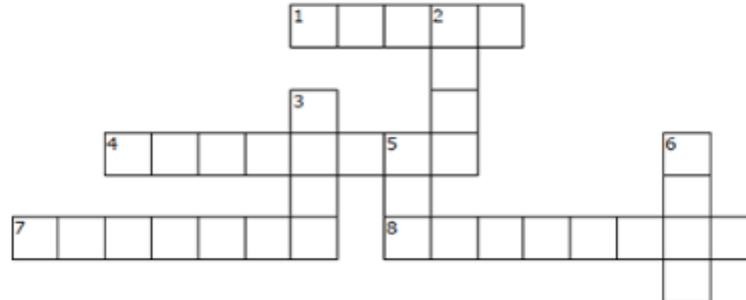
- Friedrich Nietzsche

"I asked a wise man, "Tell me sir, in which field could I make a great career?" He said with a smile, "Be a good human being. There is a huge opportunity in this area and very little competition." ~ Unknown

A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-6 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea
4. To make greater or larger
7. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
8. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel

DOWN

2. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
3. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
5. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

mustard	tree	seed	obey
faith	increase	sea	apostles

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DRINK	SEA	DUTY	OBEY	APOSTLES
FAITH	EAT	INCREASE	PLANTED	SMALL
SERVANT	LORD	UPROOTED	MUSTARD	PREPARE
SEED	REPLIED	TREE	MULBERRY	SUPPER