



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

19 October 2025

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Rev Sam Sadrata

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Jeremiah 31:27-34 (NLT)

²⁷ “The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will greatly increase the human population and the number of animals here in Israel and Judah.

²⁸ In the past I deliberately uprooted and tore down this nation. I overthrew it, destroyed it, and brought disaster upon it. But in the future I will just as deliberately plant it and build it up. I, the LORD, have spoken!

²⁹ “The people will no longer quote this proverb:

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, but their children’s mouths pucker at the taste.’

³⁰ All people will die for their own sins—those who eat the sour grapes will be the ones whose mouths will pucker.

³¹ “The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah.

³² This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife,” says the LORD.

³³ “But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

³⁴ And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already,” says the LORD. “And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

Luke 18:1-8 (NLT)

Parable of the Persistent Widow

18 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

² “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people.

³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’

⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people,’ ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge.

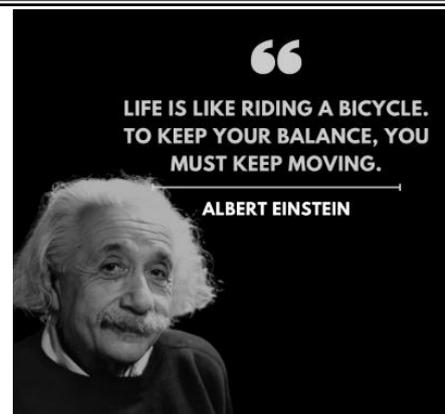
⁷ Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5





IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks to God for his grace, and his abundance.
- We pray for peace throughout the world, and pray that the fragile beginnings of peace in Gaza may flourish.
- We pray for the children who will receive Christmas boxes, and we also pray for their families.
- We pray for everyone who is unwell.
- We pray for God's love to become known throughout our world.

Meg's Musings

I came across a cartoon this week, with the following words,

"While shepherds watched their phones by night, all seated at the bar,
An angel texted them to say "Look up and see the star"."

It is not just people on mobile phones who fail to see God's messages.

So often, we fail to hear, or to see what God is trying to tell us, and to show us.

May we be more ready to pay attention to God!

Blessing from Meg

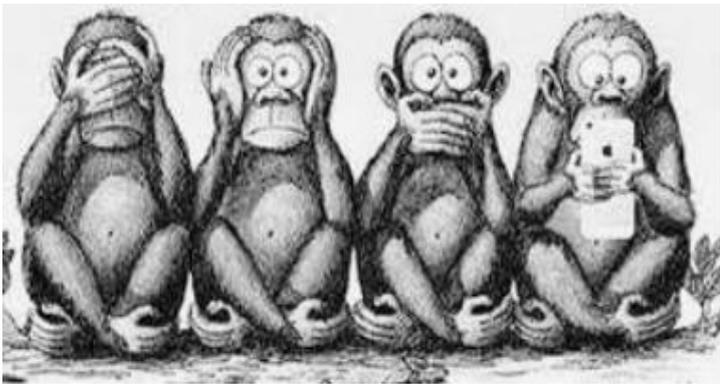


CHURCH SERVICES 11am **West Tamworth**
26 October ~ Meg Mangan
2 November ~ Rev Geoff
9 November ~ Rev Sam



Peel Valley AGM.

Sunday **2nd November** at West following the service. Lunch afterwards.



4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

The markets and big breakfast will be recommencing on **26th October**, with breakfasts served from 8:00 - 10:00 am



Being Remembered

Brian May be part of one of the most famous rock bands of all time, but the Queen guitarist recently stated that one of his "greatest joys in life is rehabilitating hedgehogs."

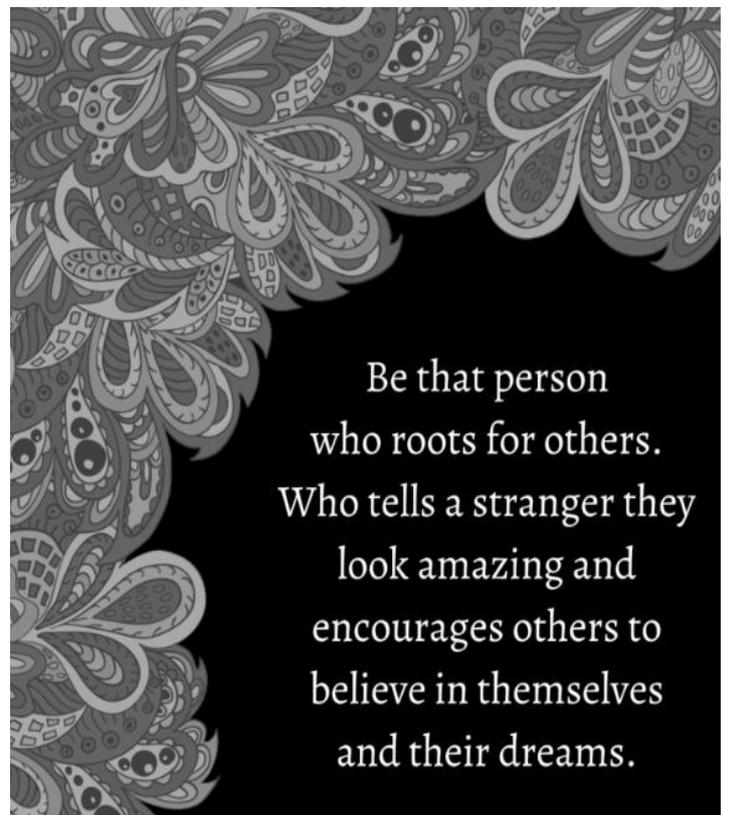
The Bohemian Rhapsody star doesn't just put his name to important environmental causes, but is completely hands on - running an animal sanctuary right out of his own back garden in Surrey.

The Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue is built on land owned by Brian May in Windlesham and the team rehabilitates foxes, badgers and hedgehogs among other small British animals. ~ British Classic



"When I'm gone, people will no doubt remember me for Queen, but I would much rather be remembered for attempting to change the way we treat our fellow creatures"

- Brian May (Queen)



Be that person who roots for others. Who tells a stranger they look amazing and encourages others to believe in themselves and their dreams.

Turn Back The Clock

If I had the power to turn back the clock,
Go back to that house at the end of the
block-
The house that was home when I was a kid,
I know that I'd love it more now than I did.
If I could be back there at my mother's
knee,
And hear once again all the things she told
me,
I'd listen as I never listened before,
For she knew so well just what life had in
store.

And all the advice that my dad used to give -
His voice I'll remember as long as I live;
But it didn't seem really important then;
What I'd give to live it all over again.

And what I would give for the chance I once
had
To do so much more for my mother and dad;
To give them more joy and a little less pain;
A little more sunshine - a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back,
Whether we were born in a mansion or shack;
But we can start right now - in the hour
that's here,
To do something more for the ones we hold
dear.

And since time in its flight is traveling so
fast,
Let's not spend it regretting that which is
past;
But let's make tomorrow a happier day
By doing our "good unto others" --- today. ~anon

You can also commit injustice by doing
nothing. ~ Marcus Aurelius



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

Cuppa and a chat always available.

A massive ship engine had broken down,
and none of the crew could repair it. The
owners tried everything. They brought in
expert after expert.

Hours passed, tools clanged. Diagrams
spread across the floor. But the engine
didn't move.

As last resort, they called in an old
mechanical engineer. Quiet. Calm. Decades
of experience behind his old eyes.

He didn't say much. He just listened. He
watched. He waited.

After a few minutes, he pulled out a small
hammer and gently tapped one spot. No
fuss, no rush.

The engine groaned
then roared back to life.



A week later, the ship's owner received the
bill: \$10,000.

Shocked, the owner demanded a
breakdown.

The engineer replied:

- \$10 for the hammer.
- Knowing where to tap: \$9,998

Takeaway:

We often confuse movement with progress.
Effort with value. Noise with skill.

True mastery isn't about doing more - it's
about seeing clearly, knowing where to tap.
And when to stop.

Experience doesn't shout. It whispers -
through precision, calm and years of paying
attention. ~ anon

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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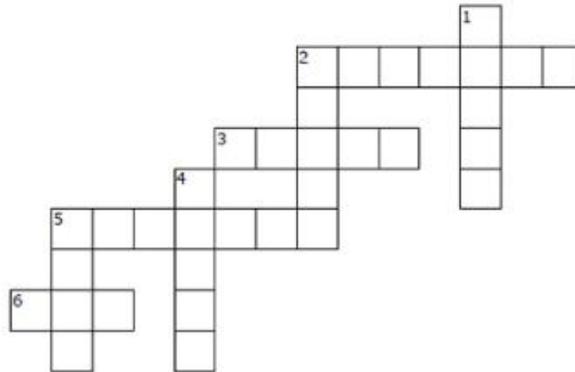
Elder: Margaret Crowell

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Keep On Praying

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)
 This puzzle is based on Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To be treated fairly
- 3. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
- 5. A simple story illustrating a moral or religious lesson
- 6. The period from sunrise to sunset (light)

DOWN

- 1. The period between sunset and sunrise (darkness)
- 2. An official who hears and decides cases brought before a court of law
- 4. A belief that does not require proof
- 5. To speak to or make a request to God

justice	night	pray	widow
faith	day	judge	parable

M U J D I A V U N J U S T Q R
 Q H R R O P E C D W V A W W G
 L O P C R F A S H Q J O C B S
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UNJUST	LISTEN	JESUS	CHOSEN	DAY
SHOW	LORD	REFUSED	DISCIPLES	JUDGE
WIDOW	FEAR	NIGHT	PARABLE	PERSISTENT
JUSTICE	WIDOW	TOWN	BOTHER	PRAY

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