



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

2 November 2025

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Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (NLT)

1 This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision.

Habakkuk's Complaint

² How long, O LORD, must I call for help?
But you do not listen!

"Violence is everywhere!" I cry,
but you do not come to save.

³ Must I forever see these evil deeds?
Why must I watch all this misery?
Wherever I look,

I see destruction and violence.

I am surrounded by people
who love to argue and fight.

⁴ The law has become paralyzed,
and there is no justice in the courts.
The wicked far outnumber the righteous,
so that justice has become perverted.

² I will climb up to my watchtower
and stand at my guardpost.
There I will wait to see what
the LORD says
and how he will answer my complaint.

The LORD's Second Reply

² Then the LORD said to me,
"Write my answer plainly on tablets,
so that a runner can carry the correct
message to others.

³ This vision is for a future time.
It describes the end, and it will be
fulfilled.
If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently,
for it will surely take place.
It will not be delayed.

⁴ "Look at the proud!
They trust in themselves, and their lives
are crooked.
But the righteous will live by their
faithfulness to God.

Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹⁹ Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town.

² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich.

³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.

⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.

⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 119:137-144 2

Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12



CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

9 November ~ Rev Sam

16 November ~ Meg Mangan

23 November ~ Evelyn or Fay

30 November ~ Combined Service at City



Peel Valley AGM. - Today: Sunday 2nd November at West following the service.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for our Fab Finds volunteers, who work so willingly.
- We also give thanks to everyone who donates items, or buys bargains....or simply drop in for morning tea.
- We pray for all those people in hospital at the moment.
- We pray for our ministers, and for Nicolette.
- We pray for a kinder, gentler world, where all are respected and loved.

Meg's Musings

Over the past ten days or so, we have experienced the highs and lows of spring. Last week, we had temperatures of 36 degrees. This week the thermometer didn't make it to 15 degrees one day. It is quite a clash in focus - from trying to cool off, to looking for ways to warm up. There has also been the clash of what the commercial world values, and what Christians value. Shops promote Halloween, selling sweet treats, and scary costumes and decorations. Christians focus on the following day - All Saints Day, when we remember Christian friends who are no longer with us. Clashes, and changes, are part of life. We need to look for God in all that we see and experience - the good, the bad, the heat and the cold.

Blessing from Meg



"In Irish when you talk about an emotion, you don't say, 'I am sad.' You'd say, 'Sadness is on me - Ta' Bron Orm.' I love that because there's an implication of not identifying yourself with the emotion fully. I am not sad, it's just that sadness is on me for a while. Something else will be on me another time, and that's a good thing to recognize." ~ P.O. Tuama



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

Cuppa and a chat always available.

4th Sunday Monthly **Hallsville Markets** 
 Big breakfast served 8:00 - 10:00 am

Minister's Reflection

Ministering to the Wealthy

Is there a ministry with the rich? We usually focus on the vulnerable and disadvantaged. That is the gospel imperative and it's not an optional extra. Not that we are terribly good at it. I think it was Martyn Atkins who pointed out that, increasingly, neighbourhoods which are cash-poor are church-poor. Most denominations are in danger of abandoning those with whom Jesus most identified. But, those who are rich need ministry as well.

Money can make life easier in many ways –but it does not mean everything is straight forward. It often brings extra responsibility, perhaps to the people working under you. Managing people can be stressful. Maybe tens or hundreds, or thousands of people depend on the business being successful. If it goes under, then your employees will be made redundant. That has a knock-on effect in the community – less money to spend locally. If you go under, maybe your suppliers will also go under. Money often brings responsibility.

This Sunday our reading from Luke 19:1-10 invites us to Jericho where the crowd are going wild, excited to see Jesus. When Zacchaeus, the tax collector, the man with power and the ear of Rome tries to muscle in, the crowd are not having it. It seems Zacchaeus will not be allowed to meet Jesus.

So, in desperation, Zacchaeus climbs a tree. He just wanted to catch a glimpse of Jesus – but why was he so desperate? What drew him to Jesus? Seated above the crowd Jesus notices the man who just wants to stay on the edge, and it follows that a generous salvation comes to Zacchaeus and his household.

Jesus notices him and takes him seriously and the crowd don't like it, but tough. Salvation is for the rich as well. Zacchaeus is freed to be generous.

There are people in our congregations with heavy responsibilities. What does Jesus say to them? What is our ministry alongside them?

Rev Geoff



"Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power, but in character and goodness. People are just people, and all people have faults and shortcomings, but all of us are born with a basic goodness." ~ Anne Frank

A group of successful graduates once visited their former professor: They had built impressive careers, held prestigious titles, and lived seemingly perfect lives. While waiting for coffee, their conversation turned to the stresses of work, exhaustion, and the pressures of adulthood. Some laughed. Some complained. Some philosophized.

The professor returned with a tray full of mismatched cups — porcelain and glass, ceramic and plastic, elegant and chipped, minimalist and ornate. As the guests chose their cups, the professor quietly observed. Then he spoke: "Notice how you all instinctively reached for the finest cups — the fancy ones. Not a single person chose the worn-out or plastic ones. And that's the root of much of your stress." "You wanted the coffee — not the cup. But you focused on the cup's appearance, not the essence of what you came for."

He continued: "Life is like coffee. Career, salary, status, home, car — those are just cups. They don't define the richness of life itself." "Sometimes we get so distracted by the 'cup', we forget to savour the coffee."



So drink your coffee with joy. Not by comparing. Not by competing. Not by glancing sideways. Because the happiest people aren't those who have the best of everything — but those who know how to make the best of what they have. ~ anon

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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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There are those who want a swimming pool in the house, while those who have one barely use it. Those who have lost a loved one feel a deep sense of loss, while others who hold them close often complain about them. Those who do not have a partner yearn for him, but those who have, sometimes do not value him. The hungry would give anything for a plate of food, while the well-fed complains about the taste. The one who doesn't have a car dreams, while the one who has one is always looking for a better one. The key is to be grateful, look carefully at what we have and understand that somewhere, someone would give everything for what you already have and don't appreciate."

~ Hiroyuki Sanada

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A steak can be \$12 from a butcher, \$10 at a supermarket, \$35 at a diner, and \$150 at a high-end restaurant.

Same steak. Only thing that changed was location. The next time you feel you're worthless, ask yourself if you're just in the wrong place. ~ anon

5th Sunday Combined TRUC Worship

Join us at Tamworth City 11am on Sunday, 30
November for our last 5th Sunday for 2025.

Advent celebration together.



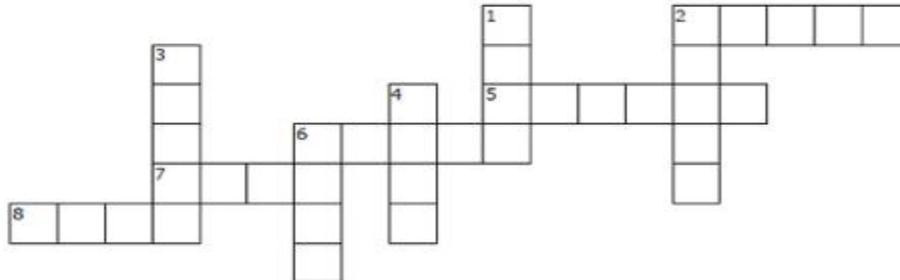
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Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)



This puzzle is based on Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To move upward, especially by using the hands and feet
5. A person who disobeys God's laws; one who does wrong
6. Not tall
7. To set free from sin; to rescue
8. A large plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves

DOWN

1. To be unable to find your way
2. To get something for yourself in a dishonest way
3. A building in which people, usually a family, live
4. To have very little money
6. To search for something or someone

poor	save	lost	climb	tree
short	sinner	house	cheat	seek

J L P O S M S I N N E R E C T
 E M W R S O Z F J W H M M A A
 R Z E E M C H I E F O S I I X
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CLIMB	LOST	SAVE	SEEK	JERICO
CHIEF	WELCOME	HOUSE	WEALTHY	DOWN
TAX	CROWD	TREE	ZACCHAEUS	COLLECTOR
COME	POOR	SINNER	GUEST	SHORT

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