



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

9 November 2025

Rev Geoff Flynn

Rev Sam Sadrata

Meg Mangan (Pastoral Care)

2 Thessalonians 2: 1–5, 13-17 (NRSVUE)

The Man of Lawlessness

2 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.

⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

Chosen for Salvation

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Luke 20: 27–38 (NRSVUE)

The Question about the Resurrection

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless;

³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

³² Finally the woman also died.

³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 145:1-5 17-21 Psalms 98

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9



War is a game played by maniacs who kill each other. Locate the man who profits by war and strip him of his profits—war will end. ~ Woody Guthrie

CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

16 November ~ Meg Mangan

23 November ~ Evelyn or Fay

30 November ~ Combined Service at City



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for each of our members elected to positions at last weeks AGM.
- We give thanks for some cooler nights.
- We pray for our many friends in nursing homes and hospitals.
- We pray for the people of Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine.
- We give thanks for each and every member of our family.

Meg's Musings

This weeks' gospel reading begins with a complicated story about a woman who was married seven times - to seven brothers, who each died childless.

This meant that the woman was left a childless widow seven times. A woman dependent upon others to provide for her.

Whilst my initial reaction is to be up in arms about the lack of choice available to women in Jesus' day, that isn't the main point of this passage.

Jesus tells us that there will be no marriage in heaven - that no one will be "given" to anyone else.

Jesus also tells us that there is no death in heaven; that we are able to be with God, as His children, forever.

That is, indeed, good news!

Blessing from Meg



RALPH WALDO EMERSON

WHAT IS SUCCESS? TO LAUGH OFTEN AND MUCH; TO WIN THE RESPECT OF INTELLIGENT PEOPLE AND THE AFFECTION OF CHILDREN; TO EARN THE APPRECIATION OF HONEST CRITICS AND ENDURE THE BETRAYAL OF FALSE FRIENDS; TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY; TO FIND THE BEST IN OTHERS; TO LEAVE THE WORLD A BIT BETTER, WHETHER BY A HEALTHY CHILD, A GARDEN PATCH OR A REDEEMED SOCIAL CONDITION; TO KNOW EVEN ONE LIFE HAS BREATHED EASIER BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIVED. THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED!



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



"The bicycle -

a slow death for the planet."



That's what a banker once said, making an economists pause for a moment.....

"A cyclist is a disaster for the economy," he explained.....

"He doesn't buy a car or take out loans to pay for it.

He doesn't pay for car insurance.

He doesn't buy fuel.

He doesn't use paid parking or expensive repairs.

He doesn't cause major accidents.

He doesn't need highways built just for him.

And worst of all — he stays healthy.

Healthy people don't buy as many medicines.

They rarely visit hospitals.

They don't contribute to the GDP through sickness."

Meanwhile, every new McDonald's creates:

30 jobs, including:

10 cardiologists,

10 dentists,

10 nutritionists,

...and of course, the staff who serve the food.



So — choose wisely:

the bicycle or

McDonald's?



Sometimes, the things that are "bad" for the economy are exactly what's good for the planet — and for us.

PS: Walking is even worse. Pedestrians don't even buy bicycles! ~ anon

Remember that real situations reveal fake friends. ~ unknown



LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today, I saw an old man distributing poppies stop a lady and ask if he could reposition her poppy.

She agreed, and he took the opportunity to explain the symbolism behind the poppy.

He explained that the poppy should be worn on the left side, closest to the heart, where the red represents the blood of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, the black represents the mourning of those who suffered losses, and the green leaf represents the renewal of life and hope for a brighter future following the devastation of war.

He also emphasized the importance of positioning the leaf at 11 o'clock to commemorate the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, marking the formal end of World War One.

His concern was that younger generations may not fully appreciate the significance of the poppy, and with his generation's knowledge and experience soon to be lost, it is essential to pass on this understanding. ~ anon



Remembrance Day 11/11/2025
When you go home tell them of us and say - "for your tomorrow we gave our today"

Peel Valley AGM. - Thanks to everyone who attended the Peel Valley AGM on Sunday 2nd November.

Members of the Executive Committee were affirmed for 2026:

Chairperson	Tony Orr
Vice Chairperson	Alan Littlejohns
Treasurer	Margaret Crowell
Secretary	Evelyn Keane

Non-Office Bearing Members:

Meg Mangan, Judy Lennon, Beth Scorgie

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan

Culture of Safety Coordinator: Evelyn Keane

Fay Monckton will continue to support the Chairperson with online banking. ~ Evelyn Keane

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu

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."

Minister: Rev Geoff Flynn 0421 338 202

Rev Sam Sadrata 0431 216 188

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0476 375 989

Elder: Margaret Crowell

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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.



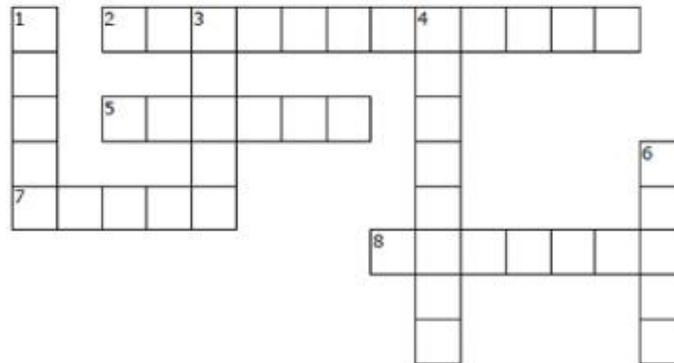
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Jesus and the Sadducees



And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 20:27-40 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The act of rising from the dead or returning to life
5. The opposite of dead
7. An adult female human
8. A male who has the same parents as another person

DOWN

1. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
3. The number equal to 6 + 1
4. Sons or daughters; offspring
6. To become husband or wife

living widow	marry children	seven brother	woman resurrection
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MOSES	ABRAHAM	MARRY	ALIVE	BROTHER
ISAAC	JACOB	RISE	SEVEN	ANGELS
WIFE	WOMAN	DEAD	CHILDREN	WIDOW