



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

16 November 2025 Rev Geoff Flynn Rev Sam Sadrata Meg Mangan (Pastoral Care)

Luke 21:5–19 (NLT)

Jesus Speaks about the Future

⁵ Some of his disciples began talking about the majestic stonework of the Temple and the memorial decorations on the walls. But Jesus said, ⁶ “The time is coming when all these things will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!”

⁷ “Teacher,” they asked, “when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and saying, ‘The time has come!’ But don’t believe them.

⁹ And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won’t follow immediately.”

¹⁰ Then he added, “Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers.

¹³ But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me.

¹⁴ So don’t worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you, ¹⁵ for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you!

¹⁶ Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends—will betray you. They will even kill some of you. ¹⁷ And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish! ¹⁹ By standing firm, you will win your souls.

Isaiah 12 (NLT)

12 In that day you will sing:

“I will praise you, O LORD!
You were angry with me, but not any more.

Now you comfort me.

² See, God has come to save me.

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

The LORD GOD is my strength and my song;

he has given me victory.”

³ With joy you will drink deeply

from the fountain of salvation!

⁴ In that wonderful day you will sing:

“Thank the LORD! Praise his name!

Tell the nations what he has done.

Let them know how mighty he is!

⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things.

Make known his praise around the world.

⁶ Let all the people of Jerusalem shout his praise with joy!

For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you.”

Other Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13



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.



CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

23 November ~ Evelyn and Fay



30 November ~ Combined Service at City

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Eddie Whitham.
- We pray for the many parts of the world where there is unrest and war.
- We give thanks for the beauty which surrounds us.
- Our prayers are with all people who are grieving.
- We pray for people to experience the joy and wonder of Christmas this year.

Meg's Musings

Tamworth has reached "peak purple" this week - that time of year when the jacaranda trees are at their loveliest and most vibrant.

Historically, purple was seen as the colour of royalty - partly because purple dye was so expensive.

It seems that Tamworths' jacarandas are just one week out of sync with the lectionary, as next Sunday (26th November) marks "Christ The King" Sunday - a time when we remember that Jesus is Lord of All.

As you look around this week, and enjoy seeing the amazing purple of the jacaranda trees, let them be a reminder, not just of the God of creation, but also that Jesus reigns as king in our hearts, and king in our lives.

Blessing from Meg



The jacaranda in the courtyard has put on its bloom.

This purple can't be ignored, it's like a tree singing." ~ Barbara Kingsolver

Sometimes I like to tell people:

"I hope the rest of your day is as pleasant as you are."

And then watch their face as they try to work out if it was a compliment or not. ~ anon



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



Ministers Reflection

Church Anniversaries and Isaiah 12

This weekend both Rev Sam and I are celebrating important anniversaries. Sharon and I are travelling back to Canberra, the place where I was ordained 30 years ago, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Wesley Uniting Church previously the National Methodist Memorial Church.

Rev Sam and Mere are co-ordinating the first anniversary of the Fijian Worshipping community that meets at City Uniting Church. Rev Sam is the preacher and approximate 70 members of the Canterbury Fijian Uniting Church are planning to attend the service along with Fijians from the surrounding cities.

Isaiah 12 is a brief hymn of thanksgiving that names salvation, joy, public testimony, and confident trust. Read through that lens, a church anniversary becomes more than a social milestone: it is a theological act that remembers God's saving work, shapes communal gratitude, and sends the congregation back into the world with renewed purpose. Remembering, like the prophet's opening cry of praise, names specific mercies and failures alike; honest recollection anchors gratitude in truth rather than nostalgia.

There is so much to be thankful for since we ventured forward in faith to start a worship service for Fijians who are living in Tamworth, especially those who are here under the Pacific Australian Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme. From humble beginnings, 60 Fijians are regularly attending worship. There are three Elders who regularly lead worship with the Talatala's (Ministers), a dynamic Choir, directed by Ana enhances the worship and sufficient children to start a Sunday School in the new year. The Elders are also working ecumenically with Fijians who worship at the Chapel, C3 and in Gunnedah and Inverell.

Anniversaries also form identity across generations. Isaiah's call to "make known his deeds" reframes the event as an outward-facing event: the congregation is not merely celebrating itself but proclaiming God's faithfulness to its neighbourhood. Including public invitations, civic partnerships, and testimony from young and old alike prevents the day from becoming inward-looking. Finally, an anniversary should end in recommitment—prayers, commissioning, or renewed vows—that translate praise into mission. When shaped by Isaiah 12, church anniversaries both celebrate what God has done and catalyse courage to trust God for what is next.

Rev Geoff



"Keep on Smiling"

If at times you feel you want to cry
And life seems such a trial,
Above the clouds there's a bright blue sky,
So make your tears a smile.
As you travel on life's way
With its many ups and downs,
Remember it's quite true to say
One smile is worth a dozen frowns.
Among the world's expensive things,
A smile is very cheap.
And when you give a smile away,
You get one back to keep.
So when friends have sadness on their face
And troubles round them piled,
The world will seem a better place
And all because you smiled.

~ anon

Always

Always be kind to yourself,
Always take care of yourself,
Always speak good to yourself,
Always count your blessings,
Always treat yourself well,
Always respect yourself,
Always appreciate yourself,
Always value yourself,
Always be there for yourself
Always be happy for yourself
Always better yourself
Always be patient with yourself
Always push yourself
Always be yourself.

~ 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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My Mom once told me that she walked into a room where a couple of friends were discussing her; they didn't know she was there.

She shook her head, smiled and walked away.

My Mom also told me that she had a friend who talked bad about her; she never knew that Mom found out, Mom never mentioned it.

She smiled and walked away from this friendship.

She told me she had family who chose to shift her out of their life because she stood up for herself for a change.

And because she stopped crossing oceans for them when they would not even help her cross a bridge.

She smiled, shook her head and walked away.

So I asked her how she could just walk away from people that betrayed her while pretending to be her friends or family.

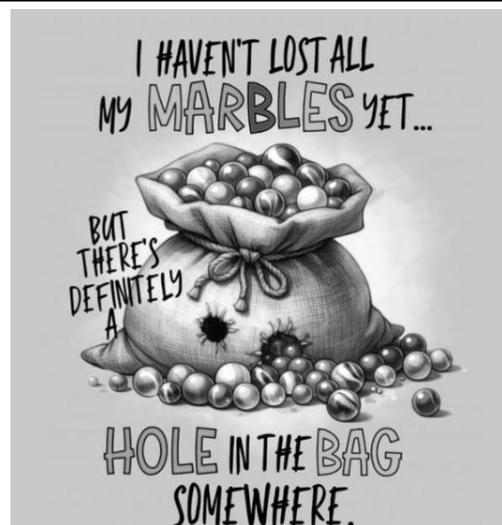
She answered that every time she came to a crossroad like that, she had to decide who will be going forward on her journey with her.

This showed her who she cannot take along with her.

So she explained to me that you should never get mad at a person who betrays you, even in the name of friendship or family.

Just gracefully bow out and enjoy your journey with all the new people you'll meet along the way.

~ Jen Hewson.

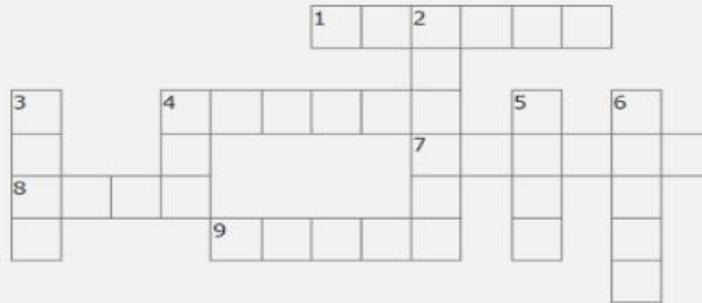


The jacaranda flower symbolizes wisdom, rebirth, and wealth, but also represents resilience and renewal, with its blooming cycle mirroring personal transformation. ~ anon

He Holds the Future

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. Luke 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Luke 21:5-19



ACROSS

1. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government
4. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
7. A building where people are kept as a punishment
8. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
9. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple

DOWN

2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
3. The period between birth and death
4. Fighting between two or more countries
5. Something that is given without compensation
6. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen

LIFE	STONE	TEMPLE	GIFT	WORRY
WISDOM	FEAR	PRISON	NATION	WAR

I K I N G D O M Y Q K Z V W B
 Y L P O F N J R E S S F F A V
 O J Z C O J R F J Z P T Z R B
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 V A I Q W L S E O A M E N K C
 P R R F J N I A V T D A Y U F
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EARTHQUAKES	WARS	TEMPLE	NEAR	PRISON
STONES	FRIGHTENED	KINGDOM	TIME	WATCH
LIFE	WORRY	HEAVEN	SIGNS	FAMINE

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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