



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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

Colossians 1:11-20 (NLT)

¹¹ We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, ¹² always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Christ Is Supreme

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. ¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. ¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Luke 23:33-43 (NLT)

³³ When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. ³⁵ The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. ³⁷ They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?" ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Other Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79



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 30 November

11am ~ Combined Service at City



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Glenda, who is continuing to recover from pneumonia.
- We pray for Rev Geoff who had skin cancer surgery on 19th November.
- We thank God for the many blessings he sends our way.
- We pray for safe travels for Doug and Marg over the coming week.
- We pray for those people whose lives are overshadowed by war.

Meg's Musings

Next Sunday begins the start of the Christian Advent and Christmas season.

Maybe your thoughts turn to your gift list.

Perhaps you're thinking about the food which you need to buy, and to prepare.

Some people still send Christmas cards.

But what if your Christmas centered around saying "Thank You" to God for the gift of Jesus?

What would that entail?

Would you enjoy Christmas more if gratitude was first and foremost in your mind?

We each have the opportunity to make Christmas truly special.

What will your focus be?

Blessing from Meg



Advent is the Christian season of waiting and preparation for Christmas, which marks the celebration of Jesus' birth. The word itself means "coming" or "arrival," referring to both the first coming of Christ and the anticipation of his second coming. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and is a time for reflection, with a focus on themes like hope, peace, joy, and love.



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

Who Reigns Over You?

Delores Williams, grew up in a church where the minister shouted out: "Who is Jesus?" The choir responded loudly: "King of kings and Lord Almighty!" Then, little Miss Huff, in a fragile and soft voice would, would sing, "Poor little Mary's boy". Back and forth they sang: King of Kings, Poor little Mary's boy. Delores said, "It was the Black church doing theology". Who is Jesus? "King of Kings"; cannot be the answer without seeing "poor little Mary's boy".

This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. It was set down for the last Sunday in October by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Not only did its introduction stand over and against the totalitarian claims of communists and fascists, it had also an anti-protestant effect as it coincided with Reformation Sunday. As an ecumenical gesture in 1970 Pope Paul VI moved the date to the last Sunday of the Christian year. All of this is relevant if only to show that politics and religion, remain intermingled.

In response to issues of sexuality and gender politics some congregations have changed the name to Reign of Christ Sunday to avoid the male image of "king"; But that doesn't make much difference if we forget that Jesus is "poor little Mary's boy". Though "king" is male, the word is important because Jesus turned that word on its head.

This comes through clearly in Luke 23:33-43 the gospel reading set down for this Sunday. The crowd and one of the criminals crucified with Jesus define kingship in terms of political power, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." The second criminal however, rebuked the first by recognising that the innocent suffering of Jesus was an exhibition of non-violent power.

Jesus' power was never self-serving, it was always on the side of justice for the poor, the downtrodden, the outcast. That is not the way power is typically understood.

Seen in this light, the Lord's Prayer is a most subversive political act. People who live and pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" have a very different agenda than other Kings whether capitalist, socialist or communist, whether democratic or theocratic. Why? Because they've entered a kingdom, pledged their allegiance to a ruler, and submitted to the reign of Christ the King, Mary's little boy.

Rev Geoff



A Fresh Paraphrase of Psalm 23

The Lord Jesus is my Soul Shepherd
who meets all my needs and makes me
smile.

He gets me to stop working and to relax
with him in his Father's loving arms.

He takes me into a quiet place
to be still and know that he is God and I am
loved.

He heals and rejuvenates my whole being
with his grace from the inside out.

He holds my hand at the crossroads
and walks me onto the path of life.

Even though I go through dark and
difficult times

I don't fear anything bad because *you* are
with me.

You discipline me in love and converse
patiently with me

to bring out the best in me.

You prepare a celebration to bless and
honor me —

right in front of my enemies.

You anoint me with your Spirit to minister
to others

out of the overflow of your love to me.

I can count on your generous favor and
tender mercy

coming to me wherever I go.

I will live in the presence of Christ as his
beloved

in all things and at all times. ~ Bill Gaultiere

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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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What do angels look like?

Like the little old lady who returned your
wallet yesterday.

Like the taxi driver who told you that
your eyes light up the world, when you
smile.

Like the small child who showed you
the wonder in simple things.

Like the poor man who offered
to share his lunch with you.

Like the rich man who showed you it
really is all possible, if only you believe.

Like the stranger who just happened to
come along,
when you had lost your way.

Like the friend who touched your heart,
when you didn't think you had one left to
touch.

Angels come in all sizes and shapes,
All ages and skin types.

Some with freckles, some with dimples,
some with wrinkles, some without.

They come disguised as friends, enemies,
teachers, students, lovers and fools.

They don't take life too seriously,
They travel light.

They leave no forwarding address,
They ask for nothing in return.

They wear sneakers with gossamer wings,
They get a deal on dry cleaning.

They are hard to find when your eyes are
closed, But

They are everywhere you look when you
choose to see.

~ Veronica Hay

"Now is no time to think of what you do not
have.

Think of what you can do with that there
is". ~ Ernest Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea

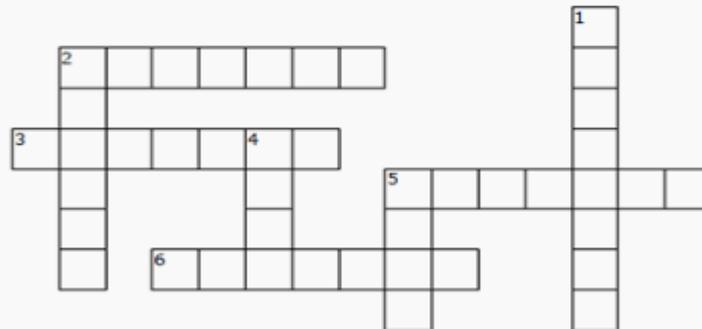


Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)



CHRIST THE KING



ACROSS

2. Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
3. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
5. A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
6. To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done

DOWN

1. Someone who commits a crime
2. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
4. The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
5. To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue

FORGIVE	SAVE	FEAR	CRIMINAL
SOLDIER	CLOTHES	CRUCIFY	CHRIST

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PUNISHED	LEFT	CRUCIFIED	DIVIDED	CLOTHES
MOCKED	PARADISE	KING	FATHER	CHOSEN
TRUTH	SKULL	SAVE	CRIMINALS	CHRIST
FEAR	SOLDIERS	RIGHT	FORGIVE	MEMEMBER