



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

2026 Gospel Breakfast Rev Geoff Flynn Rev Sam Sadrata Meg Mangan (Pastoral Care)

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing!

³ Know ye that the LORD, He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise! Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name!

⁵ For the LORD is good, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. ~ Psalms 100



Be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,

and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And

give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ. ~ Ephesians 5: 18 - 19

It is with sadness that we pass on the news that Rev Will Pearson passed away on 1st January. Will supported Peel Valley in his role as Presbytery Chairperson, and took services at West Tamworth when he was Supply Minister at City Church. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.



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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John 1:29-42 (NIV)

John Testifies About Jesus

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

John's Disciples Follow Jesus

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for the gifts of hearing, and music.
- We pray for a happy and safe time for all of Tamworth's' Country Music visitors.
- We pray for Beulah, and her health.
- We pray for our world, as international politics seems to be taking an increasingly uncertain path.
- We thank God for Will Pearson, and a life well lived.

Meg's Musings

I ventured downtown this morning. What greeted me was barriers, diversions, busyness and chaos.... and the festival hasn't even officially started yet!

It got me thinking. I can see those things as tiresome, or as an adventure. The same is true of life. It's not the number of roadblocks, problems, health issues and sadnesses we encounter which determines our life. Rather, it is our response to what we encounter which influences what we achieve, and whether or not we are happy. Jesus invites us to put our trust in God, and to rely on Him. When we do that, we have a invisible partner with us wherever we go, and whatever we face.

Blessings from Meg



Faithful God, remind me of the powerful song you have placed within me, and give me the courage to sing it. *Amen*

4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

Big breakfast served 8:00 - 10:00 am



Next Market **25 January**

CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth
25 January ~ Rev Sam Sadrata



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville ~ Markets 4th Sunday of the month.

1266 Manilla Road, Hallsville 2340

Gowrie ~ Available for special events.

2125 Tamworth-Gowrie Road, 2340

West Tamworth ~ every Sunday 11am

79 Denison Street, West Tamworth 2340

Combined Worship 5th Sunday combined services with Tamworth City and Southside.



Ministers' Reflection -Who are you Waiting to See?

This Sunday it is hard not to be caught up in the excitement of Country Music week. Who or what is it that visitors to Tamworth have come see? Who is it that we locals might leave the peace and quiet of our home to go and see perform this week? In this Sunday's Gospel reading from John 1:29-42 John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and cries out: "*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*"

It's a big statement — but notice something simple: John recognises Jesus because he's been watching and waiting. He's not distracted. He's not chasing crowds. He's not building a brand. He's standing in the dust beside the Jordan, eyes open, heart ready. And when Jesus walks by, John points, just like you might if you see your favourite musician walking down Peel St, and John says, "There. That's him. That's the one we've been waiting for."

Two of John's disciples hear John and follow Jesus. They ask Jesus where he is staying. Jesus doesn't give them a map or directions. He simply says: "*Come and see.*"

Faith begins with a simple step. You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to be perfect. But you can't remain where you are. We must move. We must walk with Jesus, see what he is like and allow him to show you who he is. And when you do, you discover what the psalmist discovered in (Psalm 40): that God lifts you up, sets your feet on solid ground, and puts a new song in your mouth - a country gospel song of hope, grace, and steady love.

Rev Geoff



Tomorrow

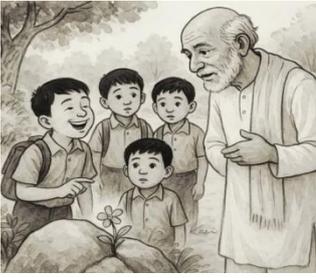
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A mystical land where 99% of all human productivity, motivation and achievement is stored.



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville
9:30 to 1:00pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday *Cuppa and a chat always available.*
Reopens 29 January 2026





The power of human will is a great power

One day a teacher went out to walk in the garden with his students.

While walking, they saw a small flower blooming on a stone. One of the students started laughing.

He said, "How funny this flower is! How it bent while climbing through the gap in the stone!"

The others also started laughing. But the teacher smiled lightly and said,

"Do you know, this small flower can teach us a lot?"

The students were surprised and asked, "Teach us? How?"

The teacher said,,

"If a small flower can grow even from a hard obstacle like a stone, then you are much stronger. If someone laughs at your dreams or efforts, you should not be discouraged by their ridicule and move forward like this flower. And, let us never laugh at the struggles of others because maybe they are breaking their stone."

The students fell silent. They understood that behind laughter, contempt is often hidden, which can break someone. Rather, people should be taught with praise, sympathy and love.

- Real education is not to laugh at the pain or weakness of others, but to see them with compassion. Because, no one knows when and where a person will rise from.

~ I am Buddhist



Gospel music is not a sound;
gospel music is a message.
Gospel music means good news.
It's good-news music. ~Kirk Franklin

Tyler Rich combines his passion for music and saving homeless pets by launching **Rich Rescues**, an initiative that helps spotlight homeless pets in the various cities where he tours.

"On tour I visit local shelters and bring awareness of animals in need of a home to my fans in those cities," he says. "But whether on tour or not, I'll always do my best to inspire others to adopt those sweet faces hoping for a forever home."

Tyler's music advocated for pets in need. Rich recently released full-length album *Two Thousand Miles*, a nod to the distance between Los Angeles — where his wife and fellow animal lover Sabina Gadecki pursues her career as an actress and Nashville, where many of Rich's music industry colleagues and collaborators reside.

Tyler and Sabina adopted a senior dog named Max, a 15-year-old Samoyed-husky mix in need of a home.

"Every single day we get to watch him come back to life, and it's the greatest reward."

"Max could barely walk and now he is full of excitement every time he greets us at the front door. That dog got another shot. It's something everyone should try to feel.

A few good years with a dog is worth it, and there is no greater reward than taking in a senior shelter dog and seeing that dog come back to life." ~ Rich Rescues On-line



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God's Eyewitness News

"I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."
John 1:34 (NIV)

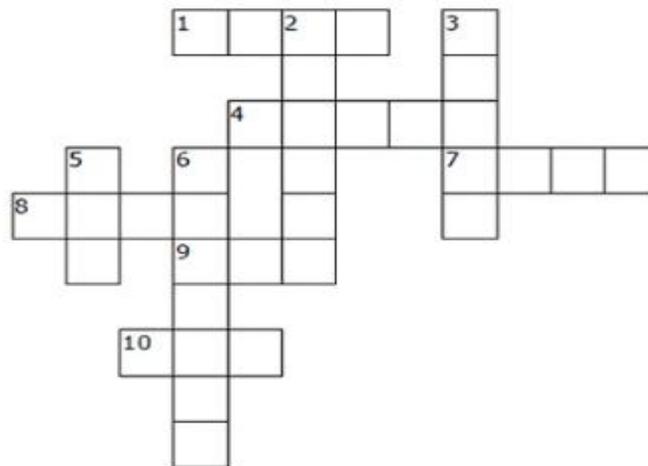
The puzzle is based on John 1:29-34 (NIV).



John 1:29

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WORLD	BAPTIZE	LAMB	WATER	JOHN
SENT	JESUS	KNOW	SIN	HEAVEN
TESTIMONY	LOOK	SPIRIT	DOVE	TAKES



ACROSS

- The man who baptized Jesus
- A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H₂O
- A young sheep
- A bird that is a symbol of peace
- A male descendant
- To break one of God's commands

DOWN

- The place where God is
- The earth and everything on it
- The creator of heaven and earth
- To make a statement based on personal knowledge

SIN	HEAVEN	LAMB	JOHN	WATER
GOD	DOVE	TESTIFY	WORLD	SON