



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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John 4:5–42 (NLT)

⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.

⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink."

⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?"

¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.

¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

¹⁶ "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

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Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet.

²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem.

²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews.

²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.

²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!"

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?"

²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone,

²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"

³⁰ So the people came streaming from the village to see himcontinued over page

Embrace the glorious mess that you are. ~Gilbert

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³¹ Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something."

³² But Jesus replied, "I have a kind of food you know nothing about."

³³ "Did someone bring him food while we were gone?" the disciples asked each other.

³⁴ Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work."

³⁵ You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!

³⁷ You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true.

³⁸ I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest."

Many Samaritans Believe

³⁹ Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!"

⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.

⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Saviour of the world."

Other Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11



CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

15 March ~ Rev Sam Sadrata.



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

Next Markets 22 March



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for wisdom and insight for our world leaders.
- We pray for all of the people affected by the many wars and skirmishes taking place around the world.
- We pray for Beulah, who is in hospital.
- We give thanks for the safe arrival of Mere and Sam's new daughter, Vaseva.
- We give thanks for our busy Op Shop volunteers.

Meg's Musings

At the moment, as we listen to the news, we can be overwhelmed by what is happening.

It seems that there is more armed conflict at the moment than at any time since the conclusion of World War II - and I'm not overlooking Vietnam, Iraq or Afghanistan.

In such circumstances, how do we pray?

Who do we pray for?

What do we pray for?

It's a situation where perhaps words aren't necessary.

What is needed is that we come to God honestly with our thoughts and our feelings, and we lay them at his feet.

God, understands, even when we can't find the right words, or even any words.

Blessing from Meg



"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art. " ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

NEWS: The congregation have agreed to the sale of West Tamworth, on the understanding that we can reach agreement with the Synod Property section that we can use the interest on the sale money to pay the ministers.



Palm Sunday

**5TH SUNDAY TRUC
COMBINED WORSHIP**

Sunday, 29 March 2026

9:30am at Tamworth City Uniting Church

Morning Tea to follow

Join in the worship and fellowship together.

Minister's Reflection

Found at the Well

Sometimes we think we are searching for God. Yet, faithful to the biblical witness, it is God who searches for us—coming at unexpected times and in the most ordinary places. God finds us, speaks a living word to us, and in encounters initiated by God we experience a new reality. Our Gospel reading for this Sunday, John 4:5–42, offers rich insight into this truth.

The nameless woman at the well is portrayed as both a religious and social outsider. Prevented from full participation in the religious life of Israel, she goes about her daily task of drawing water in the heat of the day. She is not seeking theological discussion, nor is she looking for the Messiah. Yet the Messiah notices her and engages her in one of the most lively and profound conversations in John's Gospel. Jesus speaks with her about living water, reveals deep truths, and gently names the hidden realities of her life. The conversation ends with the woman running back to her community, saying, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

This story has shaped how I understand my own ministry. Reflecting on my time as an Air Force chaplain, I learned that my task was to go where aviators were already working. Tea rooms became modern-day wells—places where conversations could begin with those who often felt like outsiders, including people who had been made to feel inadequate or wounded by experiences within the institutional church. Many healing encounters began simply with the offer of a cup of tea.

In contemporary congregational life, an "outsider" is often someone on the margins—or absent altogether—unsure whether the church is a place where they will truly be seen and heard. One measure of a congregation's health is not only who gathers for worship on Sunday, but also how many outsiders it serves through mission.

So where do you find yourself today—inside or outside, confident or hesitant, faithful or uncertain? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that wherever we are, Jesus finds us, speaks to us, and stays in conversation with us. He does not wait for the right words or perfect answers, but invites us to draw near, receive the living water he offers, and trust the life-giving conversation he begins.

Reverend Geoff



"There is almost always a way, though sometimes a much slower way, of doing things without violence. For it is not by hostility that good things are achieved."

~ Bertrand Russell, *New Hopes for a Changing World* (1951)



Bertrand Russell was a passionate philosopher and mathematician who was outraged by what he

considered humankind's irrational beliefs and needless cruelties. Russell wrote and spoke to be understood. His clarity of expression reflects the clarity of his thought. Unlike many philosophers, Russell is well-known for his lucid and elegant prose style. In his philosophical works, there is little abstract jargon nor do we find many flowery expressions. Russell valued getting to the point. At the age of eighty nine Russell was imprisoned for his role in a peace and nuclear disarmament demonstration. He was offered leniency by the magistrate on the condition that he promised to maintain 'good behaviour'. Russell's laconic response, simple yet forceful, was:

"No, I won't."

~Wikipedia

Congratulations!



*Rev Samuela, Mere &
Marica Sadrata welcome*

*Vaseva Liku Lesiki
Tamworth Sadrata*

Born on the 25/02/2026

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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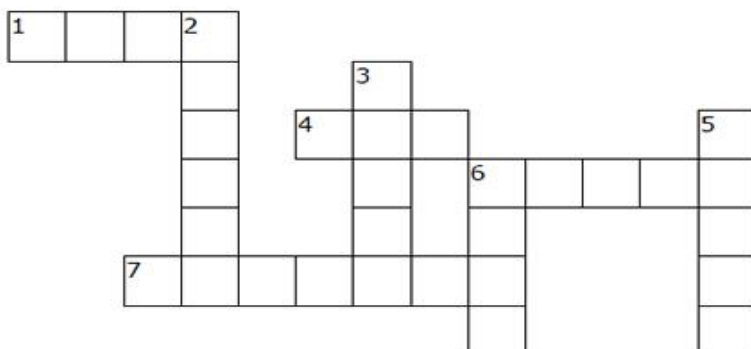


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The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



ACROSS

1. A present; something given without cost
4. The creator of heaven and earth; our Heavenly Father
6. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H2O
7. Continuing forever

DOWN

2. To feel the need for a drink
3. An adult female person
5. The act of taking liquid through the mouth
6. A deep hole or shaft dug or drilled to obtain water

WELL	WOMAN	WATER	THIRST
GIFT	DRINK	GOD	ETERNAL

X K B R K K T W G Q D W W L W
 W A Q N O S J F S M E K U W O
 T E I Q R Q B C V P W L V P M
 J R L I A L X M A Y R A I L A
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~ Sermons 4 Kids

LIFE	LIVING	NEVER	WATER	THIRST
WOMAN	TIRED	ETERNAL	JESUS	GIFT
SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK

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