



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

31 May 2026    Rev Geoff Flynn    Rev Sam Sadrata    Meg Mangan (Pastoral Care)

## Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVue) The Commissioning of the Disciples

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted.

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## Corinthians 13:11-13 (NRSVue) Final Greetings and Benediction

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it." ~ Robert Frost

**CHURCH SERVICES 11am West**  
**7 June** ~ Rev Sam HC  
**14 June** ~ Meg Mangan  
**21 June** ~ Rev Geoff  
**28 June** ~ Meg Mangan



*Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. ~ Seneca*

## Psalms 8 (NRSVue) Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup> what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God<sup>l</sup>  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you *with a new hello.* ~ Paulo Coelho

**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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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Rev. Geoff and his family as they mourn the loss of a deeply-loved father.
- We pray for Janet as she recovers from skin cancer surgery.
- We pray for Vinnie who suffered two fractures after a fall.
- We also pray for Beth, who is also healing after a fall.
- We continue to keep Doug in our prayers.
- We pray for safe travel for everyone who has travelled to be at this special occasion.

### Meg's Musings

Over the many decades that the Christian Church has existed within the Gowrie community, many hundreds of people have played their part in it. Whether it was through leading worship or doing the washing up after the service, each task, and each attendee has mattered, and has contributed to the whole.

Funds were raised, sponge by sponge; improvements were made at working bees.

Discussions around the table at morning tea always included the weather - but they were also the opportunity to share about the big, the important, and the devastating changes which were occurring in peoples' lives.

That support circle has always been so important. And God was present in that sharing, just as much as God was present in the worship.

May that caring, sharing attitude remain within the Gowrie community, and in the lives of each of us.

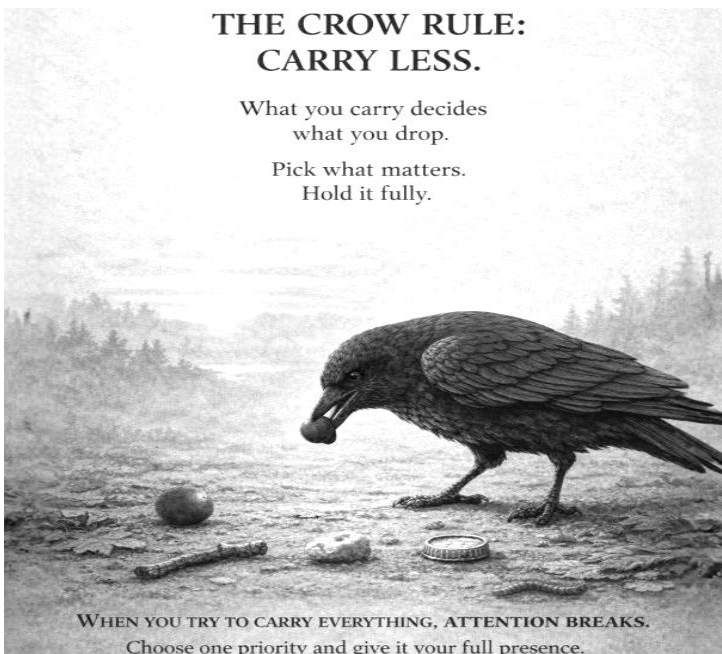
*Blessings from Meg*



### THE CROW RULE: CARRY LESS.

What you carry decides  
what you drop.

Pick what matters.  
Hold it fully.



WHEN YOU TRY TO CARRY EVERYTHING, ATTENTION BREAKS.  
Choose one priority and give it your full presence.

### Minister's Reflection

Trinity Sunday and the Closing of Gowrie Uniting Church

Trinity Sunday invites the church to reflect on the mystery and beauty of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: three persons, yet one God, bound together in love, relationship and purpose. It is a day when we remember that the very heart of God is not isolation but communion, not distance but fellowship. In many ways, that makes Trinity Sunday a fitting time to mark the closure of Gowrie Uniting Church, because the story of Gowrie has always been a story of shared faith, shared life and shared service.

While for Rev Sam and I this will be our first and last service at Gowrie, we have heard many stories of the way in which the Holy Spirit moved in the lives of the people who gathered for worshipped at Gowrie. From its earliest days, when worship was held in homes and believers of different traditions gathered, Gowrie expressed something of the unity-in-diversity that Christians see in the Trinity itself. Over generations, people prayed, sang, taught children, raised funds, built extensions, shared meals, cared for one another and kept faith alive in a rural community. Around kitchen tables and in quiet conversations, in pageants and carols, in Sunday school and morning tea, the life of this congregation was never just about a building. It was about the presence of God among God's people.

That is why this closing is both sorrowful and holy. We give thanks for all that has been, even as we grieve what is ending. Trinity Sunday reminds us that God's life is always larger than any one place or season. The love of the Creator, the grace of Christ and the companionship of the Spirit do not end with the closing of a church door. They continue in the lives of those shaped by this congregation and in the worship and witness that now carry on elsewhere. As Gowrie Uniting Church closes, we honour its past with deep gratitude and entrust its future to the God who gathers, sustains and sends the church in every generation.

*Rev Geoff*



*A moment's beginning ends in a moment.*



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## Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a (NRSVue)

### Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth,

<sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

<sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.....continued

<sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so.

<sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans<sup>[e]</sup> in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans<sup>[e]</sup> in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

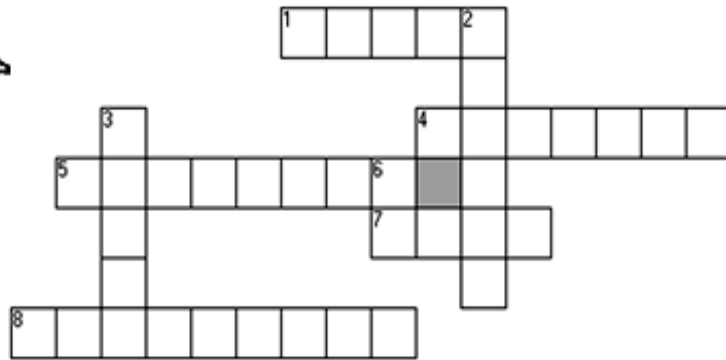
<sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

<sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.



**ACROSS**

- 1. the planet on which we live
- 4. groups of people living in a certain area; countries
- 5. giving instructions to a group of students
- 7. to follow the commands, rules, or guidance
- 8. followers of Jesus

**DOWN**

- 2. the place where God lives
- 3. the Son of God
- 6. opposite of stop

**Words in Puzzle**

go	heaven	nations	obey
disciples	teaching	earth	Jesus

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