



# Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



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## Matthew 9:9-14, 18-26 (NRSVue)

### The Call of Matthew

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.

<sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

<sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

### The Question about Fasting

<sup>14</sup> Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

### A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

<sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

<sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for the wonderful day we enjoyed last Sunday celebrating what Gowrie Church has meant to many people over the decades.
- We continue to pray for Doug, and for Vinnie.
- We pray for the people currently impacted by wars around our world.
- We pray for everyone involved in managing the Ebola outbreak.
- We thank God for the wonderful rain which we have received over the past few weeks.

## Meg's Musings

Late one afternoon recently I was looking out our front window.

A galah flew down onto the road, landing near a puddle of water.

The bird glanced around carefully, then put it's head down, and began drinking.

It's mate joined it, and, with a few more reservations, also began to drink from the puddle.

The birds seemed to be relishing the water. It was easy to scoop up, and - relatively - clean.

I had been hoping for, and praying for rain. However, I had never considered how much pleasure the rain, and the puddle, would provide to the pair of galahs.

It was a joy to see the enthusiasm for life which the birds displayed.

I'm sure that God would love to see each one of us joyfully making the most of the the life He has given us

*Blessings from Meg*



## CHURCH SERVICES 11am West

7 June ~ Rev Sam HC

14 June ~ Meg Mangan

21 June ~ Rev Geoff

28 June ~ Meg Mangan



## Other Lectionary Readings:

Geneses 12:1-9 Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalms 33:1-12 Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25





# TRUC Newsletter - Matthew 9:9-14, 18-26

## Ministers Reflection

How good was the rainfall we have had in the past week. Giving life back to the earth.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus walks into three very different moments of limitation: Matthew stuck at his tax booth, a woman exhausted by twelve years of suffering, and a family facing the death of a child. Each scene begins in a place where life feels closed. Yet Jesus meets each person with the same quiet insistence: God is not finished.

Matthew's Gospel is always doing this. It tells the story of Jesus as the One who steps into endings and opens new beginnings. It is the Gospel of Emmanuel, God with us in the ordinary, the painful, the uncertain. It is the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, God's reign breaking into everyday life with mercy, healing, and restored dignity. And it is the Gospel that

forms communities like ours to live with courage, humility, and hope.

This has felt especially real for us in the Tamworth region this week as we closed the worshipping life of Gowrie Uniting Church. Buildings hold memory. Communities hold story. And endings, even faithful ones, touch something tender. Yet, Matthew reminds us that God's story does not end where ours feels thin. Jesus calls Matthew from his desk into a new future. He restores a woman who thought her life had stalled. He takes a girl by the hand and says, "Get up." In each moment, Jesus reveals a God who brings life out of what looks like loss.

For our regional congregations; City, Southside, Peel Valley, Somerton, and our rural communities, this is good news. We know about change. We know about shifting numbers, ageing buildings, and the realities of rural ministry. But we also know about resilience, generosity, and the Spirit's surprising creativity. Pentecost tells us the Church is not held together by structures but by the breath of God, moving through ordinary people in ordinary places.

The ministry offered at Gowrie does not disappear. It becomes part of the soil from which new ministry grows. The prayers prayed there, the baptisms celebrated, the funerals honoured, the cups of tea shared - they now nourish the wider body of Christ across our region. In Matthew's language, they become seeds of the Kingdom.

So as we step into this next season, may we trust the Christ who still walks into our endings with resurrection hope. May we listen for the Spirit who still whispers new callings. And may we, like Matthew, rise from the places where we sit and follow Jesus into the future he is already shaping for us.

If you'd like to explore more about Matthew's vision of hope or how endings become beginnings, I'm here to continue the conversations.

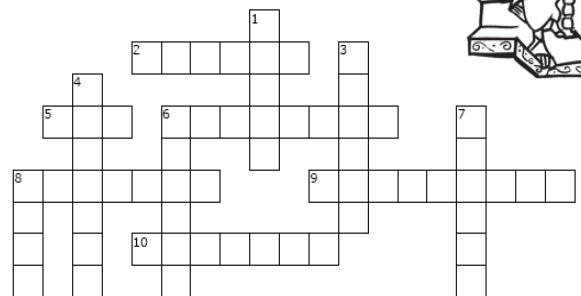
*Rev Samuela Sadrata*



## The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."  
Matthew 9:13b (NIV)

Based on Genesis Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- 2. One who refuses to obey God's laws
- 5. An amount of money paid to the government
- 6. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
- 8. The opposite of standing
- 9. A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
- 10. Strong and free from illness and disease

### DOWN

- 1. Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
- 3. To walk behind someone
- 4. The first book of the New Testament
- 6. The main meal of the day
- 7. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
- 8. To be affected with disease or ill health

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SICK	MERCY	SINNER	FOLLOW
SITTING	MATTHEW	HEALTHY	TAX

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**"To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."**  
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