



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



14 June 2026

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Rev Sam Sadrata

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Matthew 9:35-10:8 (NLT)

The Need for Workers

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few.

³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness.

² Here are the names of the twelve apostles:

first, Simon (also called Peter),
then Andrew (Peter's brother),
James (son of Zebedee),
John (James's brother),

³ Philip,
Bartholomew,
Thomas,

Matthew (the tax collector),
James (son of Alphaeus),
Thaddaeus,

⁴ Simon (the zealot),
Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).

⁵ Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: "Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans,

⁶ but only to the people of Israel—God's lost sheep.

⁷ Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for sunshine.
- We pray for the people whose aches and pains are worse as winter arrives.
- We pray for peace for our world - a peace which only God can provide.
- We pray for each of the aged care residents - especially Beulah and Glenda.
- We thank God for the diversity, and beauty, of nature.

Meg's Musings

For many years now, we have had blue-tongued lizards living in the garden near our front steps.

At times we have created other spots for blue-tongues to shelter within the garden. Sometimes, as they emerged from hibernation, we've left bits of banana for them to eat.

It's nice to know that it's their "home" as well as ours - that we share our yard with birds, gecko's and other small creatures. Late last year I stopped seeing the blue-tongue, and hoped that it hadn't been run over, but had found a cooler spot for the summer.

Last Saturday I discovered a blue-tongue enjoying the sunshine. It has continued to be there each morning since.

It's nice to have a reminder that we can play a part, alongside God, in allowing his creatures to survive, and to thrive.

And the payback? I haven't seen a snail in years! *Blessings from Meg*



CHURCH SERVICES 11am West

21 June ~ Rev Geoff

28 June ~ Meg Mangan



Other Lectionary Readings:

Geneses 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Exodus 19:2-8a Psalms 100

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 Romans 5:1-8





Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Newsletter – Minister’s reflection

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.”

I wonder if you have ever been in a situation where you have been tasked with a job that was big and would have required three or four of you? I wonder if you just blitzed through and do the best you could? Did someone come to your rescue? I wonder...

Matthew lets us overhear Jesus’ heartbreak before we hear his commissioning. He looks upon the crowds; bewildered, like sheep without a shepherd; and his response is with compassion. The Greek word used in the text signals a gut-level ache. Jesus feels the world’s pain in his body, and from that deep compassion, he sends.

This is the hinge between Matthew 9 and 10: Jesus’ ministry becomes our ministry. What Christ has been doing, teaching, healing, restoring, and confronting the forces that diminish life; he now entrusts to ordinary disciples. People willing to go.

In Matthew 10, the call is both beautiful and costly. The disciples are sent to proclaim good news, cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. They are also warned that the world will not always welcome them. Vulnerability is not a side-effect of discipleship; it is the shape of it. They are to travel lightly, depend on hospitality, and trust that God’s Spirit will speak through them when they face resistance.

For us in the Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches, this passage lands close to home. We know what it is to serve across scattered communities, to hold worship in small congregations, to navigate closures and new beginnings, to carry both grief and hope. We know what it is to feel the labourers are few. Yet Jesus’ words remind us that the mission is never ours alone. It begins in his compassion, continues in his empowering, and is sustained by the Spirit who goes ahead of us.

Perhaps the good news is that Jesus sends us not because we are strong, or have all the answers, or to even fix things... but because the world is loved and to bear witness to the Gospel. To draw people to healing, to justice, to mercy, to hope.

This is easier said than done, of course. In a world of conflict, cost-of-living pressures, loneliness, and uncertainty, our calling is the same as those first disciples: to show up, to speak peace, to offer compassion, to embody Christ’s healing presence in whatever ways we can.

May we continue to be a people who travel lightly, love deeply, and trust boldly. For the harvest is still plentiful. And by God’s grace, we are still being sent

Amen

Rev Samuela Sadrata



It's not how much
Scripture you know,
it's how much
Scripture you live.



Jesus Calls for Workers

"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'" Matthew 10:7 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 (NIV)



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