



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



19 July 2026

Rev Geoff Flynn

Rev Sam Sadrata

Meg Mangan (Pastoral Care)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSVU)

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

²⁴ He put before them another parable:
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,

²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

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Other Lectionary Readings:

Geneses 28:10-19a Isaiah 44: 6-8

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Psalms 86 :11-17 Romans 8:12-25



CHURCH SERVICES 11am West
26 July ~ Rev Geoff

2 August ~ Meg Mangan HC



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

9:30 to 1:00pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Cuppa and a chat always

You will never influence the world by trying to fit into it. ~ Unknown

Matthew 13: 36-43 (NRSVU)

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Happy people don't tear each other down.

Secure people celebrate the success of others.

Peaceful people spread calm, not chaos.

Confident people uplift rather than criticise.

~ anon



5th Sunday TRUC Worship & Get Together

Sunday, 30 August 2026

11am at Tamworth Southsided

Moderator-Elect, Rev Pablo Nunez will be joining us.

Lunch to follow.

Join in the Worship and fellowship together.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for people with colds and 'flu.
- We give thanks for the freedoms which we enjoy.
- We thank God for all the things which warm us - sunshine, a cuppa, heaters, blankets, love.
- We give thanks for the healing Doug and Vinnie have experienced, and pray for their continued recovery.
- We pray for our warming planet.

Courage, scientific advancement, and making a difference.

If my legacy was to continue beyond these words, I would be delighted and humbled to be remembered as a proud everyday Aussie who 'gave it a crack', and in doing so, inspired others to pursue their dreams and passions with humility, love and compassion.

Enjoy your life and contribute to the things you are passionate about."

"The questions you ask and the courage you show can change lives. ~ Richard Scolyer

Meg's Musings

This week I watched the State Memorial Service held for Richard Scolyer.

It was a moving tribute - from the Welcome To Country to reminiscences from Richards' children. But, for me, something was missing.

There was no mention of God - no gratitude to God for all the giftedness Richard displayed; just gratitude towards Richard for what he had achieved.

It felt to me that there is a layer of life which went unacknowledged - the God who gives life to each and every one of us.

In choosing to ignore God, we make life seem so much smaller. Life becomes all about what we achieve, and what we leave behind.

Instead, we can choose to focus on our relationship with God, and what He is calling us to do.... and look forward to the more complete relationship with God which awaits us when our earthly journey is complete.

When we do that, we see life from quite a different perspective.

Blessings from Meg



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Pol Science

If you put black ants and red ants in a jar, nothing will happen.

But if you shake the jar hard, they will start killing each other.

The red ants will consider the black ants their enemies, and the black ants will consider the red ants their enemies.

The real enemy is the one who shakes the jar.

The same thing happens in society.

Before we attack each other, we should think about who is shaking the jar!



— Kurt Vonnegut

The True Meaning of Life

Life isn't about money, fame, or perfection...

It's about the little moments we often ignore.

It's about loving deeply, forgiving even when it's hard, and being there for the people who matter the most.

One day, everything we own will mean nothing...

but the love we gave, the memories we created, and the kindness we showed—that's what truly stays behind.

So don't wait...

Tell them you love them, hold them a little longer, and appreciate what you have today.

Because in the end, the true meaning of life is love, connection, and the memories we leave in hearts ❤️



Minister's Reflection

Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday: One Body, Many Gifts

On Sunday 19 July, communities across the Uniting Church are invited to share in the fourth annual national celebration of Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday. Emerging from a decision of the 16th Assembly in 2022, this celebration invites us to give thanks for the rich tapestry of cultures and languages that make up the body of Christ, and to consider more deeply what it means to live our life and faith interculturally.

Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday is more than a date in the church calendar. It is an invitation to look beyond our own familiar circles, to notice the culturally diverse communities around us, and to join in what God is already doing in the Tamworth region. It encourages us to receive cultural and linguistic diversity not as a challenge to be managed, but as a gift of the Creator God.

I am encouraged that the Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches are serious about being a multicultural church. Peel Valley has made West Tamworth Uniting Church available to the Lutheran and Mor Ephraim Syrian Orthodox Churches. Tamworth City has offered hospitality to members of the Fijian Methodist Church who have come to Tamworth through the PALM Scheme. Tamworth Southside has actively supported Festival La Peel and the multicultural ministry of the late Eddie Witham.

These are signs of grace and practical expressions of welcome. They remind us that intercultural ministry is not simply about sharing space, but about sharing life: listening well, learning from one another, offering hospitality, and allowing our common life in Christ to be enlarged by the gifts of others.

Resources for a full worship service, an Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday prayer, and suggested ways to get involved are available on the Assembly website. These resources call congregations to speak truthfully about racism; deepen Covenant relationship, truth-telling and justice with First Peoples; and order ministry, leadership and resources inclusively and equitably across cultures.

They also invite us to engage in prophetic advocacy for racial, social and ecological justice, and to live as one body with many members, where every gift is needed and every person belongs.

As we mark Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday in 2026, may we celebrate with gratitude, repent where we need to, and recommit ourselves to being neighbours in the way of Jesus.

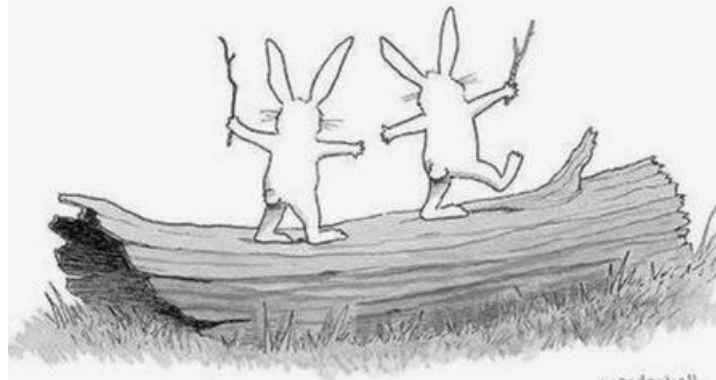
Happy Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday!

Reverend Geoff

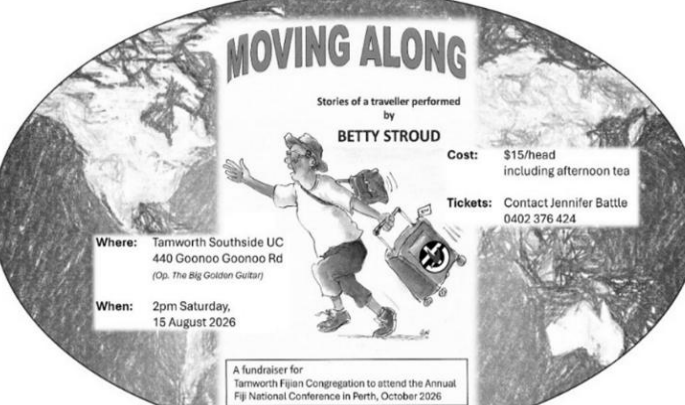


Wonderful We

You are you,
and I am me,
and together we make
a wonderful "we."
And though I'm not perfect,
and neither are you,
together, there's nothing
that we can't do.



 Join us at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church from 10:30am to celebrate moving on from NENW to Northern Presbytery <i>Morning tea, worship, holy communion, lunch and memories.</i> RSVP to nenwpresbytery@gmail.com	  Meeting Invite 8 August 2026 NENW Presbytery	 
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MOVING ALONG

Stories of a traveller performed by **BETTY STROUD**

Cost: \$15/head including afternoon tea

Tickets: Contact Jennifer Battle 0402 376 424

Where: Tamworth Southside UC
440 Goonoo Goonoo Rd
(Op. The Big Golden Guitar)

When: 2pm Saturday,
15 August 2026

A fundraiser for Tamworth Fijian Congregation to attend the Annual Fiji National Conference in Perth, October 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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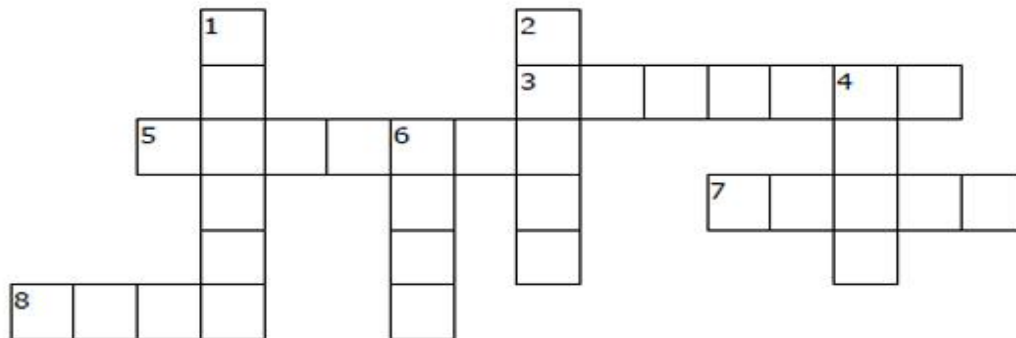


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The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Matthew 13: 24-29



ACROSS

3. The time for gathering crops
5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

1. The place where God is
2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
6. To damage or destroy by fire

WEEDS	BURN	SEED	HARVEST
HEAVEN	WHEAT	BARN	PARABLE

M	A	V	W	H	F	Q	B	B	E	W	G	Q	I	S
H	R	M	P	S	Y	I	U	K	D	Y	H	O	A	J
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SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS

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