



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



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Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NLT)

Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches."

Parable of the Yeast

³³ Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."

⁴⁴ "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field."

⁴⁵ "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. ⁴⁶ When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"

Parable of the Fishing Net

⁴⁷ "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹ That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, ⁵⁰ throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ Do you understand all these things?"

"Yes," they said, "we do."

⁵² Then he added, "Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old."

Genesis 29:15-28 (NLT)

¹⁵ Laban said to him, "You shouldn't work for me without pay just because we are relatives. Tell me how much your wages should be."

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The older daughter was named Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. ¹⁷ There was no sparkle in Leah's eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face. ¹⁸ Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, "I'll work for you for seven years if you'll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife."

¹⁹ "Agreed!" Laban replied. "I'd rather give her to you than to anyone else. Stay and work with me." ²⁰ So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days. ²¹ Finally, the time came for him to marry her. "I have fulfilled my agreement," Jacob said to Laban. "Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her."

²² So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast. ²³ But that night, when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her. ²⁴ (Laban had given Leah a servant, Zilpah, to be her maid.)

²⁵ But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah! "What have you done to me?" Jacob raged at Laban. "I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?"

²⁶ "It's not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn," Laban replied. ²⁷ "But wait until the bridal week is over; then we'll give you Rachel, too—provided you promise to work another seven years for me."

²⁸ So Jacob agreed to work seven more years. A week after Jacob had married Leah, Laban gave him Rachel, too.

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b Psalms 128
Psalms 119:129-136 1 Kings 3:2-12
Romans 8:26-39





IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Trish, from the Op Shop, who has shingles - again.
- We pray for Lynne Bowd who is awaiting lung surgery.
- We pray for Bill Davidson who has cancer.
- We are thankful that God is always with us - in good times, and through difficulties large and small.
- We pray for Charlie, Sue Buddens' nephew, who was involved in a horrific car accident recently.
- We pray for Peter, Sue Buddens' brother-in-law, who is in palliative care.

Thoughts For Seniors.

- If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. 
- We're having a meeting.
- "Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo".
- I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.
- Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favourite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.
- I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.
- When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat" I just say, "No, it's for company!"
- Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

Meg's Musings

I was looking out the window today, and saw something which gladdened my heart.

A mum, out pushing a pram, stopped.

Obviously the baby had just woken up. The mum went around to the front of the pram, and pulled up the fabric which had been keeping out the light, and folded back the canopy.

Then she adjusted the angle of the pram, so that the baby was able to sit up, and to see out.

All of this was accompanied by kisses to the babies' forehead, and chatting to the baby.

It was a small, and everyday, event - just a moment in a busy mums day.

But it reminded me that God never stops seeing us through loving eyes, and wanting to make life as comfortable and inviting as possible for us.

God forever sees us as his adored children,

Blessings from Meg



Happy 103rd Birthday Beulah

As a 103 years old woman, you are among the world's most experienced demographic, possessing a wealth of historical perspective. ~ Centenarian Study



CHURCH SERVICES 11am West
2 August ~ Meg Mangan HC
9 August ~ Rev Tony Shumack



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.

Minister's Reflection

Life's a Wrestling Match

Most of us know what it is to wrestle our way through life. We wrestle with health, family concerns, grief, work pressures, difficult decisions, disappointments, and fears about what lies ahead. We may try to leave those struggles at the church door, but God's Word reminds us that faith is not an escape from struggle. Rather, faith helps us meet struggle with courage, honesty, and hope.

The story of Jacob at the Jabbok River (Genesis 29:15-28) speaks powerfully to this experience. Jacob had spent much of his life wrestling—with his brother Esau, with his family, with his past, and with himself. On the night before meeting Esau again, Jacob found himself alone and afraid. There, in the darkness, he wrestled with a mysterious figure until daybreak. By morning, Jacob was wounded, blessed, and given a new name: Israel.

This strange and beautiful story tells us that God is present not only in peaceful moments, but also in the hardest contests of life. Sometimes God comforts us; sometimes God challenges us. Sometimes we discover God's blessing only after a long night of fear, prayer, and perseverance. Jacob did not come away unchanged. He carried a limp, but he also carried a blessing.

That is often true for us as well. Our struggles may leave marks on us, but they need not have the final word. In Christ, God meets us in our weakness and gives us strength for the next step. The blessing may not always be the removal of every difficulty. It may be the deeper assurance that we are not alone, that God is with us, and that God's promise still holds.

As a church community in Tamworth, we are invited to support one another in these wrestling matches. We can listen, pray, encourage, visit, forgive, and share practical kindness. We can also tell the stories of God's faithfulness, giving thanks for blessings received even in difficult seasons.

Jacob's story reminds us that struggle and blessing can belong together. We may enter the night anxious and uncertain, but by God's grace we can rise to meet the morning renewed. Whatever you are wrestling with today, may you know the presence of the God who holds you, blesses you, and sends you on in hope.

Reverend Geoff



The world is not saved by sharpening swords. It is saved by tirelessly striving to understand, forgive, liberate and welcome everyone.

— Pope Leo XIV

Change the game, don't let the game change you. ~ Macklemore

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

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

 **Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville**
9:30 to 1:00pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Cuppa and a chat always

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."
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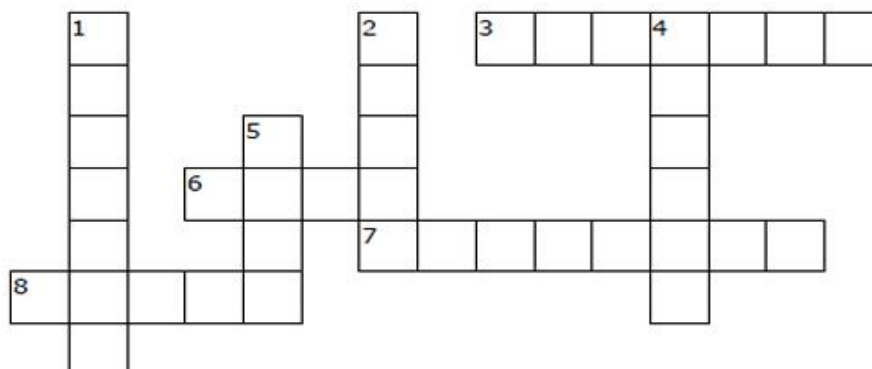


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The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32



ACROSS

3. Bigger than any of the others
6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
7. Not as big as any of the others
8. A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
2. An animal that has wings and is covered with feathers
4. An area where plants are grown
5. The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

SEED SMALLEST	PARABLE NEST	BIRDS GARDEN	LARGEST PLANT
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Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)



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