



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



13 September 2026

Rev Geoff Flynn

Rev Sam Sadrata

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Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16 (NIV)

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

"I will make your pains in childbearing
very severe;

with painful labor you will give birth to
children.

Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you."

¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened
to your wife and ate fruit from the tree
about which I commanded you, 'You must
not eat from it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food
from it
all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for
you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return."

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Genesis 4:8-16

⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's
go out to the field." While they were in the
field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and
killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is
your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my
brother's keeper?"

¹⁰ The LORD said, "What have you done?
Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me
from the ground.

¹¹ Now you are under a curse and driven
from the ground, which opened its mouth to
receive your brother's blood from your
hand.

¹² When you work the ground, it will no
longer yield its crops for you. You will be a
restless wanderer on the earth."

¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is
more than I can bear.

¹⁴ Today you are driving me from the land,
and I will be hidden from your presence; I
will be a restless wanderer on the
earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

¹⁵ But the LORD said to him, "Not so;
anyone who kills Cain will suffer
vengeance seven times over." Then
the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no
one who found him would kill him.

¹⁶ So Cain went out from the LORD's
presence and lived in the land of Nod, east
of Eden.

The light heart lives long. ~ Irish Proverb

CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

20 September ~ Rev Sam

27 September ~ Meg Mangan



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 Geoff Flynn as he walks the Camino this week with his daughter Jemma.
- We for all people living in areas of conflict.
- We pray for continued healing for Lynne Bowd.
- We pray for Margs' son-in-law, Anthony, for Sandra and also for Peter Scorgie.
- We pray for each of our Fab Finds workers, and also our many customers.

Meg's Musings

It's lovely to see so much blossom around Tamworth at the moment.

But the blossoming trees in the carpark off Brisbane Street just above the railway line are special.

By day, they are no more "special" than any other trees in blossom.

However, there is a streetlight positioned above each tree, and at night each tree looks spectacular.

The white blossom is lit up, and shows up starkly against the darkness.

God's light can illuminate things in our life too, bringing them to life, and making them "special".

Allowing God's light to shine can make a huge difference - just as the streetlights do for the blossoming trees.

Blessings from Meg



My Aged Care Forum

Empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their ageing journey.

Join us to gain the knowledge and confidence to navigate aged care, exploring supports, government funding, and how to access and apply for the services you need. Two session times available.

Venue: Tamworth Southside Uniting Church, 440 Goonoo Goonoo Rd

Date: Tuesday 29 September

Wednesday, 30 September

Time: 17:30 – 19:30

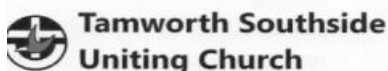
10:30am – 12:30pm



- ☒ Expert inputs
- ☒ Morning Tea / Sausage Sizzle
- ☒ Practical next step
- ☒ Q & As
- ☒ Activities for children

Places are limited. Please register ASAP by scanning the QR Code for your date of choice or leave a message with Karen on 0429 679 176 or E: office@tsuc.org.au

General enquiries: ewall@uniting.org



Ezekiel 47:1-12 (NIV)

The River From the Temple

47 The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. ² He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.

³ As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep.

⁴ He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist.

⁵ He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross.

⁶ He asked me, "Son of man, do you see this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river.

⁸ He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. ¹¹ But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. ¹² Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."

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Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Minister's Reflection - 'Where Can I Go From Your Spirit?'

As we enter the second week of Seasons of Creation, our focus turns to **Land**. This week, our readings invite us to think about the land not simply as something around us, but as something deeply connected to who we are as human beings and to our relationship with God.

In Genesis 4, Cain asks, "Am I my brother's keeper?" It is a question that continues to echo through generations. Cain has allowed jealousy and anger to become violence, and Abel's blood cries out from the ground. The land becomes a witness to what has happened. It carries evidence of human brokenness. Then we come to Psalm 139, and the perspective shifts. "O Lord, you have searched me and known me." The Psalm speaks of a God who sees, knows and understands us completely. There is nowhere we can go where God's presence is absent. That is a comforting thought, but it is also a challenging one. If God sees us so completely, then God also sees the things we would overlook. God sees the places where life is flourishing, and God sees the places where life is being diminished.

For us, land is never an abstract idea. We know what it means to wait for rain. We know the uncertainty of drought and the relief that comes when the paddocks begin to respond. We know the work involved in caring for stock, crops, gardens and properties. We know that land can provide, but we also know that land can be unforgiving.

Psalm 139 reminds us that the God who formed us knows us intimately. "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb." We are wonderfully made, but we are also creatures of the earth. Our lives are bound up with the soil, water, animals, plants and seasons around us. Perhaps that is one of the gifts of Seasons of Creation: it reminds us that we are not separate from creation.

We belong to it. And if we belong to creation, then Cain's question becomes our question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer of Scripture is ultimately yes. We are responsible for one another, and we are responsible for the life entrusted to us.

Psalm 139 ends with a prayer: "Search me, O God, and know my heart." It is a prayer of openness. Before we ask God to change the world, perhaps we begin by allowing God to search us.

Where have I become indifferent? Where have I stopped noticing? Where have I taken the land for granted? Where have I forgotten that the earth is God's gift rather than simply our possession? And perhaps most importantly: **what is God inviting me to see?**

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The good news is that the God who searches us is not a God who abandons us. The God who knows us is the God who accompanies us. The God who sees our brokenness continues to call us towards life.

So this week, as we look upon the land around us, may we see it differently And may our prayer become the prayer of the Psalmist: **"Search me, O God, and know my heart."** For when we allow God to see us more clearly, perhaps we will also learn to see the world, and the land God has entrusted to us, with greater care.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Rev Sam

Psalm 139 7-12 (NIV)

- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

TAMWORTH CHORAL SOCIETY
presents
As Time Goes By
September 20th, 2.30p.m
Trinity Church, Craigends Lane
An Afternoon of
Choral Music
Celebrating Time
and Memories
\$20 pp
\$35 family
Eftpos available and
Afternoon tea will be
served

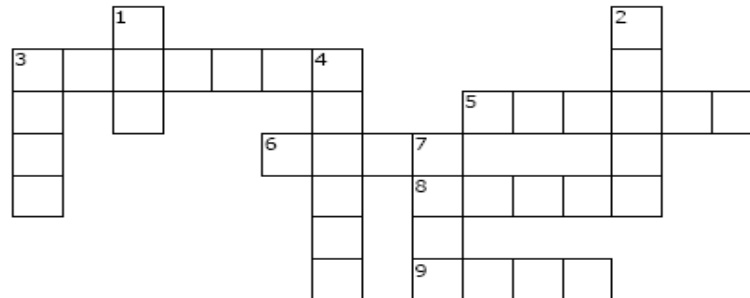


Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville
9:30 to 1:00pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
Cuppa and a chat always available.

A Psalm of David

Even in darkness I cannot hide from you. Psalm 139:12

Based on Psalm 139 1-12, 23-24 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. The sky or universe as seen from the earth
5. The part the mouth which is used for tasting and speaking
6. To have little or no light
8. The part of every 24 hour period when it is dark
9. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea

DOWN

1. A period of 24 hours
2. The opposite of dark
3. To put yourself somewhere where you cannot be seen or found
4. To look carefully in order to find something
7. To be familiar with a person

HEAVENS DAY	KNOW TONGUE	DARK NIGHT	WORD SEARCH	LIGHT HIDE
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FAST	KNOW	GOING	DOWN	DAY
HOLD	SEARCH	HEAVENS	GUIDE	SPIRIT
HAND	NIGHT	RISE	HIDE	TONGUE

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