



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



27 September 2026

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Rev Sam Sadrata

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Genesis 9:12-17 (NIV)

¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:

¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,

¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Revelation 22:1-5 (NIV)

Eden Restored

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Psalms 104:27-33 (NIV)

²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

9:30 to 1:00pm Thursday, Friday &

Saturday. - Fab Finds has changed over

to its' summer range. There's lots of clothing on the racks, and plenty more in reserve. Come and grab a bargain!

Cuppa and a chat always available.



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Alan Littlejohns as he continues to recover from a heart attack. Alan is now out of hospital.
- We pray for people who are grieving the loss of family members or friends.
- We give thanks for sunshine, and pray for rain.
- We pray for Rev Geoff, Sharon and Jemma as they enjoy their travels.
- We pray for Rev Sam and Nicolette as they shoulder the heavy load in Geoofs' absence.

Meg's Musings

Spring is a time of noticing.

Noticing blossoms as they erupt into colour for a week or so, and then fade, to be replaced by foliage.

Noticing dragonflies flitting around in the balmy air.

Noticing aphids as they attempt to devour the delicate new growth on the rose bushes.

Noticing birdsong.

Noticing wispy pink clouds at sunset.

God dazzles us in springtime with a riot of perfumes, colour and sounds.

Have you noticed?

Blessings from Meg



Our congratulations to Beth and Peter Scorgie, on reaching your 60th wedding anniversary next Wednesday, 30th September. What a wonderful milestone.

CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

4 October ~ **Evelyn**

11 October ~ **Meg**

18 October ~ **Rev Geoff**

25 October ~ **Meg**



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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There was once a poor farmer named Pahom who believed that if he had enough land, he would be happy forever.

One day, he heard of a distant tribe that sold vast lands for very little money. Their only rule was simple:

For a fixed price, he could have as much land as he could walk around from sunrise to sunset — but he had to return to the same spot by sunset.

If he failed, he would lose both his money and the land.

At sunrise, Pahom started walking.

He walked fast, marking boundaries, dreaming of how much wealth he would gain.

The land was fertile, the grass was green — and greed pushed him forward.

Every time he thought of turning back, he saw more beautiful land ahead and thought, "Just a little more..."

As the sun began to sink, panic set in.

He realized he had gone too far.

Breathing heavily, he ran back towards the starting point, desperate to reach before sunset.

His heart pounded, his legs trembled — but the finish line was near.

Just as the sun disappeared, he collapsed at the starting spot... Dead.

The chief of the tribe looked at his body and calmly said,

"Bury him. That's all the land a man needs — six feet."

The Timeless Lesson

Greed always promises happiness, but it ends by taking peace away.

We chase more — more money, more property, more status — forgetting that no one truly owns anything.

At the end, we leave this world with the same empty hands we came with. ~ anon

Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Ministers reflection 'The River of Life'

There is an old Pacific understanding that where there is **wai (water)**, there is life. Water sustains communities, connects places and gives life to the land. A river is never simply water moving through a landscape; it becomes part of the life of the people and places along its course. Here in Tamworth, we have the Peel River. It runs through our city and continues beyond it, connecting Tamworth with the wider country through which it flows.

What happens in one part of a river system can affect what happens further downstream. The river reminds us that the different parts of creation are never separate.

In many ways, that is what this year's Season of Creation has been inviting us to see. We began with **Forest**, then moved to **Land**, then **Wilderness**, and now **River**. These are not four isolated parts of creation. They belong together. The forest affects the land. The land shapes the waterways. Wilderness provides habitat and renewal. The river carries life through it all. Perhaps an image for us this year is that **creation is interconnected**.

Our reading from Genesis takes us to the aftermath of the flood. Noah emerges and builds an altar to God. God then makes a covenant with Noah, with every living creature and with the earth. God promises that never again will the waters become a flood to destroy the earth. The rainbow becomes the sign of that covenant.

What is striking is the breadth of God's promise. God's covenant is not concerned with humanity alone. The earth and its creatures are included within God's purposes.

This gives us a deeper reason to care for creation. We care because creation belongs to God. We care because the world around us is part of God's covenant purposes. We care because what happens in one part of creation can have consequences far beyond itself.

Then Revelation gives us the final vision of Scripture: **"the river of the water of life, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb."** Beside it, stands the tree of life, whose leaves are "for the healing of the nations." The story ends with a river bringing life and healing.

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The Season of Creation may finish this Sunday, but the invitation does not finish with it. We are called to carry this awareness into the ordinary life of the church—to become people who notice the connections between the land, the waters, the creatures and our own lives. As we come to the end of these four weeks, perhaps the invitation is to see creation more whole.

Forest, land, wilderness and river belong together.

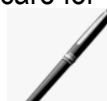
And so do we.

May we receive God's creation with gratitude, care for it with faithfulness, and trust in the promise of the God whose final vision is a river of life, bringing renewal and healing to the whole creation.

The Season of Creation ends. Our calling to care for God's creation continues.

Amen

Rev Sam Sadrata



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
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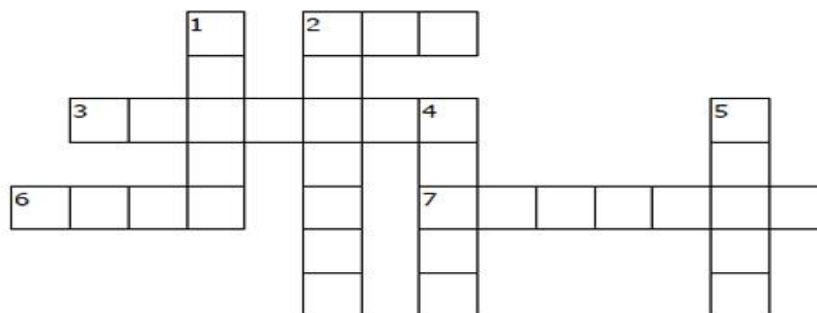
From here on, I devote the rest of my life with no rush and no apologies. I don't know how much time I have, but I want to spend it true to myself, never allowing anything to disturb my peace. I give myself permission to open a bottle of wine for no reason, to buy flowers without waiting for anyone to gift them, to walk forward without looking back. ~ Meryl Streep

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The Rainbow of Promise

"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:16

Puzzle is based on Genesis 9:8-17



ACROSS

2. A large boat in which Noah and his family were saved from the Flood
3. An agreement between two people do do (or not do) something
6. A winged animal covered with feathers
7. A colored arc of light that appears in the sky after it rains

DOWN

1. A great amount of water that rises and spreads over the land
2. Dogs, cats, lions, and tigers for example.
4. The planet where you and I live
5. A light puffy mass of water vapor floating in the sky

BIRD	RAINBOW	EARTH	PROMISE
ARK	CLOUD	ANIMALS	FLOOD

J L G M T A F Y J F G H T E K
 L S I G A L V F C C L I J X C
 H K P V W N P E M Z C O J S O
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REMEMBER	COVENANT	WATERS	BIRDS	DESTROY
APPEARS	CREATURES	EARTH	FLOOD	ANIMALS
SIGN	CLOUDS	LIFE	RAINBOW	LIVESTOCK

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