



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



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Matthew 21: 33-46 (NIV)

The Parable of the Tenants

³³ "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.

³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

³⁸ "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.'

³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?'

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.

⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Psalms 71:1-6, 17-18 (NIV)

¹ In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.

³ Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

⁵ For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD,
my confidence since my youth.

⁶ From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.

¹⁷ Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

¹⁸ Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your mighty acts to all who are to come.

As I get older, the more I stay focused on
the acceptance of myself and others, and
choose compassion over judgment and
curiosity over fear. ~ Tracee Ellis Ross



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 continue to pray for Alan, and for Jan.
- We give thanks for the flowering bottlebrushes - and for the many parrots who are enjoying devouring them.
- We pray for safety on the roads this long weekend.
- We pray for peace for our world - and peace in our hearts.

Meg's Musings

I was speaking with Jenny Brown yesterday.

She shared with me that, as they were packing up Beulah's house, she "rescued" a couple of plants.

One, hidden beneath the foliage of another plant, seems to be a Queensland Bottle Tree.

How it got there is a total mystery!

When Jenny found the tree, it was dormant. She took it home and planted it. It now has green shoots.

Perhaps in 100 years time, this tree will still be alive, and testimony to the life of Beulah, and the rescuing efforts of Jenny.

Where is God asking you to recognise the potential of something, and to help it grow?

Blessings from Meg



Yesterday is history

Tomorrow is a Mystery

Today is a gift...

That's why we call it the

Present

One of the saddest lessons from history is that no one learns from it. ~ Carl Sagen

CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tamworth

11 October ~ Meg

18 October ~ Rev Geoff

25 October ~ Meg



Isaiah 5:1-7 (NIV)

The Song of the Vineyard

⁵ I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

² He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good
grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and
people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done for my
vineyard
than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briers and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it."

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.
And he looked for justice, but saw
bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of
distress.

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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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Minister's Reflection

Isaiah 5:1-7 & Matthew 21:33-46

Friends, we resume back to our lectionary readings for this month of October. We have spent some time looking and God's care for creation and our invitation to care for creation.

This week we are continuing to be called to tending for creation through our readings that gives us an image of a vineyard.

The image of a vineyard speaks to us in rural communities as we know that anything worth growing takes patience, care, and hope. We prepare the ground, tend what has been planted, watch the seasons, and sometimes simply wait and trust.

There are seasons when growth comes easily, and other seasons when the ground seems less fruitful than we hoped. Yet we keep tending, because we know that much of what is happening beneath the surface cannot always be seen.

Isaiah speaks of God, carefully, tending a vineyard and longing to see the fruit of justice and righteousness. Our Gospel reading, Jesus takes up that same image in Matthew and reminds us that the vineyard is entrusted to our care.

I find myself wondering what that means for us across our Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches. Perhaps It is an invitation to slow down and notice what God is already growing among us.

I see glimpses of it in the simple things: a conversation over a cuppa, a phone call to someone who is struggling, a meal shared, a prayer offered, a newcomer welcomed, or someone quietly making sure another person is not forgotten. I see it when we gather across generations and cultures, bringing our different stories, traditions, and gifts into the life of the church. And even more so, the hours put into 'Working Bee's, Church Cleaning Roster's, the gardens at Tamworth Southside' ... but even more so, the tending to the vineyard within.

These things may seem small, but perhaps this is often how the grace of God becomes visible among us.

We may not always know what the future of our congregations might look like. But we do know the One in whom our hope rests.

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Like seasons around us, things change. Some changes bring excitement and new possibilities, while others bring uncertainty or sadness. We carry precious memories of what has been, while also wondering what God may be calling us towards.

Jesus reminds us, as the reading progresses, that the rejected stone becomes the cornerstone. Christ remains the foundation of our life together. Our hope does not rest in our buildings or our ability to hold everything together. **Our hope rests in Christ.**

And so perhaps our calling is simply to keep tending faithfully what God has placed before us: loving our neighbours, making room for one another, seeking justice, offering compassion, listening deeply and trusting God with what grows.

Sometimes the fruit will be easy to see. At other times, we may need to look more carefully. A seed of kindness, a quiet act of generosity, a word of encouragement or a moment of welcome may be more significant than we realise.

As we continue this journey together across the Tamworth region, may we be encouraged by the signs of grace already among us. May we have eyes to notice where God is at work, courage to nurture new growth, and generous hearts to share the fruit with others.

The vineyard belongs to God, and we are blessed to tend it together for this season.

Blessings,
Rev Sam



I have reached an age where
my mind says, "I can do
that", but my body says
"Try it and you'll be sorry"



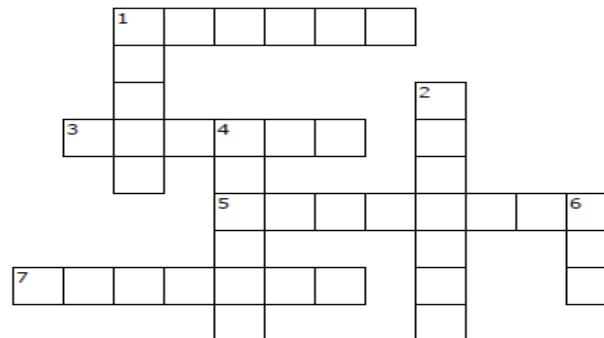
The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



the stone that the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone ...
Matthew 21:42



ACROSS

1. A person who works with plants and flowers
3. To put to death
5. People employed to perform services for another person
7. The time or season for gathering crops

DOWN

1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
2. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
4. To hear or pay attention to something
6. A parent's male child

PARABLE SERVANTS	LISTEN SON	KILLED FRUIT	HARVEST FARMER
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LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	SERVANTS
SENT	WALL	HARVEST	KILLED	COLLECT
BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

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