

Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



1 November 2026 **Rev Geoff Flynn** **Rev Sam Sadrata** **Meg Mangan** **(Pastoral Care)**

Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)

The Multitude from Every Nation

9 After this I looked, and there was a great
multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples
and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in
white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is
seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the
throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me,
saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?"
14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who
knows." Then he said to me, "These are
they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the
throne of God
and worship him day and night
within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the
throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst
no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

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Revelation 7:17

17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the
water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes."

Psalm 34:1-9; 22 (NRSV)

Praise for Deliverance from Trouble

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my
mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant,
so your[a] faces shall never be
ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried and was heard by
the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers
them.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in
him.
9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
22 The Lord redeems the life of his
servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will
be condemned.

Devotion isn't just a word; it's a way of life that transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. ~ unknown

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Helen Haines.
- We also pray for all other politicians and leaders who are being threatened in any way.
- Thank-you God for the rain which has fallen over the past two weeks.
- We pray for all those who are remembering special people on All Saints Day.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine, and the Middle East whose lives are impacted by war.

Meg's Musings

I recently heard someone refer to the saying from the movie, Forrest Gump, "Life is like a box of chocolates..."

At least when life is like that, we have options and choices. However, we're not always sure about which chocolate to choose, or which choices to follow.

Sometimes life is like a roller-coaster, and all we can do is to hold on as tightly as we can until we hit a more level patch.

At times life can be fairly calm - some people (especially children and teenagers) might refer to that as boring, or predictable.

Life can sometimes change rapidly - remember how it felt when babies were waking up several times a night, and then they were finally through that stage, and life was suddenly easier because we were less sleep-deprived.

No matter what stage of life we are in, we have a choice as to how fulfilling. Meaningful and enjoyable we find our lives to be.

When we allow God to walk beside us, and to share our journey, life is richer, fuller and happier.



Blessings from Meg

It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack."

~ Germany Kent

CHURCH SERVICES 11am **West Tamworth**

8 November **~ Meg**
15 November **~ Rev Sam**
22 November **~ Meg**
29 November **~ Combined service Fijians City**



KAIROS OUTSIDE

There were 8 Guests at Lake Keepit last weekend. Ten were originally meant to be going. There were 2 withdrawals - one late on Friday afternoon.
Each of the ladies had a Christian background, and seemed very happy to participate in all of the activities.
They were overwhelmed by all of the love, care and small gifts which they received.
2 of the Guests have already mentioned that they would be interested in becoming team members next year.
Thank you to everyone at Peel Valley for your prayers, colouring in, prayer strips, and for the financial contribution we were able to make. It made a huge difference.
Meg



"I want to change the world," said Tiny Dragon.

"Start with the next person who needs your help," replied Big Panda

All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

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

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Matthew 5:1–12 (NRSV)
The Beatitudes

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up
the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him.
2 And he began to speak and taught them,
saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they
will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will
inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will
receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are
persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile
you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely[b] on my
account.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before
you.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

~ Mother Teresa

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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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Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Ministers' Reflection:

This Sunday is All Saints' Day. A time to remember those who have gone before us in faith and give thanks for the lives that have shaped our own. It is also a time to reflect on the hope we share in Jesus Christ. On All Saints' Day, we remember not only recognized faithful saints of the Church, but also the people whose quiet faithfulness has touched our lives. We give thanks for their love, their encouragement, and the ways they have helped us recognize God's grace.

In Matthew 5:1–12, Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings known as the Beatitudes. He speaks of the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who mourn. Jesus offers a different understanding of blessing, reminding us that God is present not only in our joys and successes, but also in our struggles and sorrows.

One verse speaks particularly to us at this time - "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4). In recent weeks, in fact this year, we have gathered for several funerals within our church community. Each has given us an opportunity to remember a life, give thanks for precious memories, and support families and friends in their grief. These occasions remind us how deeply our lives are connected, and how much we feel the absence of those we love.

Jesus does not tell us to hide our sorrow or hurry through our grief. Instead, he assures us that those who mourn are not forgotten by God. Our tears and our faith can exist together. We hold to the hope of resurrection. This does not take away the pain of loss but reminds us that death does not have the final word. Just as Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus, we are reminded that grief is part of love.

As we remember those who have gone before us, perhaps we might reflect on these questions this week:

Whose life has helped shape my faith, and for whom can I give thanks?

Who might need my care or companionship?

How can I hold both sorrow and hope in the light of Christ's promise of resurrection?

Might we be blessed for the week's journey ahead, particularly as we welcome November in our midst.

Amen Rev Sam

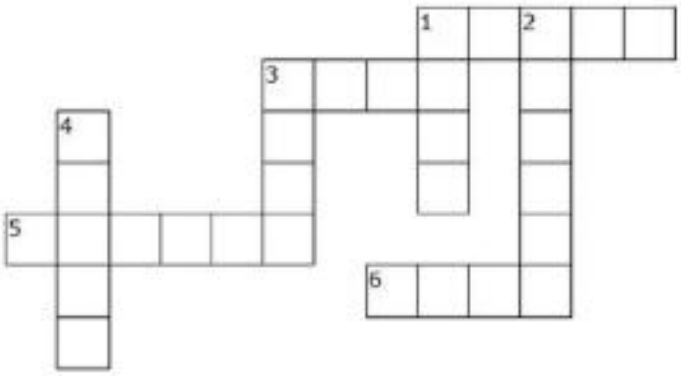


The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."
Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12





ACROSS

1. To show great kindness toward others
3. To be without any faults; without sin
5. A need for food
6. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

1. To be humble in spirit or manner
2. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
3. Having little money or few possessions
4. To feel sadness

REWARD	POOR	MOURN	MEEK
HUNGER	PURE	GLAD	MERCY

S T H I R S T G V H M Q B U S
T O D O Y R G P R E E O A F L
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KINGDOM	MERCY	EARTH	FILLED	MOURN
HUNGER	HEART	SPIRIT	BLESSED	INHERIT
THIRST	MEEK	PURE	POOR	HEAVEN

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