



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

Christmas 2018

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Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 (NIV)

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.



Luke 2: 1 - 20 (NIV)

The Birth of Jesus

²In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree
that a census should be taken of the entire Roman
world. ² (This was the first census that took place
while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth
in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,
because he belonged to the house and line of David.

⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was
pledged to be married to him and was expecting a
child.

⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to
be born,

⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn,
a son. She wrapped him in cloths
and placed him in a manger,
because there was no guest room
available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living
out in the fields nearby, keeping
watch over their flocks at night.

⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the
glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be
afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy
for all the people.

¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born
to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby
wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host
appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour
rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into
heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go
to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has told us about."

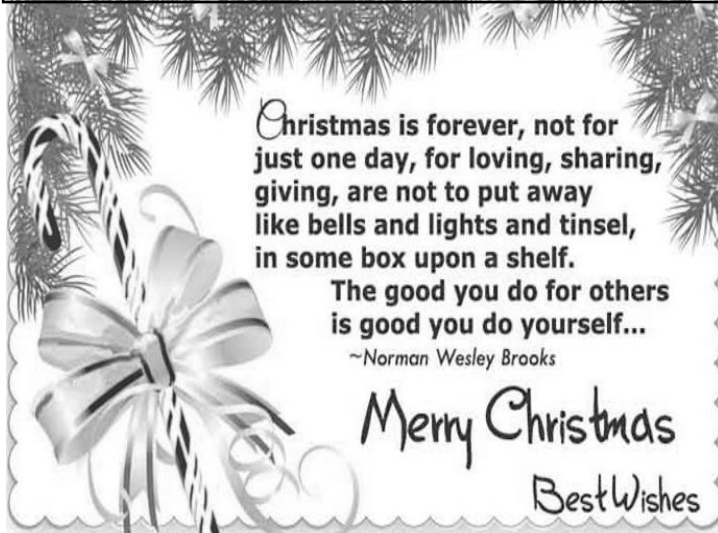
¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word
concerning what had been told them about this child,

¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the
shepherds said to them.

¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and
pondered them in her heart.

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising
God for all the things they had heard and seen, which
were just as they had been told.



Peel Valley Congregation Gospel Music Breakfast
Hallsville 7am til 10am 20 January 2018
All Welcome. Diane Lindsay & Peter Simpson plus more

Be the change you want to see in the world. ~ Gandhi

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for those people who have been busier than usual over the past few weeks - that Christmas brings rest, as well as joy for them.
- We pray for those who mourn over Christmas.
- We pray that this Christmas world leaders will choose the way of peace.
- We pray for all those people who are impacted by drought this Christmas.

Meg's Musings

We each seem to appreciate Christmas in a slightly different way. Some Australians choose to pack everything up, and head to the beach for Christmas. In the northern hemisphere, many don't feel that it is really Christmas without fresh snow. For others, Christmas comes to life around the family table. What's on the table, rather than who is around it, matters to some people - and they want a "traditional" Christmas dinner (which varies greatly in different parts of the world). Many children get excited about Santa's coming, and hope for new toys. But, no matter who you are with, what gifts you get, and what you eat - Christmas is truly about the birth of Jesus; of God showing us just how loved each and every one of us is.

Blessings from Meg



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville ~ Friday 6pm and 2nd Sunday of the month
1266 Manilla Road, Hallsville 2340

Gowrie ~ Sunday 8.30am and 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

2125 Tamworth-Gowrie Road, 2340

West Tamworth ~ every Sunday 11am
79 Denison Street, West Tamworth 2340

Combined Worship

5th Sunday of the month Peel Valley Congregation Fellowship and fun.



It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags.

The Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.

Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store.

Maybe Christmas.. means a little bit more.



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

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."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Barbara Murray
Doss Wark Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



Micah 2:2-5a (NIV)

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

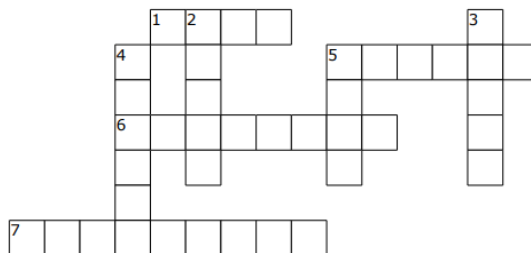
⁵ And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

Jesus is the reason for the season

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY over Christmas New Year

26 December ~ Pat Johnston

29 December ~ Lorabelle Whitten

11 January ~ Ernie Thompson

24 January ~ Phyl Bylund

31 January ~ Margaret Crowell

31 January ~ Cameron

31 January ~ Kevin Hoyt

CHURCH SERVICES

Christmas Day service

	9am	Hallsville	~ Henry Swindon
27 January	11am	West	~
10 February	8.30am	Gowrie	~
10 February	11am	West	~



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