



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (NIV)

### David's Last Words

23 These are the last words of David:

"The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,  
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,  
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,  
the hero of Israel's songs:

<sup>2</sup>"The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me;  
his word was on my tongue.

<sup>3</sup>The God of Israel spoke,  
the Rock of Israel said to me:  
'When one rules over people in righteousness,  
when he rules in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup>he is like the light of morning at sunrise  
on a cloudless morning,  
like the brightness after rain  
that brings grass from the earth.'

<sup>5</sup>"If my house were not right with God,  
surely he would not have made with me an everlasting  
covenant,  
arranged and secured in every part;  
surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation  
and grant me my every desire.

<sup>6</sup>But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns,  
which are not gathered with the hand.

<sup>7</sup>Whoever touches thorns  
uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear;  
they are burned up where they lie."

## Psalms 132 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> LORD, remember David  
and all his self-denial.

<sup>2</sup> He swore an oath to the LORD,  
he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

<sup>3</sup>"I will not enter my house  
or go to my bed,

<sup>4</sup> I will allow no sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,

<sup>5</sup> till I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

<sup>6</sup> We heard it in Ephrathah,  
we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:

<sup>7</sup>"Let us go to his dwelling place,  
let us worship at his footstool, saying,

<sup>8</sup>'Arise, LORD, and come to your resting place,  
you and the ark of your might.

<sup>9</sup> May your priests be clothed with your  
righteousness;  
may your faithful people sing for joy."

<sup>10</sup> For the sake of your servant David,  
do not reject your anointed one.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD swore an oath to David,  
a sure oath he will not revoke:

"One of your own descendants  
I will place on your throne.

<sup>12</sup> If your sons keep my covenant  
and the statutes I teach them,  
then their sons will sit

on your throne for ever and ever."

<sup>13</sup> For the LORD has chosen Zion,  
he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,

<sup>14</sup>"This is my resting place for ever and ever;  
here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.

<sup>15</sup> I will bless her with abundant provisions;  
her poor I will satisfy with food.

<sup>16</sup> I will clothe her priests with salvation,  
and her faithful people will ever sing for joy.

<sup>17</sup>"Here I will make a horn grow for David  
and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

<sup>18</sup> I will clothe his enemies with shame,  
but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown."



<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...~John 3:16

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated. ~Confucius



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville



### Notices:

### CHURCH ON A BUS

**1.** Next Sunday, **29th November**, the bus will leave West Tamworth Church at 9:45. We will then pick up Mavis, Doss, Heather and Beulah. The bus will then leave St. Andrews Village at 10:15 and travel to Manilla.

We will enjoy a worship **service at Manilla Uniting Church**. They will then host a BBQ (cost \$5.00 to Frontier Services). Please bring a slice, biscuits or cake to share.

**2.** On **6 December** Sunday we will worship at West Tamworth, and then travel to **Doug and Marg Crowell's for lunch**. Cost \$15.00.

Work hard to gain your own salvation ~ last words of Buddha

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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- Nancye Forrester died last Tuesday. We pray for her family and friends, and particularly for her brother, Bob.
- We pray for the people of Paris - that tolerance and good judgement may prevail.
- We give thanks for the arrival of Emily Budden, latest great-grandchild of Heather Budden, and daughter of Sam and Pip.
- We pray that, as Advent begins next week, that the world may pay attention to the presence of Christ, who is both the baby in the manger and the saviour of the world.

### Meg's Musings

I was surprised when I looked out our window to see a Crepe Myrtle bush in flower in our back yard. It seemed far too early!  
 But a combination of unusual weather events have pushed plants into different patterns of development and flowering.  
 Sometimes I feel that life is pushing me into strange patterns of behaving and "flowering".  
 But I have God to turn to when things get difficult or "out of kilter".  
 I can turn to Him at any time for strength, solace or courage.

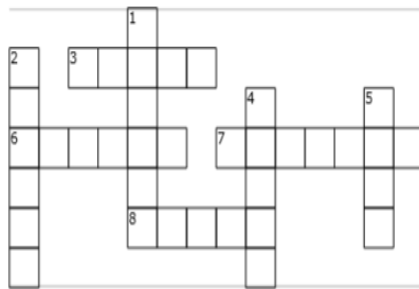
Blessings from Meg



## Born to Be King

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." John 18:37 (NIV)

Based on John 11:33-37

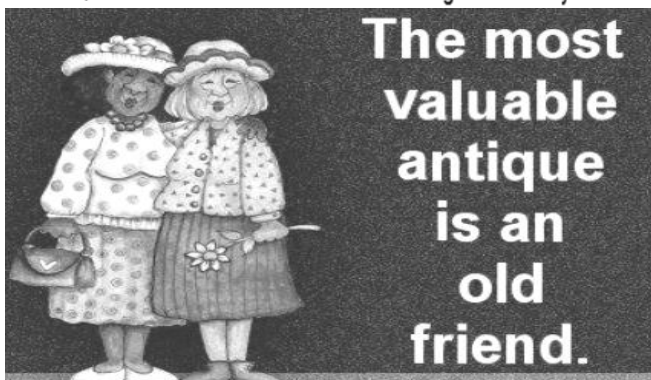


#### ACROSS

3. The earth or universe
6. To make an effort to hear something
7. An area or territory ruled by king or queen
8. A statement proven to be or accepted as accurate or factual

#### DOWN

1. To capture and hold under the authority of law
2. Where a king or queen lives
4. To battle, quarrel, or argue; a conflict between two or more people
5. Brought into life by birth



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### John 18:33-37 (NIV)



<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"  
<sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"  
<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied.

"Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

<sup>37</sup> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

### Revelations 1:4b-8 (NIV)

#### Greetings and Doxology

<sup>4b</sup> Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."



**Alpha (Α or α) and omega (Ω or ω)** are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and a title of Christ or of God in the Book of Revelation.

This couple of letters are used as Christian symbols, and are often combined with the Cross, Chi-rho, or other Christian symbols.

The term *Alpha and Omega* comes from the phrase "I am the alpha and the omega" (Koiné Greek: "ἐγὼ τὸ Α καὶ τὸ Ω"), an appellation of Jesus in the Book of Revelation (verses 1:8, 21:6, and 22:13). ~ Wikipedia



Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty. they merely move it from their faces into their hearts. ~ Buxbaum.

### CHURCH SERVICES

27 November	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev Hansford
29 November		<b>CHURCH ON A BUS</b>	~ Meg Mangan
4 December	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev Hansford
6 December	8.30 am	<b>Gowrie BAPTISM</b>	~ Meg Mangan
6 December	11am	<b>West HC</b>	~ Meg Mangan

**followed by luncheon at Doug and Margaret Crowell's**