



February 4 WEEK LENTEN STUDY



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

12 May 2024

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1 John 5:9-13 (NLT)

⁹ Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son.

¹⁰ All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son.

¹¹ And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

Conclusion

¹³ I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Other Lectionary Readings:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1



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Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

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Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

is hosting Peel Valley Congregation's

"Biggest Morning Tea"

Thursday, 16th May

10:00am - 12:00.



CHURCH SERVICES

19 May 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

19 May 11am **West Tamworth** ~ Meg Mangan

26 May 11am **West Tamworth** ~ Fay Monckton

John 17:6-19 (NLT)

⁶ "I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

⁹ "My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.

¹⁰ All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory.

¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.

¹² During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. ^[c] I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

¹³ "Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy.

¹⁴ I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁵ I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do.

¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for mothers throughout the world.
- We pray for all of the people impacted by violence against women this year.
- We give thanks for delightful autumn weather.
- We pray for people along the coast who are having trouble coping with so much rain.
- We thank God for our families.

Meg's Musings

This Mothers Day, I feel a debt of gratitude to God. He has blessed me in so many ways. I have a family who love me, and I love them. I live in a comfy home, surrounded by trees and gardens. Friends share their lives with me. We are able to eat whatever, and whenever we please. I am able to see, to hear, and to feel the things which surround me. But, best of all, I know Christ, and Christ knows, and loves, me.

Blessings from Meg



MOTHER'S EVERYWHERE

May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day!
~ Unknown



"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend." —Unknown

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."
Minister: **Rev Geoff Flynn 0421 338 202**
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Elders: Margaret Crowell Daryl Lush



Words from Rev Geoff

Time to Reflect 1

"My friends prayer was answered," writes, Sharron Blezard in her blog, "it just wasn't how she expected it would be answered." Looking back after some time and perspective, she was able to see how the answer to her prayer was what she needed, even though at the time of her prayer, she so hoped for a different outcome.

Prayer works—no doubt about that—but sometimes our limited human vision can be a stumbling block, as can our fear and concerns about even how we are to pray. Jesus gives us a wonderful model of how to pray, and it's something he does regularly throughout his ministry. This week's gospel lesson John 17:6-19 is part of Jesus' final prayer before he is arrested and led away to be crucified.

It is a passionate prayer full of love, care, and concern for his disciples and in complete obedience to God. Jesus has tried to instruct his closest friends in how to carry on without him, but they aren't quite getting it. Nothing he says or does seems to penetrate their limited human vision and general confusion. So he hands them over to God in prayer.

Jesus prays for his disciples' protection, knowing that he has sent them out into a hostile and dangerous world. As we celebrate Mother's Day it is timely for us to be mindful of how often the words of Jesus' prayer have echoed in the prayers of our mothers. I think of the mothers who watch their children go off to fight wars or whose sons and daughters serve as first responders or aid workers in areas of conflict. And I think of mothers who are fearful that their children substance abuse or other lifestyle choices might prove fatal.

As kitsch as the saying "Life is fragile; handle with prayer." may be, it makes an important point. Prayer forms the foundation of our faith. It's where we meet God in a very real and tangible way. Sure, it may feel awkward, and we may wonder whether it's making a difference, but our Lord Jesus Christ models the importance of prayer, and calls to follow his example.

I invite you to spend some time in silence giving thanks to God for answered prayer before offering the prayers that are on your heart today.

Reverend Geoff

1 The Power of Prayer (stewardshipoflife.org)



"It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?"
~ Mahatma Gandhi

A Parable of Motherhood

A young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked, and her guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than those years. So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the road, and bathed with her children in the clear stream, and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young mother cried; "Nothing will ever be better than this".

Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle and the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid for you are near, and no harm can come." And the mother said: "This is better than the brightness of days, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could never have done this without you, Mother." And the mother, when she laid down that night, looked up to the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage, today I have given them strength." And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil - and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said:

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"Look up! Lift your head to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and suffered and was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and the golden gates swung wide. And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said: "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they looked and watched her as she went alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

~ Temple Bailey (1885-1953).

FAIR TREATMENT

HALF A MILLION STEPS SCREENING

INFO: When: Wednesday, 15 May 2024



Where: Tamworth Southside Uniting Church
5:30pm Free sausage sizzle
6pm Free Movie Screening
7:30pm Structured Discussion

Everyone's welcome!

REGISTER:

Contact Rev Geoff Flynn 0421 338 202

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/hams-tamworth>

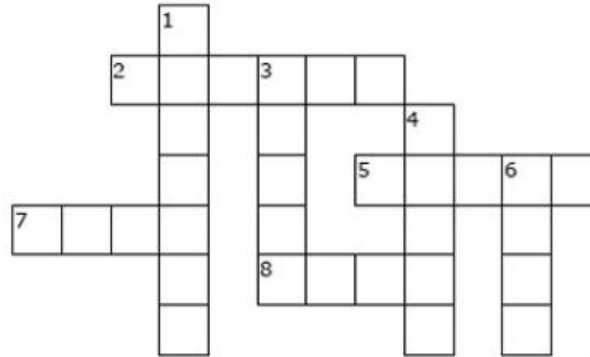


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Through Life's Maze

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name. John 17:11a (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 17:6-19



ACROSS

2. Speaking to God
5. The earth and all the people and things upon it
7. To put into the hands of another person
8. To be free from danger or harm

DOWN

1. To keep from being injured or harmed
3. That which belongs to you
4. Physical or mental strength
6. Unable to find the way

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ONE	EVIL	JOY	WORLD	BELIEVE
GAVE	OBEY	LOST	TRUTH	PRAYER