



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

30 June 2024

Meg Mangan 0476 375 989

P.O. BOX 3315 WEST TAMWORTH

## 2 Chronicle 30:1-9 (NLT)

### Preparations for Passover

**30** King Hezekiah now sent word to all Israel and Judah, and he wrote letters of invitation to the people of Ephraim and Manasseh. He asked everyone to come to the Temple of the LORD at Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover of the LORD, the God of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> The king, his officials, and all the community of Jerusalem decided to celebrate Passover a month later than usual.

<sup>3</sup> They were unable to celebrate it at the prescribed time because not enough priests could be purified by then, and the people had not yet assembled at Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> This plan for keeping the Passover seemed right to the king and all the people.

<sup>5</sup> So they sent a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba in the south to Dan in the north, inviting everyone to come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover of the LORD, the God of Israel. The people had not been celebrating it in great numbers as required in the Law.

<sup>6</sup> At the king's command, runners were sent throughout Israel and Judah. They carried letters that said:

"O people of Israel, return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, so that he will return to the few of us who have survived the conquest of the Assyrian kings.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be like your ancestors and relatives who abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and became an object of derision, as you yourselves can see.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be stubborn, as they were, but submit yourselves to the LORD. Come to his Temple, which he has set apart as holy forever. Worship the LORD your God so that his fierce anger will turn away from you.

<sup>9</sup> "For if you return to the LORD, your relatives and your children will be treated mercifully by their captors, and they will be able to return to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful. If you return to him, he will not continue to turn his face from you."

## John 17:1-11 (NLT)

### The Prayer of Jesus

**17** After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you.

<sup>2</sup> For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him.

<sup>3</sup> And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

<sup>4</sup> I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

<sup>5</sup> Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

<sup>6</sup> "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.

<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you,

<sup>8</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>11</sup> 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.

### Lectionary Readings:

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27    Psalms 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15    Mark 5:21-43



### Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Sharon and Geoff Flynn who have had Covid this week.
- We pray for Bob and Robyn Riek, and for Lynne Bowd and her family.
- We continue to pray for the Budden family, and also for the family and friends of Noreen Dobbie.
- We give thanks for celebrations, in all their forms, within our churches.
- We pray for continued recovery for Bill Warburton.
- We pray for each of our congregation members in aged care.

### Meg's Musings

Last Sunday each of our congregations held a Congregational meeting, and voted to call Rev. Sam Sadrata to Tamworth.

There are still some meetings to be had, forms to be signed and formalities to be dealt with, but progress has been made.

It feels appropriate to celebrate that progress as we meet together today.

Our congregations are moving forward; we are able to celebrate both our individuality and our united-ness.

We give thanks for all of our members today - and also for each of the people who have contributed to the Uniting Church congregations in Tamworth.

We recognise, and celebrate, each of our faithful members.

*Blessings from Meg*



*When you show deep empathy toward others, their defensive energy goes down, and positive energy replaces it. That's when you can get more creative in solving problems. ~ Stephen Covey*

**Singing Group - West Tamworth**  
2nd & 4th Monday 10am  
Beginning with morning tea



**Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville**  
Open 9:30 to 1:00pm  
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.  
Cuppa & chat always available.



### Words from Rev Geoff

#### Celebrating our Anniversaries

This Sunday Peel Valley, Tamworth City and Tamworth Southside are worshipping together to celebrate the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia and the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the new Church at Hallsville.

Some members of the Tamworth Regional Churches (those under the age of about 55) have never known anything but the Uniting Church. But even our more senior members may be a bit vague about the different traditions that came together to form this new Church Movement on 22 June 1977.

The negotiations that led to the formation of the Uniting Church began in 1902, the first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australia (itself the result of the union of four different branches of Methodism) received a joint communication from the Presbyterian Church of Australia and the Australian Congregational Union, proposing a union of the three denominations. It took several decades to before the Basis of Union was finally agreed upon by all three denominations.

The Presbyterian Church arose in Scotland in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation of the Church under the leadership of John Knox who had been greatly influenced by the Swiss reformer, John Calvin.

The Congregational Church had its origins in the Puritan movement in England. The Puritans were unhappy with the Church of England in the time of Elizabeth I, and some of them objected to clerical vestments, wedding rings, organ music in church, kneeling at Holy Communion and calling a minister a priest.

The Methodist Church had its origin in the eighteenth century because of the preaching of John Wesley, a clergyman in the Church of England. When, some years earlier, John Wesley, his brother Charles, and others formed a club in Oxford University for prayer and Bible study, they were so methodical in their practice that other students nicknamed them "The Methodists".

The Uniting Church was birthed out of a desire to take seriously the work of Jesus Christ. Our founding members from Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians Congregations recognised that they didn't just belong to God as God's adopted children. They recognised that members of the various denominations in Australia belonged to each other as Christian brothers and sisters. As we come together as three congregations this Sunday may we renew our commitment to maintaining our unity in diversity. Let us continue to be the Uniting Church rather than the half United Church?

Rev Geoff



## DON'T ARGUE WITH DONKEYS

"The donkey said to the tiger:

"The grass is blue."

The tiger replied:

"No, the grass is green."

The discussion heated up, and the two decided to go to the lion, the king of the jungle.

Already before reaching the forest, where the lion was sitting on his throne, the donkey began to shout:

"His Highness, is it true that the grass is blue?"

The lion replied:

"True, the grass is blue."

The donkey hurried and continued:

"The tiger disagrees with me and contradicts and annoys me, please punish him."

The king then declared:

"The tiger will be punished with 5 years of silence."



The donkey jumped cheerfully and went on his way, content and repeating: "The grass is blue!"

The tiger accepted his punishment, but he asked the lion:

"Your Majesty, why have you punished me? After all, the grass is green."

The lion replied:

"In fact, the grass is green."

The tiger asked:

"So why are you punishing me?"

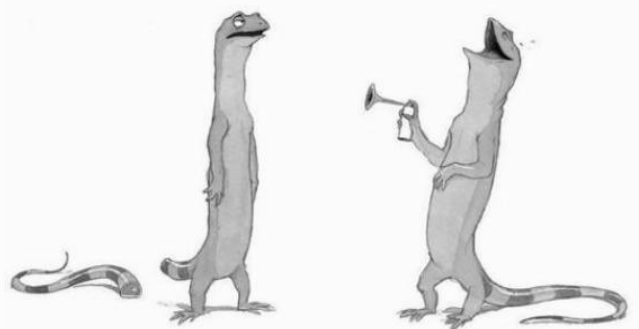
.....continued

The lion replied:

"That has nothing to do with the question of whether the grass is blue or green.

The punishment is because it is not possible for a brave and intelligent creature like you to waste time arguing with a donkey, and on top of that come and bother me with that question."

The worst waste of time is arguing with the fool and fanatic who does not care about truth or reality, but only the victory of his beliefs and illusions. Never waste time on arguments that don't make sense... There are people who, no matter how much evidence and evidence we present to them, are not in the capacity to understand, and others are blinded by ego, hatred and resentment, and all they want is to be right even if they are not. When ignorance screams, intelligence is silent. Your peace and quietness are worth more." ~ Mark Manuel



H. A. Hail

"You know what doesn't grow back, Susan? Trust."

## 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

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0476 375 989

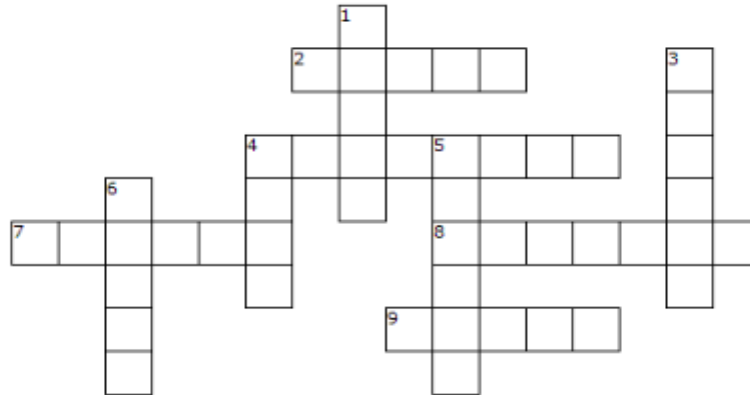
Elders: Margaret Crowell Darvl Lush



# There Is Power in a Touch

"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

Based on Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. To put the fingers lightly on something
4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore
7. To be cured or restored to health
8. The things you wear to cover your body
9. A human adult female

## DOWN

1. Physical strength or force
3. To experience physical or mental pain
4. The main, physical part of a person
5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
6. To believe in something you cannot see

D B P V P F Z R L F F A I T H  
 X C C A E L E T Q G E R V K E  
 O M W S V T H G G B A A Z R I  
 Y P R C T P E N V U Q D R A X  
 S O V E F D A U G H T E R P S  
 W W B T Y M L E E J H X Y I W  
 P E W P O D B L E E D I N G Y  
 A R F W D T O U K S F T H T E  
 Z H L E T E L C E U U D L R A  
 U T P A W F C A T S V Q P S R  
 Y N E P E Z R L G O N E H U S  
 Z B A K L K R E O N R C P F J  
 I W C U V K T O E A U S D F I  
 H I E Z E L E F W O K M E E U  
 Q E T R U T H K T P A R G R E

SUFFER	FEAR	WOMAN	WORSE	FAITH
PEACE	FREE	YEARS	DAUGHTER	TRUTH
DOCTORS	TOUCH	BLEEDING	HEAL	GONE
CLOAK	TWELVE	POWER	BETTER	JESUS