



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## John 6:24-35 (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him.

<sup>25</sup> They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs.

<sup>27</sup> But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."

<sup>28</sup> They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."

<sup>30</sup> They answered, "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do?"

<sup>31</sup> After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, 'Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven.

<sup>33</sup> The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

## Psalms 51:1-12 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

<sup>5</sup> For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

<sup>7</sup> Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

## Lectionary Readings:

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a

Ephesians 4:1-16



As the night gets dark, let your worries fade. Sleep peacefully knowing you've done all you can do for today.

~ Roald Dahl



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beulah's continued recovery. She's in excellent spirits.
- We pray That Beth Scorgie will have a good recovery from recent eye surgery.
- We give thanks for the good sportsmanship which has been so evident during the Olympics.
- We pray for resolution of the conflict in the Middle East.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine.

### Meg's Musings

There has been a cold south-westerly wind blowing for most of this week. It has made being outside quite unpleasant. Yet that same breeze, if it blew in February, would be extremely welcome - what a fickle lot we are! We welcome things sometimes, but reject, or wish them gone, at another time. Are we like that with other people? God is constant - always ready to welcome and accept us, and all people. Let's pray that we can as welcoming and accepting of others as God is.

*Blessings from Meg*



It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine.  
~ Winnie the Pooh

### CHURCH SERVICES

11 August 11am **West** ~  
 18 August 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
 18 August 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan  
 25 August NO SERVICE  
 31 August **2pm** **City Church** ~  
Induction of Rev Sam Sadrata  
 1 September TBA **Southside** ~  
 Combined Service



**Singing Group - West Tamworth**  
 2nd & 4th Monday 10am  
 Followed by a cuppa and a chat.....



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



### Words from Rev Geoff

#### Gifts of the Spirit

Are you a gifted person? If you are like me, when you watch the Olympics, it's hard to feel gifted when the person swimming is moving at twice my top speed or to see someone doing a back flip on their BMX bike. In contrast to all those Olympic records that are being set, it would be rude to go around describing ourselves as gifted because in conversation we use gifted as the same thing as talented. Since we generally understand talented to mean being better at something than most other people, we are wise to be cautious about identifying ourselves in such a way.

But being gifted, in the Biblical sense, is not the same thing as being talented. Not all of us are talented Olympians but by God's design all of us are gifted. In the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul writes that "each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...." These examples do not exhaust God's gift list. There are many, many ways to be gifted by God.

One way to understand these gifts is that they are the raw material and the tools that God gives us for a certain purpose. And Paul is quite clear about what that purpose is. It is "for building the Body of Christ".

In other words they are not for our benefit but for the benefit of others. So, whoever you are, whatever your circumstances, whether you be multi-talented or un-talented, you are a gifted person. And the gifts God has given you are for the benefit of others.

So, are you a gifted person? Yes, absolutely. Where you come from is a gift. Who you are is a gift, what you long to be are all gifts given you by God. The opportunities you have that come from where you are now, and what is going on now and the relationships you have now are also gifts from God. Use them to the Glory of God to the building up of the Body of Christ.

Use them to make the world God loves a better place.

*Reverend Geoff*



### 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."

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Once in a village, a woman saw three old men sitting outside her house.

They were sitting there for quite a while. The woman went outside and said, "I saw that you are sitting here for long, you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

The men asked, "Is man of the house at home?"

Woman replied, "No."

They replied, "Then we cannot come in."

The woman went inside.

In evening when her husband came, she told him about people sitting outside and all that what happened.

Her husband said to ask those man to come in and have some food.

The woman went out and said, "My husband is home. He is inviting you all. Please come inside and have food."

They replied, "We do not go inside a house together."

The woman questioned, "Why?"

One man explained.....

Pointing to one of his friends, he said - "His name is Wealth If he goes with you, your home will be filled with wealth always". Then pointing to another old man he said - "He is Success if he goes with you, your will always be successful in any endeavor you start". He introduced himself as Love and said "If I go with you then your home will be filled with love always".

Then he said, "Now, you go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

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The woman went inside and told her husband about what that old man said. Her husband was overjoyed to listen about it and said, "Let's invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth."

Wife disagreed and said, "No. Why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening to this. She came to them and suggested, "Wouldn't it be better if we invite Love in our home. Then our home will be filled with love forever."

Husband and wife agreed to her advice.

Woman again went out and said, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Love got up and started walking toward house. Just then other two also got up and started following him.

The woman asked,

"You said that not all can come together. I invited only Love. Why are you coming in?"

The o men replied,

"If you had invited Wealth or Success then other two have stayed outside but since you invite Love, Wherever he goes, we go with him."

Wherever there is Love, Wealth and Success will follow.

~ unknown

"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

- John Wesley  
(1703-1791)

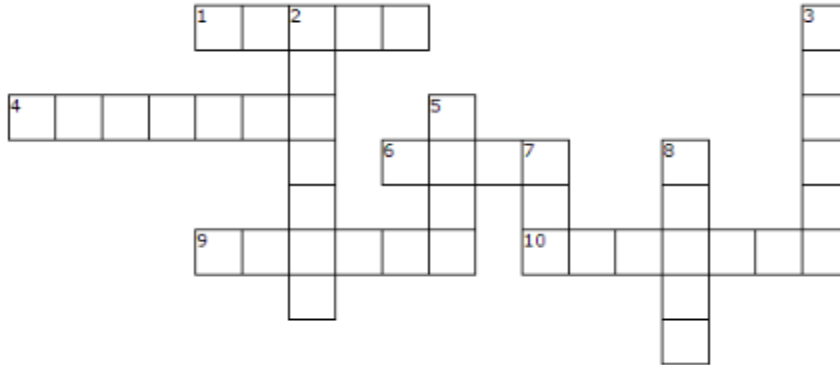
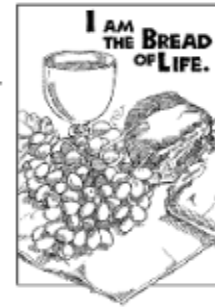


Good people are like candles. They burn themselves up to give others light. ~ Turkish Proverb.

# Looking for a Sign

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 (NIV)

Based on John 6:24-35 (NIV)



## ACROSS

1. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
4. To accept something as being true
6. The period between birth and death
9. The place where God and the angels live
10. To have a desire for water.

## DOWN

2. To last forever; to be without end
3. To have a desire for food
5. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
7. To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
8. The earth with its inhabitants

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LIFE	HEAVEN	LOAVES	TRUTH	FATHER
ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD

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