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Proverbs 1:20-33 (NLT)

Wisdom Shouts in the Streets

- ²⁰ Wisdom shouts in the streets.
She cries out in the public square.
- ²¹ She calls to the crowds along the main street,
to those gathered in front of the city gate:
- ²² "How long, you simpletons,
will you insist on being simpleminded?
How long will you mockers relish your
mocking?
How long will you fools hate knowledge?"
- ²³ Come and listen to my counsel.
I'll share my heart with you
and make you wise.
- ²⁴ "I called you so often, but you wouldn't
come.
I reached out to you, but you paid no
attention.
- ²⁵ You ignored my advice
and rejected the correction I offered.
- ²⁶ So I will laugh when you are in trouble!
I will mock you when disaster overtakes
you—
- ²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone,
and anguish and distress overwhelm you.
- ²⁸ "When they cry for help, I will not answer.
Though they anxiously search for me,
they will not find me.
- ²⁹ For they hated knowledge
and chose not to fear the LORD.
- ³⁰ They rejected my advice
and paid no attention when I corrected
them.
- ³¹ Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of
living their own way,
choking on their own schemes.
- ³² For simpletons turn away from me—to
death.
Fools are destroyed by their own
complacency.
- ³³ But all who listen to me will live in peace,
untroubled by fear of harm."

Mark 8:27-38 (NLT)

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

- ²⁷ Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and
went up to the villages near Caesarea
Philippi. As they were walking along, he
asked them, "Who do people say I am?"
- ²⁸ "Well," they replied, "some say John the
Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you
are one of the other prophets."
- ²⁹ Then he asked them, "But who do you say
I am?"
- Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."
- ³⁰ But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone
about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

- ³¹ Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son
of Man must suffer many terrible things and
be rejected by the elders, the leading priests,
and the teachers of religious law. He would
be killed, but three days later he would rise
from the dead.
- ³² As he talked about this openly with his
disciples, Peter took him aside and began to
reprimand him for saying such things.
- ³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his
disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away
from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing
things merely from a human point of view,
not from God's."
- ³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples,
he said, "If any of you wants to be my
follower, you must give up your own way,
take up your cross, and follow me.
- ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will
lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake
and for the sake of the Good News, you will
save it.
- ³⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the
whole world but lose your own soul?
- ³⁷ Is anything worth more than your soul?
- ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my
message in these adulterous and sinful days,
the Son of Man will be ashamed of that
person when he returns in the glory of his
Father with the holy angels."

When the going gets rough - turn to wonder. ~ Parker Palmer

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Evelyn and Tony, and their family members in New Zealand.
- We pray for people grieving the loss of loved ones.
- We give thanks for healing, and the improved health of some of our members.
- We pray for the children who will receive Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- We give thanks that God loves us - always!

Meg's Musings

I came across this quote from Paulo Coelho, which I thought very wise.



"There are moments when troubles enter our lives and we can do nothing to avoid them. But they are there for a reason. Only when we have overcome them will we understand why they were there."

As Christians, we aren't immune from life's problems and difficulties. But I find that they are easier to face because we don't have to face them alone. We have God by our side, through it all.

It can be the problems and difficulties which we face which stretch us, and help us to grow, and to mature. We are better able to reach out to others because we, too, have faced problems, and have come through them with God's help.

Problems may not make us better Christians, but they can give us the ability to be of more help to others.

Blessings from Meg

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12



CHURCH SERVICES

22 September

11am **West Tamworth** ~ Meg Mangan

29 September

11am **West Tamworth** ~ Meg Mangan



James 3:3-5 (NLT)

³We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

Everyone's life is a fairy tale, written by God's fingers. ~ Hans Christian Andersen

Words from Rev Sam Sadrata

This Sunday we continue our journey through the series of letters from James complimented with the Gospel reading – Mark.

As highlighted in previous weeks bulletin, James letters reminds us that faith without works is dead. Faith is transforming; therefore, it transforms the way we listen, think, act and most importantly how we speak to one another. We are encouraged to 'tame the tongue' because words can destroy and tear people down, but in the same token, builds up a person, offers life, hope and restoration.

James uses two metaphors: a horse's bit and a ship's rudder (3:3-4) where he makes a similar point for each of these. Rudders represent a very small portion of a ship, and bits are not much larger than a horse's hoof. Yet, each of these small items controls the direction of the body to which they are attached. Here, too, James speaks about the tongue, in this instant as a driver that controls the direction of a person.

We take a glance at the Gospel reading from Mark, and Jesus speaks of losing our lives for his sake, and for the sake of the gospel. Taking up our cross means being willing to suffer the consequences of following Jesus faithfully. It means putting Jesus' priorities and purposes ahead of our own comfort or security. It means being willing to lose our lives by spending them for others — using our time, resources, gifts, energy and speech so that others might experience God's love made known in Jesus Christ.

Friends, what does it mean to think of one's tongue as that which controls one's whole being? Or perhaps, in today's context, what does it mean to think of one's entire being as controlled by what we post on social media? How might we consider how our words, spoken or digital, affect our lives, both in the wider society and within the community of faith that others might experience God's love. That we might carry our cross, and others might be encouraged to carry theirs also and Jesus the Christ might be fully known to us.

Rev Sam Sadrata



Singing Group - West Tamworth

2nd & 4th Monday 10am

Followed by a cuppa and a chat.....



A young couple had elderly neighbors every Sunday, they, shared coffee and conversation. During these visits, they noticed the elderly lady always brought the coffee jar to her husband to open. Wanting to be helpful, they gifted the old lady a gadget designed to easily open jars, showing her how to use it—without her husband's knowledge. They thought they were making things easier for her.



But on their next visit, the old lady once again brought the jar to her husband to open! The young couple was puzzled. Had she forgotten about the gadget?

Why was she still asking him for help? When the moment arose for the young couple to speak with her privately, they couldn't resist asking about it. Her response left them speechless. She smiled and said, "I always ask him to open it because it makes him feel strong, like he's still the man of our home. It reminds him that I still depend on him, and that he's as useful to me as ever. We've shared so many years together, and in the time we have left, togetherness is what truly matters."

Her words carried a deep wisdom.

Moral: Never underestimate the wisdom of the elderly. Our parents and grandparents have guidance and love that are priceless. Even a tree that bears no fruit still offers shade and comfort—so why would you ever cut it down? Caring for each other should always be seen as a blessing. ~ unknown

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"I think of my life as a series of moments and I've found that the great moments often don't have too much to them. They're not huge, complicated events; they're just magical wee moments when somebody says 'I love you' or 'You're a really good at what you do' or simply 'You're a good person'." ~ Billy Connolly

Finally the fourth ape!
He is the sum of the first three.
He sees nobody, hears nobody,
and speaks to nobody!



God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
 the courage to change the things I can,
 and the wisdom to know the difference.
 Grant me the patience with changes that take time,
 appreciation of all that I have,
 tolerance of those with different struggles,
 and the strength to get up and try again,
 one day at a time. ~ Reinhold Niebuhr



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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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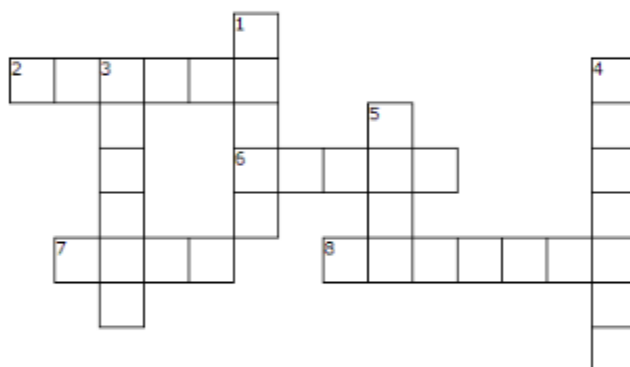
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Take Up Your Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b (NIV)

Based on Mark 8:27-38



ACROSS

2. To experience injury, pain, or death
6. The evil enemy of God; the leader of the fallen angels
7. The spiritual part of a person which exists after death
8. The expected savior of the world

DOWN

1. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
3. To take someone as our leader or model
4. A person who speaks for God
5. To keep something from harm or loss

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WORLD	CHRIST	LIFE	TEACH	DISCIPLES
DENY	KILLED	SOUL	FOLLOW	SATAN
FORFEIT	VILLAGES	LOSE	GOSPEL	GAIN
PROPHETS	SUFFER	SAVE	RISE	CROSS

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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