



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NLT)

¹⁴ "The day will come, says the LORD, when I will do for Israel and Judah all the good things I have promised them.

¹⁵ "In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

¹⁶ In that day Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this will be its name: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.'

Luke 21:25-36 (NLT)

²⁵ "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides.

²⁶ People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷ Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸ So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"

²⁹ Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree.

³⁰ When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near.

³¹ In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near.

³² I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place.

³³ Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

³⁴ "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth.

³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 25:1-10

1Thesalonians 3:9-13



14 December
7pm Carols in
Bicentennial Park.

CHURCH SERVICES



8 December 11am West ~ Sharon Flynn

15 December 11am West ~Meg Mangan

22 December 11am West ~Rev Sam Sadrata

22 December

11am **Peel Valley Christmas Service**
West Tamworth.

24 December

7:30pm **Family Christmas Service**
Tamworth City

24 December

11pm **Midnight Communion Christmas**
Serviced

Southside.

25 December

9am **Christmas Day Service**
Southside.



Just a
reminder...



NOTICE:

Our **Peel Valley AGM** will be
held on Sunday, **8 December**.

It will be held at West Tamworth at the
conclusion of our 11:00pm worship service.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to cover the people of Ukraine, and the people of the Middle East in prayer.
- We pray for all of the friends with whom we exchange Christmas cards.
- We give thanks for all of the people who share love with us.
- We pray for people who are unwell.
- We pray for those of our friends who are experiencing big changes in their lives.

Meg's Musings

This year Rev Geoff Flynn has suggested an Australian Advent Wreath Liturgy for us to share as Uniting congregations in Tamworth.

It includes different aspects of gum-trees :

- seedpods representing hope
- leaves representing peace
- flowers representing joy
- bark representing love

Please come and share with us as we incorporate new wisdom and understanding into our Christmas traditions.

Blessing from Meg



hurkle-durkle

hur · kle - dur · kle

A 200-year-old Scottish term meaning to lounge in bed long after it's time to get up.

Happiness is hurkle-durkling.

It's been a long week, I think I'll just hurkle-durkle today.

Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



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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Elders: Margaret Crowell Daryl Lush



Words from Rev Geoff

Reading the Signs of our Time

Three years ago, I had an interesting conversation with Bill, one of Wollongong's more interesting characters in that he used to walk around the city with a bible verse written on cardboard attached to the front of his walker. On that day Bill was astride his new electric scooter which had been modified to accommodate a placard challenging people to wake up and read the signs of the times. After we had exchanged greetings, Bill said to me, "what do you reckon about all that is going on in the world now? Do you think that we are getting very close to seeing Jesus, the Son of Man coming in clouds with power and great glory?"

Maybe, I replied. "There is a lot of scary stuff going on in our world now what with speculation of a future war with China, the uncertainty generated by the pandemic and the predictions that we are not going to prevent the planet from continuing to heat up. Yes, I can see how events such as these sit comfortably as the fulfilment of apocalyptic passages such as the one set down for this Sunday Luke 21: 25-36.

Three years on there is still a lot of scary stuff going on in the world. However, the focus of our fears has shifted from COVID 19 to the housing and cost of living crisis, new wars have broken out in the Middle East and in Europe, and we are experience extreme weather events.

It's not by accident that the Church begins the new liturgical year with some of the scary apocalyptic passages in the bible. For it is when we are scared, and anxious about the future that we are most open to being rescued from that which scares us. Now I am not suggesting that we should try and scare people into becoming a disciple of Jesus. However, perhaps we only realise we need a saviour when we are faced with situations which are beyond our capacity to control.

The Good news is that it is not our job to save the world because Jesus has promised to save the world. It is our job to offer that hope as an alternative to the fear that so corrodes the world and to point to the signs of his coming.

Reverend Geoff




Life is a question and how we live it is our answer.

~ Gary Keller

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LESSON FOR MANY

A mouse, looking through a hole in the wall, sees the farmer and his wife open a package. He was terrified to see that it was a mousetrap. He ran to the patio to warn everyone. 

"There is a mousetrap at home!"

The chicken that was cackling and digging says: "excuse me, Mr. Mouse, I understand that it is a big problem for you, but it does not hurt me at all."

So, the rodent went to the lamb and he says the same thing: "Excuse me Mr. Mouse, but I don't think I can do more than ask for you in my prayers."

The mouse went to the cow and she said: "But am I in danger? I think not!" said the cow.

The mouse returned to the house, worried and dejected to face the farmer's mousetrap.

That night a great noise was heard like that of the mousetrap catching its victim, the woman ran to see what she had caught. In the dark she did not see that the mousetrap caught the tail of a poisonous snake.

The speedy snake bit the woman, the farmer immediately took her to the hospital, she came back with a high fever.

The farmer to comfort her prepared a nutritious soup, grabbed the knife and went to find the main ingredient: the chicken; Since the woman did not get better, friends and neighbors went to visit them, the farmer killed the lamb to feed them, the woman did not get better and died.

And in the end, the husband sold the cow to the slaughterhouse to cover the funeral expenses.

The next time someone tells you about their problem and you think that it doesn't affect you because it's not yours and you don't pay attention to it, think twice, "he who doesn't live to serve, doesn't serve to live". ...continued

The world is not going badly because of the wickedness of the bad, but because of the apathy of the good. So when someone needs you for their problems, give them your hand or give them a word of encouragement.

May you never lack empathy! Remember it very well, EMPATHY. ~ unknown

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me.

~ Martin Niemöller

(January 1892 - 6 March 1984) was a German theologian and Lutheran pastor



Peel Valley Congregation
19 January, 2025 Country Gospel
Breakfast at Hallsville.

Peel Valley Congregation in recess til

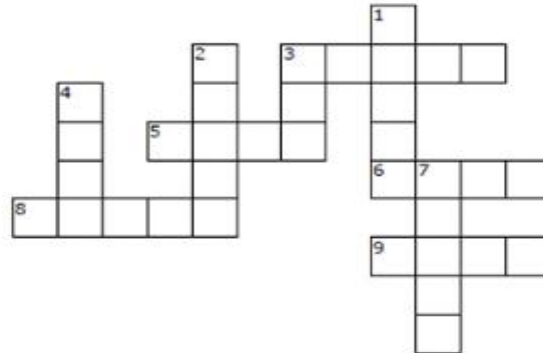
26 January 11am West~ Rev Sam Sadrata



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Christ Is Coming Again

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:27 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
5. The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
6. The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth
8. To rise to an upright position on your feet
9. To make a request to God

DOWN

1. To observe very carefully
2. Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky
3. The earth's source of heat and light
4. To raise from a lower to a higher position
7. The planet on which we live

T N A I D N H G C M W N S R Y
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careful	glory	moon	redemption	stars
cloud	heads	nations	sea	sun
earth	heaven	power	signs	watch
escape	lift	pray	stand	world