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Tamworth City Uniting Church

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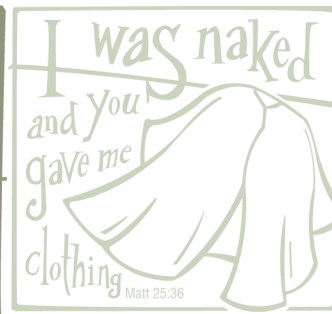
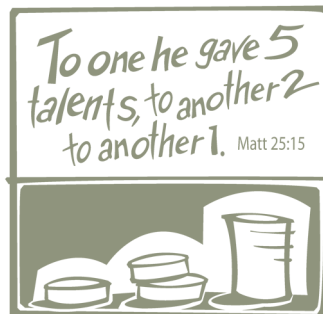
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Welcome to limited Face to Face Worship

Mr Barry Gillett and Rev Betty Stroud will prepare worship resources for the coming weeks.

Don't forget to register each week for worship by lunchtime on Fridays, please. Take care everyone.



This Week's Notes

News Items

- Quick update—the Church Office will be staffed by volunteers for the coming three weeks, thank you Pat, Mariette, Judy, Margot, Heather, Paul and Betty. Nicolette is having a knee operation. You will still need to ring and leave a message or email a request to attend worship each week (by the Friday noon 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov); be part of the Christmas Trivia Afternoon (by 6 Nov); or come to the Op Shop lunch (by 10 Nov).
- Rev Betty will be returning on 5 November. Welcome back Betty.
- Stay up to date with Synod Covid Safety <https://nswact.uca.org.au/covid19saferoadmap/> or Synod Newsletter <https://www.vision6.com.au/v/47004/1797634/email.html?k=T-0nfy7II5WOOb3TRNfx34zHIYqGtbpKa4g8YOa1YJ98>
- and Assembly <https://mailchi.mp/nat/2020week38?e=fcbdd91ff4> updates and newsletters.

Upcoming Events



Sunday, 1 November: All Saints Day 9:30am Worship with Barry Gillett (register with the office by Friday morning) Elder Elaine Fairall, Door Margaret Cupitt, Sound Malcolm Miles, *note that we will celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday, 8 November with Rev Betty Stroud.* 10:15am Congregational Meeting (register with the office) single item of business Church Council Restructure proposal.

Monday, 2 Nov: HSC continues this week, 9:30am Kairos Sewing in Jubilee Hall, 10am UNITING H&CC in St Andrew's Room, 5pm Dare2Dance in Jubilee Hall.

Tuesday, 3 Nov: Irregular Hours Church Office Tue-Fri, 9:30am Locomotive Line Dancing in Jubilee Hall, 10am Adult Fellowship meeting in St Andrew's Room then Lunch in the Park, 7:30pm Bible Study.

Wednesday, 4 Nov: 10am Morning Tea (used to be Sorting), 11am Tamworth Collaborative Leadership Group at Southside, 2:30pm Zoom Bible Study, 4pm Worship Committee in St Andrew's Room, 6pm Meditation in the Church.

Thursday, 5 Nov: Rev Betty returns after leave, 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall.

Friday, 6 Nov: 10am Craft group in Dunn Hall.

Saturday, 7 Nov: Christmas Appeal Trivia Fundraiser—Zoom Fun 2:30pm. Get a group together and join the fun \$10/head, register with the office asap.

Sunday, 8 November: 9:30am Worship & HC with Rev Betty Stroud (register with the office by Friday morning) Elder Margaret Cupitt, Door Dot Miles, Sound Judy Phillips. Don't forget to bring your own Communion Elements. Nominations for Church Council positions open.

Monday, 9 Nov: HSC continues this week, 9:30am Kairos Sewing in Jubilee Hall, 10am UNITING H&CC in St Andrew's Room, 5pm Dare2Dance in Jubilee Hall.

Tuesday, 10 Nov: Irregular Hours Church Office Tue-Fri, 9:30am Locomotive Line Dancing in Jubilee Hall, 10am Mental Health Support Group in St Andrew's Room, 7:30pm Bible Study.

Wednesday, 11 Nov: Remembrance Day, last day of HSC, 10am Morning Tea in Vestry, 2:30pm Zoom Bible Study, 6pm Meditation in Church.

Thursday, 12 Nov: 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall.

Friday, 13 Nov: 12noon Op Shop Celebration Lunch in Jubilee Hall, Annual reports Due in the office, Zoom PRC meeting.

Saturday, 14 Nov: NENW Presbytery meeting at Gunnedah (Covid Safe Face to Face).

Sunday, 15 November: 9:30am Worship with Rev Betty Stroud (register with the office by Friday midday) Elder Margot Hobson, Door Fran Kerr, Sound J Philips, Annual reports distributed.

Monday, 16 Nov: 9:30am Kairos Sewing in Jubilee Hall, 10am UNITING H&CC in St Andrew's Room, 5pm Dare2Dance in Jubilee Hall.

Tuesday, 17 Nov: Irregular Hours Church Office Tue-Fri, 9:30am Locomotive Line Dancing in Jubilee Hall, 7:30pm Bible Study.

Wednesday, 18 Nov: 10am Morning Tea in Vestry, 2:30pm Zoom Bible Study, 6pm Meditation in Church.

Thursday, 19 Nov: 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall.

Friday, 20 Nov: 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room.

Sunday, 22 November: Christ the King Sunday 9:30am Worship with Rev Jim Furze (register with the office by Friday midday), Elder Jeannette Dezius, Door Pat Pryor, Sound John McClelland.

Monday, 23 Nov: 9:30am Kairos Sewing in Jubilee Hall, 10am UNITING H&CC in St Andrew's Room, 5pm Dare2Dance in Jubilee Hall.

Tuesday, 24 Nov: 9am-2pm Church Office Tue-Fri, 9:30am Locomotive Line Dancing in Jubilee Hall, 7pm Church Council Meeting in Church.

Wednesday, 25 Nov: 10am Morning Tea in Vestry, 2:30pm Zoom Bible Study, 6pm Meditation in Church.

Thursday, 26 Nov: 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall.

Sunday, 29 November: Advent 1 9:30am Worship with Rev Betty Stroud (register with the office by Friday midday), Elder Robyn Hely, Door May Honeyman, Sound Malcolm Miles.

Friday, 4 Dec: Nominations for Church Council close.

Sunday, 6 December: Advent 2 9:30am Worship and Holy Communion with Rev Betty Stroud (register with the office by Friday midday), Elder Mariette Duns, Door Heather McKenzie, Sound Malcolm Miles. Don't forget to bring your own Communion Elements. Annual Congregational Meeting to follow worship.

Congregational Meeting

The Church Council have approved restructuring the Church Council and Mission Groups. This proposal will be taken to a Congregational Meeting on 1 November following worship (with current restrictions we can have 45 people in attendance). The outline of the changes have been circulated. Please note that we have sought clarification on the number of Elders on Church Council from Synod, who have advised that "Half the Church Council should be elders, but not all elders must be on Church Council." This is in line with the proposal being presented on 1 November.

Returning to Worship

Things will look and feel different at church when you return (to comply with current restrictions and to keep you safe):

- Worship will commence at 9:30am, hand sanitizing station as you enter and leave, you will need to wear a mask while entering and leaving worship,
- Couples and families may sit together, everyone else will be seated 1.5m apart, (total 45 people)
- You will need to register with the office to attend each week,
- If you are unwell or have visited a Covid-Hotspot you will not be able to attend worship,
- You will be instructed on the process for departing by Rev Betty/Lay Leader immediately prior to leaving, particularly in regard to social distancing and waiting,
- There will be no singing., humming or dancing, an offering plate will be left at the entry table for envelopes and cash. Handing after the service with gloves.
- There will be no morning tea after worship (if you want to go somewhere else or have someone over to your place that is ok), you will be encouraged to leave the site as soon as possible after worship. Social distancing is the hardest thing to do!
- There will be one person on the door (making the role and counting 45), one sound desk operator, one preacher (lapel mic), one elder (lectern mic), one reader (pulpit mic), one organist.
- There will be markers outside the church to indicate 1.5m social distancing.

Food Pantry

Bring along something to the office anytime. A shopping list might look like this: 2x1lt UHT milk, 500g sugar, 25 tea bag box, 50g coffee, 100gm tuna/sardines, 2xcuppa coup, 2xrice/pasta pack, 250g biscuits, tin baked beans/spaghetti (ring pull), tin steak & veg (or similar), 2minute noodles, small tinned fruit, small cereal. Thank you everyone.



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Christmas Appeal Fundraiser

Tamworth City Uniting Church are again coordinating the local UnitingCare Target Christmas Appeal. The Covid-19 pandemic has made significant changes to the way we can work with our local community. This year we intend to have people register with us and then we will provide a voucher (in lieu of food and gifts). To help us support our venture we are holding a Trivia Afternoon on Saturday, 7 November at 2:30pm via Zoom. Get a group together at your place and register with the Tamworth City Office (6766 5311). Registration is \$10/head. Enjoy some nibbles and fun afternoon together to help support our mission outreach project. Maybe you know someone who is in need? Contact the office to register them. Identification will need to be shown when collecting vouchers on 18 December.



Be there for someone this Christmas!

Christmas can be a difficult time of the year for thousands of people living in Australia. For those facing financial burden, many people struggle to access daily necessities, such as food, living costs and housing.

The Target Christmas Appeal has partnered with UnitingCare Australia for the past 29 years to give customers the chance to be there for someone this Christmas. Giving to the Appeal will help reduce financial stress, allowing those who are undergoing hardship to enjoy the Christmas spirit.

The Appeal runs from the 1 November to the 18 December. Customers are encouraged to purchase a \$1 bauble found at cash registers in all Target Stores or make an online contribution.

100% of all contributions go directly to UnitingCare Australia.



Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

1/11: Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, Ordained Ministry, and Councils of the Church. Please uphold thee in your private prayers during the week.

8/11: Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

15/11: Today we focus on Children’s Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Young Families Worker, Mission Outreach, Doing it for our Farmers and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

22/11: Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew’s Village, Fellowship Committee activities and Hospital Visitation.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of these areas your prayers in the coming weeks:

1/11: Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

8/11: Burundi, Democratic republic of Congo, Rwanda

15/11: East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

22/11: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

NENW Presbytery

Keep in your prayers our upcoming meeting on 14 November. Our first face to face meeting since February.

Prayer Chain

If you have a concern that you would particularly like prayer support for, please contact Judith Archbold 6766 6716 or Ted Woodhart 6766 1804.

HSC Prayers

Pray every day for the Yr12 students commencing their HSC exams on 20 October through to 11 November. It has been a challenging year. Our prayer for you is:

that God will give you a mind that recalls

accurately; a hand that writes steadily and clearly and a spirit that remains calm at all times.

May you know God’s hand upon you during each of your exams and through the next stage of your life.

Lectionary Readings

Sun	1	Revelation 7:9-17
Mon	2	Hebrews 11:29-40
Tue	3	Romans 6:3-9
Wed	4	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*
Thu	5	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Fri	6	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
Sat	7	Matthew 25:1-13*
Sun	8	Psalm 78:1-8*
Mon	9	Judges 4:1-7*
Tue	10	Judges 5:1-12
Wed	11	1Thessalonians 5:1-11*
Thu	12	1 Thessalonians 5:12-15
Fri	13	Matthew 25:14-30*
Sat	14	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Sun	15	Psalm 123*
Mon	16	Ezekiel 34:1-10
Tue	17	Ezekiel 34:11-16
Wed	18	Ezekiel 34:17-31
Thu	19	Matthew 25:31-46*
Fri	20	Jude 17-25
Sat	21	Ephesians 1:15-23*
Sun	22	Psalm 100*
Mon	23	Zephaniah 3:1-9
Tue	24	Isaiah 63:15-19
Wed	25	Isaiah 64:1-9*
Thu	26	Mark 13:24-37*
Fri	27	1 Corinthians 1:3-9*
Sat	28	Psalm 80:1-7
Sun	29	Psalm 80:8-19*

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

