

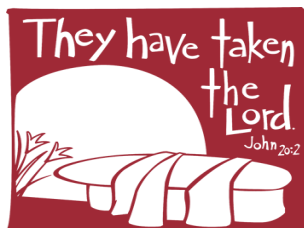
Diary Dates

Sun, 1	Easter Sunday Tamworth City Worship & HC with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn		6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
Mon, 2	Easter Monday	Thu, 5	8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room
Tue, 3	4-5am Wheely Bean 9am-2pm Office T-F 9:30am Adult Fellowship at Connections Café (Johnston) 10am-4pm Op Shop T-F 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 4:30pm Property Committee in St Andrew's Room 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall 7pm Friends of Nioka in St Andrew's Room		9:30am Yoga in Dunn H 4:30pm Worship Music
Wed, 4	9am Op Shop Working Bee 10am Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group in St Andrew's Room 10:15am McKay House & Alblas Lodge HC Services	Fri, 6	8:30am WW in Dunn Hall 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room 12noon Lunch & DVD in St Andrew's Room
		Sat, 7	8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop 9:30am Kairos in St Andrew's Room 6:30pm Legacy Dinner/Dance in Town Hall
		Sun, 8	Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Sausage Sizzle. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 8 April—2nd Sunday in Easter

8:30am	Gowrie
9am	Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E: R Hely, D: D Miles, R Barclay, W Townsend, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips.
9:30am	Tamworth Southside
11am	West Tamworth Service HC
5pm	Tamworth Southside



Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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Lenten Reflection

Sacredise Daily Worship

Thought for the Week

Thought for the Week: Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! This is the greeting that will echo across the world today, as it has for centuries since that first Easter Sunday morning. Today is the day that we have been moving towards since the start of Advent at the end of November, and it is the day that will guide our journey forward through the rest of the year. The Easter Season itself is fifty days, taking us to the great celebration of Pentecost. Following that, we will move into Ordinary Time - the season of learning how to live out our faith in resurrection in the midst of our daily lives.

All of which raises some important questions for us. What does resurrection mean for us today? If it is nothing more than some mysterious, magical event that happened two millennia ago, then our celebration is pretty empty. If Christ's resurrection is just a doorway to some personal realm of bliss after we die, then it also has little to offer us now. But, the New Testament argues that resurrection is not just something that happened to Jesus. It is something that has always been built into the universe and that touches every part of creation. You and I, heaven and earth, animal and plant - we are all resurrected, and we all participate in resurrection life. Resurrection is not so much an event as it is the basic, underlying principle of all life. Resurrection is not so much a past miracle as it is a present, lived reality, and a source of hope for the future - whatever it may hold, both this side of the grave and beyond. Resurrection is not just something we receive, but a moving, motivating force that turns us into life-givers carrying life into our world in whatever way we can.

This week, why not open yourself to God's resurrection life at every moment, in every situation, and with every interaction you experience?

Easter Sunday Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Reflection

The ending of Mark's Gospel has been the source of much debate among scholars for a very long time. Today, though, most scholars agree that the Gospel originally ended at verse 8, with the final verses from verse 9 being

"Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 2

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 3rd Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th
Tuesday each month.

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

Faith Art Group: 1pm Thursdays,
alternate weeks, school terms.

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on Thursdays.

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st
Saturday each month.

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside Uniting
Church

Our Vision: *To be a faithful & enthusiastic
part of God's church in our community,
sharing the love of Jesus.*

Mission Statements: *To build up individuals
and teams, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
using our spiritual gifts to serve each other
and our community.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 30 Mar—9am Hallsville Good
Friday Service with Jim Newton.

Sun, 1 Apr—11am West Tamworth
Easter Service with Rev Chris Wright.
Lunch After.

Tue, 3 Apr—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth

Fri, 6 Apr—Hallsville NO SERVICE

Sun, 8 Apr—8:30am Gowrie Service
and 11am West Tamworth HC

Fri, 13 Apr—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Service

Sun, 15 Apr—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Chris Wright.

Trading Table After.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

*Our Goal "To be transformed communities,
experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of
the friendship of Jesus."*

Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

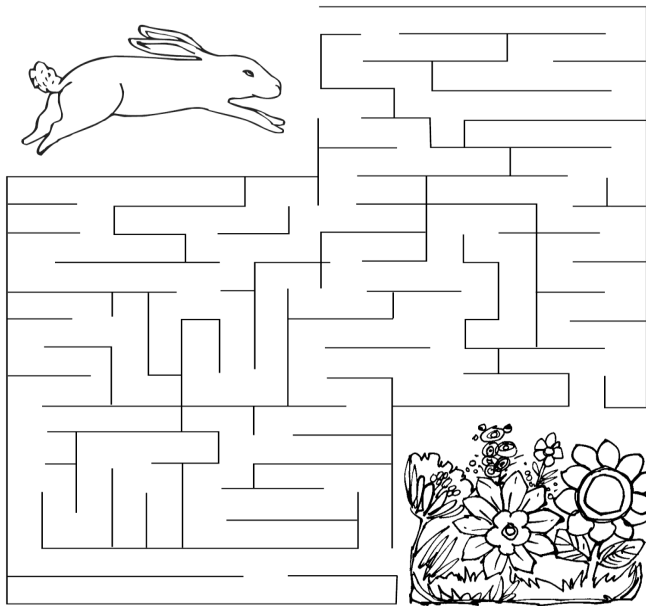
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
Bruce Jarrett, Barbara Murray & Doss Wark.



"Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 11

Find the way

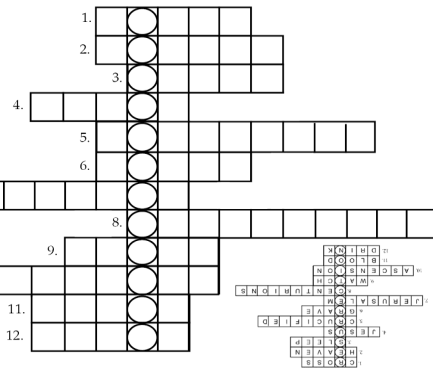
Help the bunny find his way to the flower patch



Celebrate Easter

Fill in the blanks with the words relating to Jesus' death. The letters in the circles spell a word – we celebrate this on Easter Sunday.

- Jesus died on a _____.
- Jesus went to _____ after he left this earth.
- The disciples got tired and went to _____ in the garden.
- _____ was _____ on the cross that he carried.
- After he died Jesus was placed in a _____, another word for a tomb.
- The last week of Jesus' life was spent in or near the city of _____.
- The soldiers that guarded the cross were called _____.
- Jesus asked his disciples to _____ and pray when he went to the garden.
- Jesus' _____ to heaven took place after his resurrection.
- Jesus shed his _____ for our sins.
- Jesus was given vinegar to _____ when he was on the cross.



Lectionary Readings

Sun 1	Mark 16:1-8*	Fri 6	Acts 4:32-35*
Mon 2	Psalms 133*	Sat 7	John 20:1-18
Tue 3	Psalms 148	Sun 8	John 20:19-31*
Wed 4	1 John 1:1-4	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 5	1 John 1:5-2:2		

added later by an unknown writer or editor. This does not mean that the final verses are not Scripture or that God does not still speak through them. It just means that we need to recognise that the original writer's thoughts only took him as far as the events in verse 8 and then others expanded his thinking into the verses that follow.

What is so challenging about today's reading is that, where the other Gospels end with triumph and celebration, Mark's ends abruptly and with fear. The women who have gone to the tomb to finish preparing Jesus' body for burial (since things were so rushed when he was laid in the tomb before the Sabbath) are overwhelmed by his absence and by the young man who tells them that Jesus is risen. They are fearful because they have never encountered such a thing before and they don't know what it means. They are awed by the magnitude of the events they are witnessing. The way verse 8 ends, it's like the resurrection has interrupted their world, and they suddenly find themselves in a whole new reality, with a whole new mission - to share what they have seen with others.

This is exactly what resurrection is like. When we realise that this same resurrection life is at work in us, we cannot help but be overwhelmed. And, when we realise that God wants us to share God's life with others, our personal agendas are interrupted and we discover that we have a whole new mission. How is God calling you to live the resurrection today?

Practice for Today

It's a little strange to think of awe as a practice. Usually awe is a reaction to some event or experience that is beyond our ability to grasp fully. However, as followers of Christ, awe can and should be a characteristic that we nurture through regular practice. Today, seek to nurture your own sense of awe through praise, thanksgiving and mindfulness.

Breath-Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, fill me with awe at your amazing, resurrected life.

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Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 1 April 2018—Easter Sunday

Did you remember... Daylight Savings ended. Slept in and still made our 9am Worship service & HC with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship and then the Jubilee Kitchen for lunch.

UnitingWorld—Lent Event

Thank you for your patronage of our Lent Event Stall. We raised \$375.30, which will be added to the other donations from our congregation. Donations should not be left on the offering plate (envelopes available) or sent directly to UnitingWorld, PO Box A2266, Sydney South NSW 1235 Phone 1800 998 122 or Email info@unitingworld.org.au or visit their website at www.unitingworld.org.au.

Easter is the celebration of new life and new beginnings! If you're not a fan of chocolate or just looking for an alternative ethical gift this Easter, look no further than the range of meaningful gifts at 'Everything in Common'. Each card represents a gift that goes directly towards a life-changing project. Buy a gift, dedicate it to a loved one and you'll help create the kind of world we'd all like to be part of this Easter!

WATER! WATER! WATER!

Celebrations were hail and hardy on Wednesday morning as the water was reconnected to the Church—just in time for HC today.

News & Views

Did you get your copy of the latest edition of News & Views? Only \$4.

Church Fete—5 May

Check our help stock the fete flyer in the notice sheet today. Talk to the stall holder to see how you can help. Maybe its supplying items, maybe its working on the day, setting up or packing up.

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.

Maintenance Items

Sunday Trading Table

Our bring-and-buy table is selling anything from handiwork to cooking, produce to jams. Stop and buy something this week and donate something another week. After church with the morning tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Stamp Collecting News

Keep in mind that the stamps you receive today, our customers are anxious to buy tomorrow at the Synod Stamp Committee sales. Keep them coming in. Leave them at the church office for trimming and sorting.

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Kairos Outside Sewing Group will be meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Monday mornings from 9:30am-3pm each week during school terms.

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

Food Hamper Sunday

Food Hamper Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the month. 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.

Venture Christian Bookshop—Quirindi

108 George Street, Quirindi 6746 1065. Serving Christ in the community since 1985. Cards for every occasion, bibles, music CD's, DVD's, adult and children's books, giftware also available. They are happy to order in special requirements. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

Diary Dates

- Anzac Day 25 April
- Church Fete 5 May
- Emmaus Walks 12-15 July at PLC Armidale
- Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop 20 October

Assembly Worship Preparation—Funerals

Have you thought about what your family need to know about your funeral? Assembly have issued a document “Preparing for Your Funeral”. It’s a guideline to get you started. If you’d like a copy, see Nicolette in the office.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, Ordained Ministry, Councils of the Church, those who deliver and receive home communion today. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Trinity Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, Baptism Church, C3 Church, School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, Lutheran Church and the Cornerstone Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. The next meeting will be in May in Inverell. We are planning an “Ethics Training Day” for lay leaders in May and a “Makes You Wonder Workshop” on 20 October. Keep the date.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing the lead classes in our high schools this year. As usual funding is solely from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAI, BSB 032 621, A/c No. 372 372. Thank you.

This Week’s Events

Opportunity Shop

Our Opportunity Shop is located at 24 Darling Street. Normal hours 10am-4pm Mondays to Fridays and 9am-12noon on Saturdays. Contact Lorraine (0401 762 463) or Judy (0418 662 081). Closed Easter Monday.

KYB Study Group

Our KYB Study Group meet at 1:30pm in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891. Not Easter Monday.

Church Office

Regular house 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All hall bookings through the office please. Thank you, *Nicolette*.

Adult Fellowship

Our next monthly get together will be on Tuesday, 3 April. We are going to enjoy a morning tea and our meeting out this month. 9:30am at the Connections Café, Johnston Street. Everyone’s welcome to join us.

Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew’s Room on Tuesday, 3 April from 4:30pm.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew’s Room on Tuesday, 3 April from 7pm.

Op Shop Working Bee

Sorting each Wednesday in the Vestry. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! All helpers welcome.

Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew’s Room on Wednesday, 4 April from 10am.

Aged Care Services

Aged care HC services on Wednesday, 4 April from 10:15am in McKay House and Alblas Lodge, led by Mr Peter Battle. All helpers & singers welcome.

Prayer Group

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room.

Craft Group

Our craft group meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month at 10am in the St Andrew's Room. Bring along some craft, have a chat and a cuppa. Our next get together will be Friday, 6 April.

Lunch & DVD

We've had a month off, but we are back in action for Friday, 6 April from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch then watch a DVD together. All welcome. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Kairos Outside

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 7 April from 9:30am.

Tamworth Legacy 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance

Join us for a night of music, entertainment and dancing, with special guests and local Tamworth Band, Chalkdust on Saturday, 7 April 6:30pm for 7pm. start in the Town Hall. Tickets from admin@legacytamworth.com.au.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 8 April 2018—2nd Sunday in Easter

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea and end of term barbecue/sausage sizzle to follow. Elder: R Hely, Door: D Miles, R Barclay, W Townsend, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

One Door Mental Health Support Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 9 April from 10am.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered kitchen day will be Tuesday, 10 April from 8am.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 11 April from 10am.

Church Office Closed

Nicolette will be away on 12/13 April and the office will be closed. Op Shop alternate key arrangements.

Bi-Monthly Church Council Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 12 April from 7:30pm.

Senior Communion

Our monthly Senior Communion will be held on Friday, 13 April at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Mr Peter Battle will be leading the service. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 15 April 2018—3rd Sunday in Easter

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea. Elder: M Hobson, Door: J Shottek, F Kerr, H Fergus, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 17 April at 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Tuesday, 17 April at 2pm.

Craft Group

Our craft group meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month at 10am in the St Andrew's Room. Bring along some craft, have a chat and a cuppa. Our next get together will be Friday, 20 April.

Worship on Sunday, 22 April 2018—4th Sunday in Easter

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. Elder: R Duns, Door: S Perkins, M Duns, M Honeyman, S Hardin, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Greer.

