

## Diary Dates

**Sun, 14 Palm Sunday 9am**

**Tamworth City Worship**

**Service with Rev Chris**

**Wright. Sunday School. Lent**

**Event Stall. Sausage Sizzle**

**Morning Tea.**

*11:30am Korean Reborn*

*2pm Choral Society "Down*

*Memory Lane" 70th*

*Anniversary Concert*

**Mon, 15 8am Holy Week Service**

*10am-4pm Op Shop M-F*

*10am UNITING in StAR*

*5:30pm New Vogue in JHall*

**Tue, 16 8am Holy Week Service**

*9am-2pm Church Office T-Th*

*9am AIR meeting in St AR*

*9:30am LLine Dancers JH*

*10am-1pm Pres Bkeep*

*2pm Senior's Getting*

*Together Fellowship*

**Wed, 17 8am Holy Week Service**

*9am Op Shop Sorting*

*6pm New Vogue in JHall*

**Thu, 18 8:30am Prayer in Wesley Rm**

*9:30am Yoga in St AR*

*4:30pm Worship Music*

*7pm Maundy Thursday*

*Worship*

**Fri, 19 9am Good Friday Service**

**Sat, 20 9am-12noon Op Shop**

**Sun, 21 Easter Sunday 9am**

**Tamworth City Worship**

**Service and Holy**

**Communion with Rev Chris**

**Wright. Morning Tea.**

**11am West Tamworth**

**Service with Rev Chris**

**Wright**

*11am West Tamworth with*

*Rev Chris Wright*

*11:30am Korean Reborn*



## Preaching Plan

**Sunday, 21 April—Easter Sunday**

**9am** Tamworth City Service with Rev Chris Wright, E: W Standen, D: M Partridge, W Townsend, J Crosling, PP: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart.

**9:30am** Tamworth Southside Service

**11am** West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright

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*Palm Sunday, 14 April 2019*

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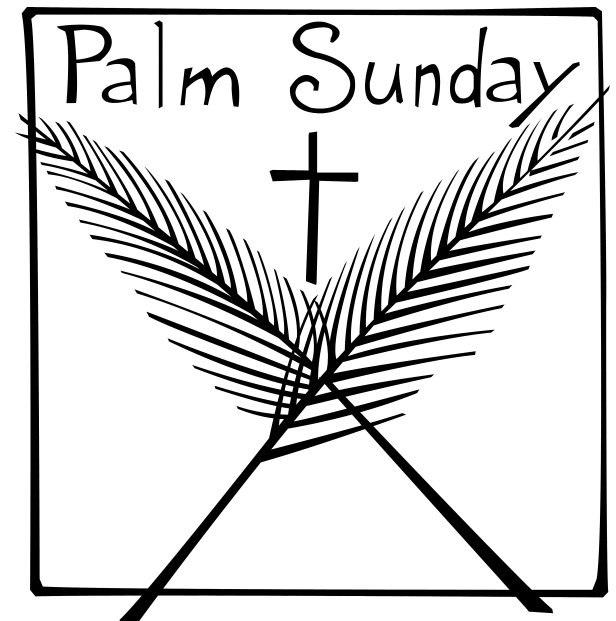
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*Welcome to Tamworth City  
Uniting Church*

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading our service. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



# Seasons of the Spirit

## Palm/Passion Sunday

### Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

### Prayer

Stay near to us, O God, as we journey through this week. May remembrances of innocent suffering summon our words and deeds for justice today. Many recollections of steadfast trust transform reluctance to walk by faith when sight is clouded. This we pray in the name of the Christ we follow. Amen.

Rejoicing and calamity are the two poles that frame the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, unleashing a power that continues reverberating in our day and time. It would appear that the rejoicing is quickly left behind as the destructive powers of the cross have their way with Jesus.

But, there is another source of power at work, evidenced in the joy of the crowds who greet Jesus, laying their cloaks before him as he goes. It is a joy that will not be squelched, becoming a source of power for all who, as Paul reminds us, take on the mind of Christ.

### Reflection

**Luke 19:28-40** On the surface, only naiveté or fool heartedness would have inspired disciples to praise God as Jesus makes his entry into Jerusalem. The situation for the followers of Jesus looks as bleak as it does to those for whom the gospel of Luke is written some 50 to 60 years after the destruction of Jerusalem. The timeless lyrics to the 1965 protest song, "Eve of Destruction," written by P.F. Sloan, mirror the outlook for either Jesus' followers or Luke's readers. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem puts a shiver up our spines because it reminds and unnerves us about how overwhelming and hopeless life can appear.

The early disciples of Jesus and the gathered communities of Luke's gospel have the same personal anxieties people of every age face: health, relationships, loss. They also experience in no uncertain terms the destructive power of Roman empire, domination and the ways it co-opts religious leaders for its purposes. Crosses litter the countryside as a terroristic reminder to the people that Rome is in charge and that Roman power and domination is supreme. This is no time for joyful exuberance.

Luke insists followers of Jesus are set free to "praise God joyfully with a

# Southside Scene

**Worship:** 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.  
Dinner Church 2nd Sunday. HC 3rd  
Sunday. Family Service 4th Sunday.

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

**Stepping Stones:** 10am-12noon in  
Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

**Tuesday Lunch:** 12-1pm Tuesdays  
during school terms.

**Prayer Team:** 9:30am Thursdays.

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

**Men's Choir:** 5:30pm on alternate

Thursdays.

**Bible Study:** 2-3:30pm Thursdays.

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

**Easter Worship:**

*Sun, 14th—Palm Sunday 9:30am*

*Fri, 19th—Good Friday 8am*

*Sun, 21st—Easter Sunday 9:30am*

**Website:** [www.tsuc.org.au](http://www.tsuc.org.au) or



# Peel Valley Congregations

**Palm Sunday, 14 Apr—8:30am**  
Gowrie and 11am West Tamworth  
Service with Meg Mangan.

**Tue, 16 Apr—10am** Memory Lane at  
West Tamworth.

**Thu, 18 Apr—2:30pm** Study Group at  
West Tamworth.

**Good Friday, 19 Apr—9am** Hallsville  
with Rev Henry Swindon.

**Easter Sunday, 21 Apr—11am** West  
Tamworth with Rev Chris Wright.

**Sun, 28 Apr—8:30am** Markets at

Hallsville; 8:30am Gowrie Service and  
11am West Tamworth Service

## 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"*

Pastrl Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

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# Prayers

## Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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.

## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Japan, South Korea, North Korea and Taiwan in your prayers this week.

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School, St Peter’s Anglican Church, St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church and Seventh Day Adventist Church in our prayers.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

We give thanks for the ministry of Rev Jo Smalbil, Rev Paul Cosier, Rev Jean Bell, Rev Phil Matthews and Rev Chris Wright in placements across our Presbytery along with the Lay Leaders in other centres. Keep in your prayers ministry and outreach across our Presbytery.

## Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year— Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. 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. In recess now until 2019. Donations still gratefully received.



# Lectionary Readings

Sun	14	Luke 19:28-40*	Fri	19	Hebrews 4:14-5:9
Mon	15	Isaiah 65:17-25	Sat	20	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*
Tue	16	Acts 10:34-43*	Sun	21	Luke 24:1-12*
Wed	17	1 Corinthians 15:19-26*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	18	John 13:1-17, 31b-35			

loud voice for all the deeds of power they had seen.” Throughout the gospel of Luke, the writer reminds us exactly what those deeds of power are, and they are quite different from the fear-based destructive power of Rome. Stories of Jesus healing, welcoming the outcast, challenging the rich and powerful, and feeding the hungry all reflect the power in a joyful way of life that Jesus calls the Realm of God. As Wes Howard Brooks notes in his work *Come Out My People*, “Luke’s goal was to convince them that the way of Jesus would provide what the empire promised but could not deliver; peace, justice, and abundance for all.”

When facing what appears to be the eve of destruction, those following Jesus into Jerusalem with all its risks and uncertainty do so with joy because their hope is not in the fleeting power of Rome, but rather the endless, eternal power of God revealed in the life of Jesus. Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg give a vivid image of the choice faced on Palm/Passion Sunday when they posit two different entrances into Jerusalem. From the West rides Pilate on a horse, draped and surrounded by all the exploitive power that Rome can muster. Jesus rides from the East with all the power that resides in love. Fear accompanies Pilate’s parade.

Jesus enters Jerusalem to songs of joy and celebration.

**Psalms 118:1–2, 19–29** offers words of gratitude and praise fitting for a parade of celebration. The writer claims that God has answered prayers and redeemed the people.

**Isaiah 50:4–9a** and **Psalms 31:9–16** assert faithful witness in the face of life-threatening circumstances. The prophet does so by depicting defiance before those who torture him, defiance energized by reliance on God. The psalmist asserts such witness by daring to raise lament before God, confessing the terror faced and staking claim on God’s steadfast love that saves. This writer will not be silent before God.

**Philippians 2:5–11** reminds us how Paul carries forth a joyful resistance to the power of death, empires, and domination by quoting an early Christian hymn “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.”

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As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, we hear cries of anguish, trust, thanks, and hope. Holy week invites us to own the fullness of life’s experience. It takes courage and trust for Jesus and the disciples to enter Jerusalem and it takes courage and trust for us to face the destructive forces of our day.

How do your Holy Week traditions enable you to be honest, yet hopeful, about the challenges you face and the challenges we face in our world?

## Today's Information

### Worship on Sunday, 14 April

Palm Sunday, Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Lent Event Stall. Sausage Sizzle Morning Tea.

### Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship. Jubilee Kitchen & Dunn Hall for lunch.

### Tamworth Choral Society 70th Anniversary Concert

You are invited to join the Tamworth Choral Society's 70th Anniversary Concert "Down Memory Lane" on Sunday, 14 April 2:30pm in the Carinya Performing Arts Centre, 25 Boronia Drive, Calala. Cost \$15 single or \$30 family. Tickets available from choir members or at the door. A lovely traditional afternoon tea to follow.

### For Sale Photocopier

Good working condition, contact Lloyd Johnston 6765 7657

### Lent Event

We have journeyed through Lent with the people of Timor Leste. Bring your envelopes and place on the offering bowl over the coming weeks. Our Children's Lent Event stall will raise funds today with items to sell along with the sausage sizzle at morning tea today.

### Doing It For Our Farmers

We continue to work with 'Doing it for our Farmers' and other aid agencies to bring support and assistance to farmers in need. The next event will be a Family Fun Day on 11 May at the Tamworth Paceway.

### Bread Tags for Wheelchairs in South Africa

Please save your bread tags—they can be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Now collecting in Australia too! Leave in the office.

### Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Robyn and Chris Wright and their family following the death of Robyn's father during the week. The funeral will be held on Monday, 15 April in Sydney.

### Stepping Stones Play Group

Stepping Stones is not just a play group where the kids can come and play. It's a chance for you to connect with others who are experiencing the same ups and downs as you, to be supported, encouraged and cared for. Join us at Tamworth City Uniting Church from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside on Tuesdays 10am-12noon. During School Terms. Recommencing Tuesday, 30 April/Thursday, 2 May.

### 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 on Friday, 3 May.

### Lunch and DVD

Monthly lunch and DVD will be held on Friday, 3 May from 12noon. Gold coin donation for lunch. Phone Jim & Lorraine 6761 7371.

### Church Fete

Saturday, 4 May from 8:30am. Contacts for Jams etc Margaret Cupitt 0427 690 226 mobile and Elaine Fairall 0427 421 785. Flyer in the notice sheet today. If you'd like a larger one to put on a notice board new you see Nicolette.

### Worship on Sunday, 5 May

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: A Ashworth, E Fairall, M Cupitt, P Battle, D: R & M Duns, J Phillips, PP M Miles, O: R Greer. Morning Tea.

### Diary Dates to Note

- 6 May—10am One Door Mental Health
- 7 May—8am Meals on Wheels; Adult Fellowship; Friends of Nioka
- 8 May—10am Compassionate Friends
- 9 May—9:30am Nursing Home Service; Aikido Karate recommences
- 10 May—10am Senior Communion with Rev Chris Wright
- 11 May—10am Friends Force Gathering; 11am Line Dancing Social

**Good Friday** Public Holiday 19 April.

9am Good Friday Service at Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, Elder Margot Hobson, Door Sonya Hardin & Rosemary Barclay.

## *Next Week & Beyond*

### **Worship on Sunday, 21 April**

Easter Sunday, Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: W Standen, D: M Partridge, W Townend, J Crosling, PP J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth with Rev Chris Wright

**Easter Monday** Public Holiday 22 April.

### **Rainbow Cottage Management Committee**

Meeting on Wednesday, 24 April from 5pm.

**ANZAC Day** Public Holiday 25 April.

### **Worship on Sunday, 28 April**

Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Dezius, D: W Feggans, N Dezius, S Perkins, PP J McClelland, O: R Greer. Morning Tea.

### **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. In recess until 28 April.

### **Meditation Service**

In recess, recommencing 1 May. Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm.

### **Church Fete**

Set up commences on Thursday, 2 May from 9am. All helpers most welcome to help decorate the hall.

Friday, 3 May sees the set-up go into overtime with all stalls prepared.

### **Church Council Notes**

Notes from our meeting held on Thursday night:

- Drought assistance through Doing it for our Farmers is now over \$80,000.
- Air conditioning units in the Jubilee Hall are installed, wiring yet to be completed.
- Fete—looking forward to a great congregational gathering for our Fete on 4 May.
- Lent Event—terrific videos in church about projects in Timor Leste, Children's Lent Event Stall and sausage sizzle today.
- Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea—Sunday, 2 June following worship
- John Bell Workshop 29/30 May in Adamstown—Joyful Voices for Hope & Change—more details from the office.
- Doing it for our Farmers fundraiser event at Tamworth Trotting Track on 11 May to be covered as a UCA event—to be forwarded to Synod for notification.
- Synod have shared the assembly resource Uniting Church Vision Statement for a Just Australia and can be downloaded at <https://uniting.church/visionstatement2019/>.
- Minister's report included the ratification of baptisms, update on Rainbow Cottage and Working towards a combined service with the Reborn Korean congregation on 26 May at 10:30am.
- Fellowship Committee upcoming dates include Soup & Damper Trivia Night on Friday, 21 June and Congregational lunch on 24 November. Regular sausage sizzles at the end of term.
- Property investigating flooding in Jubilee Hall, hand rail to sanctuary area, and driveway and carpark upgrade.
- Rainbow Cottage celebrating Sharn Mason 20yrs service.
- Mission Envelopes (Dec/Jan—Christmas Bowl; Feb-Apr—Lent Event; May—Fete/Biggest Morning Tea; Jun-Aug—Other Projects; Sept—Frontier Services; Oct/Nov—Peace Community in Philippines).
- Mission groups reminded to hand budgets to the treasurer



## This Week's Events

### Holy Week Services

Holy Monday 15th	8am in Chapel	Nicolette Willis
Holy Tuesday 16th	8am in Chapel	Judith Archbold
Holy Wednesday 17th	8am in Chapel	Margot Hobson
Maundy Thursday 18th	7pm in Church	Rev Chris Wright Elder: J Archbold, Door: F Kerr & H McKenzie
Good Friday 19th	9am in Church	Rev Chris Wright Elder: M Hobson, Door S Hardin & R Barclay
Easter Sunday 21st	9am in Church	Rev Chris Wright

### 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 Public Holidays.

## Easter Greetings from the Uniting Churches in Tamworth

In the Easter Resurrection, God welcomes everyone, from everywhere, all of us invited to sit with Him in peace and friendship. The gospels really are Good News!  
**Come and share with us in worship at:**

**Peel Valley: 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday: 9am Hallsville (Manilla Rd)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday: 11am West Tamworth (Denison Street, Lunch after)**

**Tamworth City (Cnr Marius & Bourke Sts)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday: 7pm**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday: 9am**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday: 9am**

**Tamworth Southside (440 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Op. The Big Golden Guitar)**

**19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday: 8am**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday: 9:30am**



### UNITING Support Group

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care.

### Carthew Funeral

We continue to keep Geoff and Judy Carthew and family in our prayers. The funeral service for Felicity Carthew will be held on Monday, 15 April at 12noon in the Salvation Army Hall on Goonoo Goonoo Road.

### New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 5:30– 8pm Mondays & 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

### Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. All hall bookings to be made via the office please. *Nicolette*. Closed Public Holidays.

### Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 16 April from 9am.

### Locomotive Line Dancing

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon.

### Senior's Getting Together

Meeting at the Village Community Hall on Tuesday, 16 April from 2pm.

### 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. A very industrious morning.

### Early Risers Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am.

### Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday mornings from 10am.

### Maundy Thursday

7pm Maundy Thursday Service with Rev Chris Wright, Elder Judith Archbold, Door Fran Kerr & Heather McKenzie.