

## Diary Dates

**Sun, 15 Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.**  
 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright  
 11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 16 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F**  
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
 4pm WW in Dunn Hall  
 5:30pm Dance in Jubilee H

**Tue, 17 8am Meals on Wheels Kitch.**  
 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri  
 9am Assn Ind Retirees in St Andrew's Room  
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
 2pm Senior's Getting Together in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall  
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

**Wed, 18 9am Op Shop Working Bee**  
 10am MSSC special meeting in St Andrew's Room  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

**Thu, 19 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room**  
 9:30am Yoga in Dunn H  
 4:30pm Worship Music

**Fri, 20 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall**  
 10am Craft Group in the St Andrew's Room

**Sat, 21 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall**  
 9am-12noon Op Shop

**Sun, 22 Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.**  
 11:30am Korean Reborn



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 22 April—4th Sunday in Easter

8:30am Gowrie Service  
 9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright E: R Duns, D: M Duns, M Honeyman, S Hardin, O: R Greer, PP J McClelland.  
 9:30am Tamworth Southside  
 11am West Tamworth Service  
 5pm Tamworth Southside



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## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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



# Lenten Reflection

## Seasons of the Spirit—Love Means Showing Up

Focus scriptures: Luke 24:36b–48, Acts 3:12–19, Psalm 4 & 1 John 3:1–7

### Prayer

Amazing Creator, send your Spirit to create us anew this day. May we be open to the transformation that Christ brings, and then move in new ways and directions with the gospel. Amen.

### Introduction

The texts this week call us to look beyond the surface of appearances and see what lies beneath the surface. When we can do that, we can grow in grace and love. Jesus offers his whole self – wounds and all – to the disciples; in that, they see that he is the resurrected Christ. Peter’s call for repentance is also a call for the apostles to show themselves wholly to Jesus.

### Reflection

Luke 24:36b–48—Jesus is back! Or is he? If things are as they always were –Jesus and the disciples living and learning together on the road – why are things in **Luke 24:36b–48** so strange? In some way we don’t understand how the Jesus who appears to his disciples does not seem to be the Jesus they, who had lived with him for three years, remember. Jesus has to convince the disciples that it is he. Later, in verse 44, Jesus speaks of a time when he was still with them. But isn’t he with them now? Or is he with them in a new and mysterious way? What does Jesus’ resurrection mean? The author of the gospel of Luke will spell that out in the second volume of this two-volume work, the book of Acts. In Acts, the story of God’s relationship with humanity, begun in the deepest history of the foundations of the nation of Israel, will blossom out to all the world. For that to happen, the disciples who are present with the resurrected Jesus need a deep and abiding experience of his presence. This they do by eating with Jesus. To eat with someone in the Ancient Near East, to share their hospitality, is to be intimately connected to them, to be linked with them in a relationship of mutual responsibility, care, welcome, and support. In eating with his

## 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](http://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, 13 Apr**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday  
Family Service

**Sun, 15 Apr**—9am Hallsville  
(Baptism) with Meg Mangan, 11am  
West Tamworth Service with Rev  
Chris Wright. Trading Table After.

**Tue, 17 Apr**—10am Memory Lane at  
West Tamworth

**Thu, 19 Apr**—2:30pm Peel Valley  
Study group at West Tamworth.

**Fri, 20 Apr**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday  
Family Service.

**Sun, 22 Apr**—8am Hallsville Markets,  
8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am

West Tamworth

### GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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

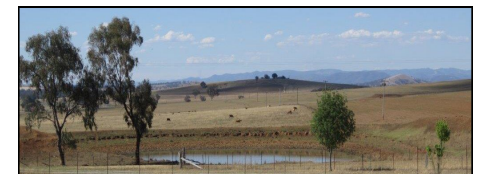
*Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"*

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





# K I D S K L I P S

## Connect the dots



## Easter Story Code

Use the code to find how this animal was a part of the Easter story.



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Answer: Jesus said to Peter, "Feed the cock twice more, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

## Lectionary Readings

Sun 15	Psalm 4*	Fri 13	Luke 24:35-48*
Mon 9	Micah 4:1-7	Sat 14	Acts 3:12-19*
Tue 10	1 John 2:3-17	Sun 15	Psalm 4*
Wed 11	1 John 2:18-29	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 12	1 John 3:1-7*		

disciples, Jesus offers this mutuality to his followers.

It is the Spirit of God who is central to **Acts 3:12–19**. Here is a crucial moment occurring in a crucial place. A man has been restored to health right in the temple, the central place of Jewish faith and hope. And it looks like Peter and the other apostles are responsible. What better place and what better way to launch a new movement of faith with the apostles as its leaders? Peter, however, appears not to have read the right books. He has no interest in capitalizing on this amazing event. Instead, he tells those who are present that this experience of wholeness comes directly from the ancient promises of God to the nation. And those promises, long remembered and hoped for, found their focus in the place in which they stand, the temple, and now in one of their own, Jesus of Nazareth. So Peter, at the start of Acts, calls for what John the baptizer called for at the start of the gospel of Luke – a great turning around (*Luke 3:3*).

Peter might well have quoted **Psalms 4** to his audience at the temple. Two things are required to live, according to the psalmist. One is to offer right sacrifice or, as we might better put it in our own time, to live a good and honourable life. The second is to trust God. To do the first without the second is a life of empty ritual where hope rests only in self-righteousness. To do the second without the first – to trust God without a life of decency and just living – is to live an empty life of vain words and lies. If the psalmist and the psalm's readers live a life of righteous trust then they will live in abundant security.

**1 John 3:1–7** reminds readers that righteousness is not an esoteric concept or a pious title. It is a verb, what we used to call in school, "a doing word." If you bake bread, you are a baker; if you do what is right, you are righteous.



Jesus appeared to the disciples when they needed a friend. He showed up and offered them his peace. Peter told his friends the truth about their lives and Jesus in a way that they could hear it. He offered them healing and grace. How do we offer grace to friends in times of need? How can our lives be a reflection of the relationship Jesus had with the disciples when he came back and had breakfast with them?

## Today's Information

### 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.

### Korean Reborn Church

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

### UnitingWorld—Lent Event

Thank you everyone for your support of the Lent Event project this year.

### Church Fete—5 May

Check our Donations Welcome Fete Flyer. 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. Lots of ways you can engage in our Fete. The Clayton's Fete box is at the back of the church for donations.

### Elder Nominations

Do you know someone who would make a good elder? Talk to them to see if they would like to be nominated. Nominations close 15 May 2018.

## 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).

### 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 school holidays. Next 30 April.



## Tamworth City Uniting Church Fete

**When: Saturday, 5 May 2018 8:30am-1pm**

**Where: Jubilee Hall & Church Grounds,  
144 Marius Street, Tamworth**

# Donations Welcome

Please keep this date free and tell your friends.

Please see if you are able to help supply one or more of the following stalls. If you can, please let the contact person know or inform the Church Office. All donations gratefully received. Some stalls will also need helpers. If you wish to help, see the contact person.

**Antiques & Collectables:** Contact Fran Kerr 6765 5113.

**Bric-a-brac:** Contact Judith Archbold 6766 6716.

**Cakes:** West Tamworth Contact Margaret Crowell 0408 660 025.

**Craft:** Contact Judy Carthew 6766 1593.

**Desserts:** Sylvia Mountain 6765 9820.

**Face Painting & Toys:** Rainbow Cottage 6766 7655.

**Flowers:** Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891.

**Garden:** Contact Don Willis 6765 7615.

**Jams, Pickles, Confectionary & Cookies:** Contact Annette Winter 6765 4507 or Judy Rae 6766 1313.

**Morning Tea:** Contact Elke Gevert 0457 337 376.

**Produce:** Contact Rob & Mariette Duns 6766 9909.

**Barbecue:** Contact Margot Hobson 6766 3656.

**UNITING Information:** UNITING 6761 2007

We will need help to set up on Friday, 4 May  
and to man the stalls on the day.





### **Discussing Dementia**

St Peter's Anglican Church are again offering the very popular Discussing Dementia with Rev Frank Van der Korput on Friday, 4 May 7-9:30pm or Saturday, 5 May 9:30am-12noon. This course follows on from the course held last year. Everyone's welcome. Register at St Peter's Office 6765 9304.

### **Worship on Sunday, 6 May 2018—6th Sunday in Easter**

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School Resumes. Morning Tea. Elder: M Duns, R Duns, J Bennett, M Hobson, P Battle, Door: N & J Dezius, M Cupitt, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer.

### **Choral Society Concert**

The Tamworth Choral Society are presenting "From Hammerstein to Bernstein Musical Melodies." A delightful selection of musical numbers, chosen from some of the great musical partnership of our time. Afternoon tea will follow. Sunday, 6 May at 2:30pm in the Carinya PAC. Adults \$15, Families \$30. Tickets available from Choir members or at the door.

### **Diary Dates**

- Induction of Rev Henry Swindon at UNITING St Andrew's Village 2pm on Friday, 11 May
- NENW Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, 12 May in Inverell
- Emmaus Walks 12-15 July at PLC Armidale
- Adult Fellowship Rally 6 September—Tamworth City
- Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop 20 October

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Families & Youth, Mission Outreach, Rainbow Cottage and Young Families Worker and activities. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Calendar**

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



### **Church Office**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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, 20 April.

## **Next Week & Beyond**

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

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

### **Fete Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 24 April from 4pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **ANZAC Day**

Wednesday, 25 April. Marching from Bourke Street to the Town Hall for a service of remembrance.

### Rural Home Nursing

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday 26th and Friday, 27th April for training workshops.

### Worship on Sunday, 29 April 2018—5th Sunday in Easter

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. Elder: J Bennett, Door: B Mills, S Perkins, R Barclay, AV: M Akioka, Org: R Greer.

### Adult Fellowship

Meeting on Tuesday, 1 May from 9:30am for Morning Tea then meeting in St Andrew's Room.

### Friends of Nioka

Meeting on Tuesday, 1 May from 7pm in St Andrew's Room.

### Aged Care Services

Monthly aged care HC services at McKay House & Alblas Lodge from 10:15am with Rev Chris Wright. All helpers and singers most welcome.

### Presbytery MSSC Meeting

Held in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 3 May from 9:30am.

### Fete Set-Up

Jubilee Hall from Thursday, 3 May and Friday, 4 May from 9am, both days. Then our big Fete Day on Saturday, 5 May from 8:30am. Everyone's welcome to join in the work, fellowship and fun. Join us!

### 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, 4 May.

### Lunch & DVD

Our next monthly Lunch & DVD will be on Friday, 4 May from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch. All welcome.



## **Tamworth City Uniting**



## **CHURCH FETE**

**Saturday, 5 May 2018**

**8:30am-1pm**

**Jubilee Hall & Church Grounds,  
144 Marius Street, Tamworth**

Stalls include Barbecue, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Collectables & Antiques, Cookies, Confectionary, Craft, Drinks, Flowers, Gardening, Jams/Condiments, Kids Toy Stall, Morning Tea, Children's Activities, Produce, Sweets and Lots, Lots More...

*Bargains Galore...*

*Fun for Everyone!!!*



***Bring your Family,***

***Come have Fun,***

***Bring your Friends, Support our Fete!***