

Diary Dates

Sun, 21 Easter Sunday 9am
Tamworth City Worship
Service and Holy
Communion with Rev Chris
Wright. Morning Tea.
11am West Tamworth
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 11am West Tamworth with
 Rev Chris Wright
 11:30am Korean Reborn

Mon, 22 Easter Monday Public Hol.

Tue, 23 9am-2pm Church Office T-F
 9:30am Stepping Stones DH
 9:30am LLine Dancers JH
 10am-4pm Op Shop T/W/F
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep

Wed, 24 9am Op Shop Sorting
 5pm Rainbow C'tee M
 6pm New Vogue in JHall

Thu, 25 Anzac Day Public Hol.
 11am Town Hall Service
 Fri, 26 8:30am Social Craft in DH
 Sat, 27 9am-12noon Op Shop
Sun, 28 Sunday 9am Tamworth City
Worship Service and
Baptism with Rev Chris
Wright. Morning Tea.
 11:30am Korean Reborn
 with visiting guests



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 28 April

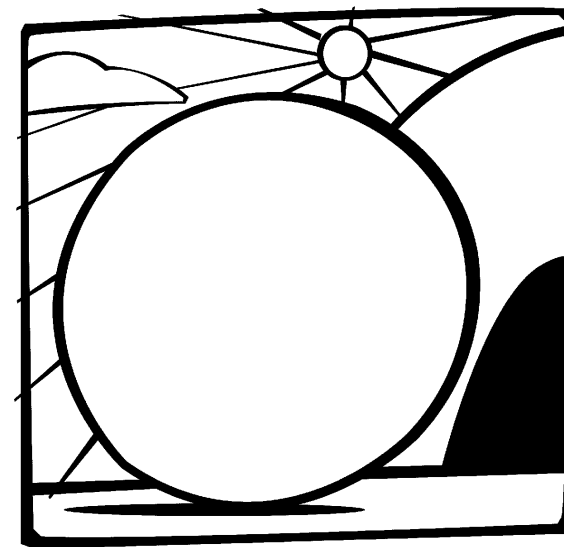
8:30am Gowrie Service & Hallsville Markets
 9am Tamworth City Service with Rev Chris Wright, E: J Dezius, D: W
 Feggans, N Dezius, S Perkins, PP: J McClland, O: R Greer.
 9:30 Tamworth Southside Service
 11am West Tamworth Service
 5:30pm Tamworth Southside Service



Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with
 us today. Rev Chris Wright will be
 leading our service and the Sacrament of
 Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat
 and morning tea afterwards, maybe a
 hot cross bun or Easter egg.



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Seasons of the Spirit

Easter Sunday

Readings

John 20:1–18; Luke 24:1–12; Acts 10:34–43; Isaiah 65:17–25; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Corinthians 15:19–26; Acts 10:34–43.

Prayer

Holy One, renew our wonder and open our hearts. Amen.

Reflection

The Easter story is the axis of the Christian faith. Our lives orbit the mystery of the empty tomb like the Earth around the sun. In the Resurrection, the God of new things transforms reality and offers hope and life to all.

John 20:1–18 The critical resurrection turning point for Mary Magdalene is unaccompanied by alleluias or loud claims of victory. It comes only in fidelity to the painful truth that the one she loves and in whom she has placed her faith has been killed by the power of Rome and the complicity of religious leaders. As much as we might fill our Easter celebration with great rejoicing, the model given to us by the gospels is one in which resurrection awareness emerges out of the womb of tears.

In John's telling of the story, it is Mary Magdalene who first discovers the empty tomb, revealing the courage of a woman willing to face with utter truthfulness the loss and grief that lies before her. Mary was a disciple of the one who looked at the world's brokenness, injustice, and suffering with disarming honesty. Jesus' disruption of the temple was only one of many instances in which the truth-telling aroused the anger and animosity of those in power. Mary remains faithful to this truth-teller by going to the place where death can be faced head-on. Encountering an empty tomb, she concludes that anyone who has experienced the manipulative and coercive power of empire domination would make. Running to Peter and the other disciples she tells them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Systems of domination thrive in deceit, dishonesty, and lies. Mary's assumption about the empty tomb is in keeping with her experience and all

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.

Peel Valley Congregations

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

Fri, 3 May—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church

Sun, 5 May—11am West Tamworth Service followed by lunch.



Bible Study: 2-3:30pm Thursdays.

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

Website: www.tsuc.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside UC

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 & our community.*

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"

Pastor Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



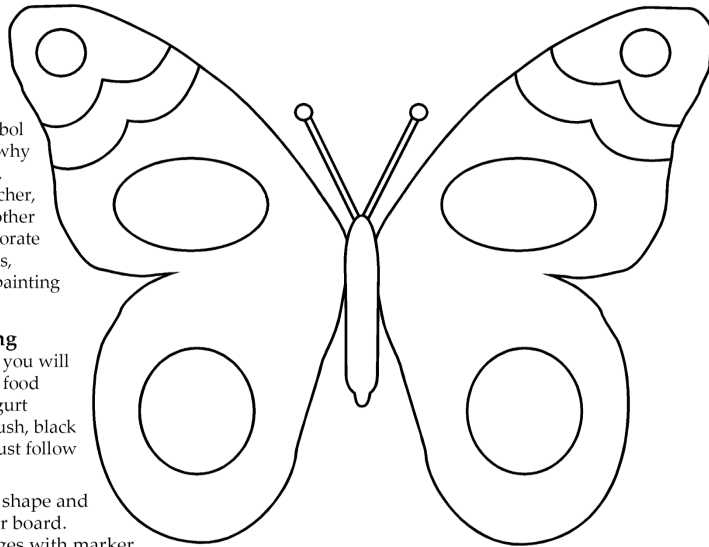
Butterfly Symbol

A butterfly is a great symbol of Easter. Can you think why this is? Talk with a friend, parent, church school teacher, or pastor about this and other Easter symbols. Then decorate this butterfly with crayons, markers, glitter, or sand painting (see below).

Butterfly Sand Painting

To sand paint a butterfly, you will need: poster board, sand, food coloring, small jars or yogurt containers, glue, paint brush, black felt pen or crayon. Then just follow these directions.

1. Cut out this butterfly shape and mount it on the poster board.
2. Draw over design edges with marker or crayon.
3. Color the sand: (a) put small amount of sand in container, (b) add several drops of food color and shake, (c) put sand on newspaper to dry. Do the same for each color.
4. Paint small section of design with glue. Let it set up and become tacky. Sprinkle with desired color sand. Let dry. Gently shake off extra sand. Repeat for each different color until the surface is all covered with colored sand.
5. Allow the butterfly to dry flat overnight, especially if the layer of glue was thick.



Jesus' Prayer

While he was hanging on the cross, Jesus prayed to God. Use this symbol key to fill in the missing letters in the message.

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Answer: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Lectionary Readings

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| Sun | 21 | Luke 24:1-12* | Fri | 26 | Revelation 2:1-11 |
| Mon | 22 | Acts 5:17-32 | Sat | 27 | John 20:1-18 |
| Tue | 23 | Psalm 150* | Sun | 28 | John 20:19-31* |
| Wed | 24 | Revelation 1:4-8* | * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings | | |
| Thu | 25 | Revelation 1:9-20 | | | |

those who found hope in the way of Jesus.

Peter and the other disciple seek to recapture their male energy with a mad dash to the tomb, but finding the tomb empty, leave quickly, each with their own private thoughts and, according to the gospel writer, unaware of the potential and transformative power of resurrection that was at work. Upon their departure, Mary lets herself experience the fullness of her grief.

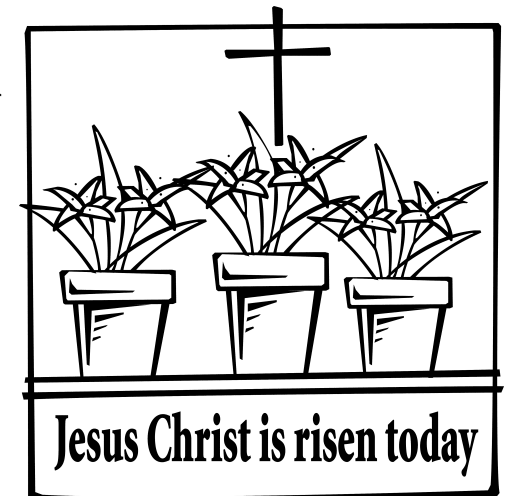
With eyes clouded by tears, she is unable to recognize the one whom neither Rome nor any system of domination can defeat. There is no logic, no external evidence that can transform hearts and turn an individual or a nation toward the power of love. When Jesus calls her name, a turning point occurs for Mary with a resurrection awareness that continues reverberating down to this very day.

The other readings for Easter Sunday bear witness to the power of God's love as a source of new life. **Isaiah 65:17-25** affirms God as one whose love is creating "new heavens and a new earth." **Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24** celebrates God's steadfast love that empowers the hope of life and witnesses to God's choice of the "stone" rejected by others.

"Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" is the question of the two men "in dazzling clothes" in **Luke 24:1-12**. It spurs recall of Jesus' teaching. Resurrection is not a matter of fear, but of joyful faith. **1 Corinthians 15:19-26** links God's gift of new life with our hope. **Acts 10:34-43** tells about a turning point for Peter when he becomes aware that the God revealed in Christ, is a God whose impartiality offers acceptance to all.

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The joy we experience on Easter Day makes it easier for us to sense that God is creating new ways of being in our world. The message of resurrection joy enables those who know suffering to trust in the mystery of the empty tomb and continue searching for evidence of life. With what words and actions might you witness to the mystery and joy of Jesus' resurrection?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 21 April

Easter Sunday, Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth with Rev Chris Wright

Korean Reborn Church

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

For Sale Photocopier

Good working condition, contact Lloyd Johnston 6765 7657.

With Love to the World

Easter Edition out now.

Lent Event

Bring your envelopes and place on the offering bowl over the coming weeks. Thank you everyone for supporting our Lent Event Stall/BBQ raised \$245.60.

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 and prayers are extended to the family of Doss Wark who passed away last week.

Thank You

Geoff and Judy Carthew thank all members of our Church who have shown wonderful support by way of phone calls, cards, beautiful flowers and delicious meals, cakes, slices, in the weeks since the sad and tragic loss of our beautiful daughter, Felicity.

Locomotive Line Dancing 5th Birthday Social

Held in the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 11 May from 11am.

Worship on Sunday, 12 May

Worship service and Baptisms with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: P Turner, D: M Honeyman, D Cole, B Johnston, PP J Phillips, O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Mother's Day.

Diary Dates to Note

- 17th—10am Craft Group; 2pm Private Function; 4pm Emmaus Training; 6pm Christian Men's Dinner at Gregory's on GG
- 18 May—8am Emmaus Training; 9:30 & 1:30pm Birth Beat First Aid
- 26 May—10:30am Combined Service in Reborn Korean Congregation

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Djibouti and Somalia in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Church on the Way, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic Churches, the Father's House, Trinity Church, The Uniting Churches (Peel Valley, Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside) in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers ministry and outreach across our Presbytery during the Easter Season. The upcoming Synod meeting in Sydney 4-7 July.

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.

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. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Bec's Emmaus Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 5 May from 3pm.

One Door Mental Health Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 6 May from 10am.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Next rostered day will be Tuesday, 7 May from 8am.

Adult Fellowship

Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, 7 May from 9:30am for morning tea, followed by our meeting. Everyone's welcome to join us.

Friends of Nioka

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

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 8 May from 10am.

Nursing Home Service

Rev Chris will lead the nursing home service at Cottage Homes on Thursday, 9 May from 9:30am. All singers and helpers welcome.

Aikido Karate

Meeting in our Jubilee Hall on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm. In recess during April. Recommencing 9 May.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 10 May from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall with Rev Chris Wright. Contact Barb McLean on 6766 4039.

Friendship Force Gathering

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 11 May from 10am.

This Week's Events

Easter Monday Public Holiday 22 April.

Church Office

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

Stepping Stones Get Together

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Tuesday, 23 April from 9:30am.

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.

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.

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.

Rainbow Cottage Management Committee

Meeting on Wednesday, 24 April from 5pm.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

ANZAC Day

Public Holiday 25 April. March and then 11am Town Hall Service.

Social Craft Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Friday mornings from 8:30am.



Next Week & Beyond

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 29 April.

UNITING Support Group

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care. Resuming 29 April.

Flourish Australia

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 1 May from 8:30am.

Meditation Service

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

Early Risers Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am. Recommencing 2 May.

Church Fete & Set-up

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.

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.

A festive flyer for a church fete. It features a white background with colorful bunting (yellow, green, red, blue) and streamers (red, purple, yellow) hanging across the top. Two circular logos with a cross and a flame are positioned in the top corners. The text is centered and reads: "Tamworth City Uniting CHURCH FETE Saturday, 4 May 2019 8:30am-1pm Jubilee Hall & Church Grounds, 144 Marius Street, Tamworth". Below this, it lists various stalls: "Stalls include Barbecue, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Collectables & Antiques, Craft, Drinks, Flowers, Jams Cookies, Confectionery, Produce, Kids Toy Stall, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Morning Tea, Jewellery, and Lots, Lots More...". It then says "Bargains Galore... Fun for Everyone!!!". At the bottom, it encourages: "Bring your Family, Come have Fun, Bring your Friends, Support our Fete!".

Tamworth City Uniting
CHURCH FETE
Saturday, 4 May 2019
8:30am-1pm
Jubilee Hall & Church Grounds,
144 Marius Street, Tamworth

Stalls include Barbecue, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Collectables & Antiques, Craft, Drinks, Flowers, Jams Cookies, Confectionery, Produce, Kids Toy Stall, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Morning Tea, Jewellery, and Lots, Lots More...

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***Bring your Family, Come have Fun,
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Yoga Group

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

Craft Group/Lunch & DVD

Note that there will be no get together on 3 May due to the Fete.

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.

Extra: the Flower Stall needs flowers...please contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891 for collection or drop in to the Jubilee Hall on Friday morning, 3 May. Thanks Lorraine.