

Diary Dates

Sun, 28	Sunday 9am Tamworth City Worship Service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn Church with visiting guests</i>	Fri, 3 Sat, 4	9am Church Fete Set-up 8:30am CHURCH FETE 9am-12noon Op Shop
Mon, 29	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING StAR 5:30-8pm New Vogue JH	Sun, 5	Sunday 9am Tamworth City Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn Church</i>
Tue, 30	9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep		
Wed, 1	8:30am-3:30pm Flourish Aust in St Andrew's Room 9am Op Shop Sorting 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH 6-7pm Meditation in Church		
Thu, 2	8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9am Fete Preliminary Set-up 9:30am MSSC Meeting 9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in StAR 4:30pm Church Music		



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 5 May—Easter 3

9am	Tamworth City HC Service with Rev Chris Wright, E: A Ashworth, E Fairall, M Cupitt, J Carthew, P Battle, D: R & M Duns, J Phillips, PP: M Miles, O: R Greer.
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service and Lunch
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



Sunday, 28 April 2019

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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 and the Sacrament of Baptism. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Peace

John 20:19

Seasons of the Spirit

Easter 2—Love's Disruptive Witness

Readings

Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 118:14–29; Revelation 1:4–8; John 20:19–31

Prayer

We are witnesses to your ways, O God. May we be inspired to speak for justice and love's agenda. When others would silence the voice of liberation, may we shout even louder. Amen.

Reflection

Although often referred to as Low Sunday because it comes directly after the busy time of Easter week, this is a Sunday that speaks of bold confidence. This week, we hear the disciples proclaiming the risen Christ. God's loving ways cannot be contained and disrupts accepted norms, policies, and practices when they stand in opposition to that love. A disruptive love is the cornerstone of our faith. Such love also comes with risk.

Biblical Background

Acts 5:27–32 Peter and John never set out to be disruptive for disruption's sake. According to Luke-Acts, giving witness to the unfolding love and justice of God revealed to their ancestors and now made manifest in the way of Jesus is what they were called to do. They had no intention of being disruptive, but proclaiming the peace revealed by Jesus disrupted the Roman way of peace through violence. They had no intention of being disruptive, but claiming the authority of a crucified peasant disrupted the status quo. They had no intention of being disruptive, but the spirit of love gave Peter and John the courage to speak out, even when silence would have been far safer and certainly easier.

Those who opposed Peter and John chose empire values over the way of Jesus. From their perspective, the witness of Peter and John was a threat, "you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." Their fears were hardly without warrant. The verses that follow this text tell of the discontent among the people and the readiness of Rome to suppress that discontent with whatever means necessary. The Pharisee Gamaliel reminds his peers that Rome has already killed Theudas and his followers, and Judas the

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

Sun, 28 Apr—8:30am Markets at
Hallsville; 8:30am Gowrie Service
with Meg Mangan; 11am West
Tamworth Service with John Nash.

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

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

Tue, 7 May—10am Memorial Lane at
West Tamworth.

Sun, 12 May—8:30am Gowrie
Service; 11am West Tamworth HC
Service.



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.



Bible Puzzles

Use the music symbols code to find the words to 1 Corinthians 10:31. Then use the words to solve the word find at right.

Music Symbols Code					
A =	F =	I =	N = //	S =	V = <i>DC.</i>
D =	G = <i>mp</i>	K = <i>f</i>	O = <i>fz</i>	T =	W = :
E = <i>p</i>	H =	L =	R =	U =	Y =

Answer: So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

A	C	R	O	F	B	R	R	C	S
D	T	S	W	E	D	E	O	O	G
H	E	A	H	I	V	J	F	E	F
K	Y	L	E	E	M	F	K	R	N
D	O	J	T	T	G	O	R	G	P
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Glorify God in All You Do!

Here are some things to do for the glory of God.

1. If someone is sad, talk to them and ask if they would like to play.
2. Learn a new song or make one up. Sing it to a friend, parent, or grandparent.
3. Help cook supper. Offer to do the dishes.
4. Make book marks with Bible verses on them. Give them away to others.
5. Make a bird feeder. Example: Spread peanut butter on a pine cone, roll it in bird seed and hang it in a tree.
6. Read from the Bible to an older person who does not see well.
7. Do something nice without letting anyone know who did it.

Think of other things. Try to do at least one thing each day for the glory of God.

Lectionary Readings

Sun 28	John 20:19-31*	Fri 3	Revelation 5:1-10
Mon 29	John 21:1-19*	Sat 4	Revelation 5:11-14*
Tue 30	Acts 9:1-6	Sun 5	Psalm 30*
Wed 1	Acts 9:7-22	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 2	Acts 9:23-31		

Galilean and his followers. Gamaliel argues that rather than get caught up with the disruptive untidiness of these Jesus followers, Rome will take care of it, unless, by some chance, they are filled with God's spirit. Then all bets are off. For these religious leaders, the safest route, the least disruptive route, is coercing the silence of Peter and John.

They did what they could. They had Peter and John imprisoned. When the jail cell was unable to silence them, they had Peter and John brought before the Council and with the strictest orders, mustering as much authority as possible, the religious leaders demanded their silence. The problem for the religious leaders and the risk for those who seek to follow Jesus is that the spirit of God who is also witness to these things revealed in Jesus, refuses to be silenced. The Spirit empowers, provokes, and challenges Jesus' followers to speak out regardless of the consequences and no matter how disruptive love's witness might be.

Acts 5:27–32 offers the assurance that God's disruptive love endures, and God's spirit continues to work in and through individuals and communities.

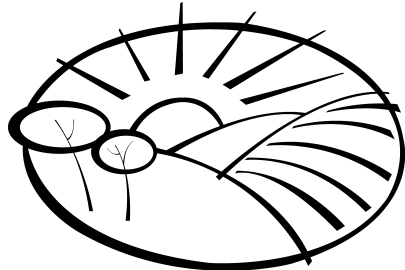
There is a confidence found in Psalm 118:14–29 that can encourage us. Here, the writer has found the strength to witness to the salvation of God. This stands in sharp contrast to the salvation promised by the dominating powers that are the source of so much suffering. Perhaps this is where the confidence comes, for it is not about self but about God's love and justice.

Revelation 1:4–8 offers some of a liturgy of the early church that encouraged a bold witness to the disruptive love of God revealed in Jesus; a counterclaim to the insistence of imperial authority that it is in control.

John 20:19–31 reminds us how natural it is to let fear silence our voices and hide behind locked doors. But again, the Holy Spirit is at work encouraging and challenging the disciples to be the disruptive witness they have been called and empowered to be.

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In the midst of our own unfolding experiences of God, the church remains a community called to witness. In the repeated retelling of the story of resurrection, there is a time when fear moves over, and confidence begins. May this confidence take us into our neighbourhoods to speak for justice and Love's agenda.



Peace and Comfort

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 28 April

Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Frontier Services

Frontier Update May 2019 OUT NOW. Grab your copy, read about what Frontier Services are doing standing with people in the bush.

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.

This Week's Events

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. Recommending 29 April.

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).

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.

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.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee activities, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Eritrea and Ethiopia in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, C3 Church and Scripture in Schools in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the MSSC Meeting on 2 May, PRC meeting on 10 May and the NENW Presbytery Meeting on 11 May in Moree. 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.

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 or Rev Chris Wright 0427 633 657.

Maintenance Items

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. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

CAP Money Course

Being offered from St Peter's Anglican Church. Held over 3 weeks. Contact Cheryl on 0437 144 227.

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, 17 May.

Private Function

Jubilee Hall on Friday, 17 May from 2pm.

Emmaus Training Weekend

In the St Andrew's Room on Friday 17 May from 4pm and again on the Saturday from 8am all day.

Christian Men's Dinner

Held at Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo from 6:30pm. The speaker will be Peter Irvine, a well known international speaker for business, leadership and churches, co-founder of Gloria Jeans Coffee franchise. RSVP by May 13 to Tony on 0401 418 864 or email tonyricho63ad@gmail.com.

Stepping Stones—Birth Beat First Aid Classes

The final two sessions set down on Saturday, 18 May at 9:30am & 1:30pm.

Worship on Sunday, 19 May

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Guest—Belinda Gonsalves. Elder: E Fairall, D: M Cupitt, F Kerr, W Purss, PP J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Diary Dates to Note

- 21st 9am AIR Meeting; 2pm Senior's Getting Together.
- 25th 9am "Thirst Retreat at Kelvin.
- 26th 10:30am Combined Service in Reborn Korean Congregation

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.

Flourish Australia

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

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.

Meditation Service

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.

NENW Presbytery MSSC

Meeting on Thursday, 2 May from 9:30am.

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.

Yoga Group

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

Social Craft Group

Not meeting on 3 May.

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.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

NENW Presbytery PRC & Meeting in Moree

PRC on Friday 10 May and Presbytery Meeting on Saturday 11 May.

Friendship Force Gathering

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

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 10am-3pm. Gold coin donation entry. Lots of fun for everyone.

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.

Nergis Foundation

New weekly hall hire on Mondays from 10am-12noon in Dunn Hall, 13 May.