

Diary Dates

Sun, 7	Lent Wk 5 9am Tamworth City Worship & HC Service with Rev Chris Wright. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea. 9:30am & 1:30pm Birth Beat First Aid in Dunn Hall <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i> 3pm Bec's group in StARm		9:30am Yoga in St AR 9:30am Nursing Home service at Cottage Homes 4pm Fete Committee in StAR 4:30pm Worship Music 7pm Church Council meeting in the St Andrew's Room
Mon, 8	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am UNITING in StAR 5:30pm New Vogue in JHall	Fri, 12	8:30am Social Craft DunnH 10am Senior Communion at the Village Hall School Term 1 Ends 5pm CMS Autumn Encounter
Tue, 9	8am Meals on Wheels 9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep	Sat, 13	9am-12noon Op Shop 9am CMS Autumn Encounter at Calrossy 9am KOW Gathering & Meeting in St Andrew's Room
Wed, 10	9am Op Shop Sorting 9am Organ Tuning in Church 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Rm 2pm Lenten Study 6pm New Vogue in JHall 6pm Meditation in Chapel 7pm Lenten Study	Sun, 14	Palm Sunday 9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Lent Event Stall. Sausage Sizzle Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i> 2pm Choral Society "Down Memory Lane" 70th Anniversary Concert
Thu, 11	8:30am Prayer in Wesley Rm 9:30am Stepping Stones DH		

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 14 April—Palm Sunday

8:30am	Gowrie Service with Meg Mangan
9am	Tamworth City Service with Rev Chris Wright, E: E Sheppeard, D: C Sheppeard, B Mills, H Fergus, PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.
9:30am	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan
5pm	Tamworth Southside Service



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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 sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Lenten Studies

Study 5—All My Love

Mary Anoints Jesus Feet Luke 12:1-8 (NIV)

Mary Anoints Jesus

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial."⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

A few thoughts

A young woman tells her story, she said, "after I finished college, I worked in a florist. One of my jobs there was to take orders over the phone. Mostly I talked to men one or two days before (or on the morning of) birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day. My favourite part was when I got to ask them what they wanted to write on the card. A moment of real vulnerability occurred each time, where they suddenly realised that they should have ordered online, where they could have typed away to their heart's content.

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm (Dinner Church 2nd) Sundays. HC 3rd Sunday.

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

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tuesdays.

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 or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside UC



Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 5 Apr—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with Jim Newton.

Sun, 7 Apr—11am West Tamworth Service with Jim Newton. Lunch to follow.

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

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

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

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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Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, Bruce Jarrett and Doss Wark

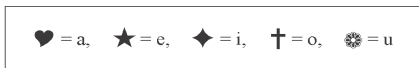


Connect the dots



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, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Lectionary Readings

Sun	7	Psalm 126*	Fri	12	Philippians 2:5-11*
Mon	8	Isaiah 50:4-9a*	Sat	13	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*
Tue	9	Psalm 31:9-16*	Sun	14	Luke 19:28-40*
Wed	10	Luke 23:1-25	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	11	Luke 23:26-49			

Some of them stuttered, but for some of them it flowed out easily. It only had to be short and sweet; the cards were only small.

There was one closing line that got me every time:

Dear Bernie, Happy birthday, all my love, Frank.

Dear Linda, I am so, so sorry. All my love, John.

All my love. All my love was a more frequent a sign-off than I expected, three big words rolled off tongues of big men who weren't afraid. And it would hit me straight under the ribcage every time. All their love, held safe in a bunch of flowers, that would live for a week and then die. The love alive before it, and maybe more so after it".

All her love.

Mary, in this passage, pours out, in courageous extravagance, all her love.

Mary knew Jesus. She sat at his feet and learned. *(Luke 10:39)*

She fell at his feet and surrendered. *(John 11:32)*

Now she anoints his feet and honours him.

All of her love because of all of his.

People who sign off "all my love" easily, and pour out great perfume, to the last drop, have been caught in something like loving and being loved, and have found enough safety within it to be this vulnerable. They have found enough fuel there to risk being wholehearted.

All of our love is the best kind of paradox, because like good flower-buying men, people who come with all of their love, tend to mysteriously have plenty of love left, for kids, grandkids, neighbours, friends, strangers rich and poor.

Jesus is clear throughout the gospels on how we are to treat others, especially those who are more vulnerable or marginalized. Judas' words here rather represent a heart still afraid to listen, to surrender, and to honour. I might not have been as cutting, might have suggested a compromise, like pour out half the perfume, sell half for the poor, but repentance never really looked like that either.

All of her love because of all of his.

It is the ultimate statement of trust and vulnerability to hold nothing back, and this is what repentance is.

It acknowledges past pain and future pain; that which is inflicted on us and that which we cause to others. It acknowledges love; the love we have been given, and the love that we can give. Mary knew Jesus would die. This was not ordinary perfume, but the kind used to anoint the dead.

Richard Rohr wrote that all spirituality is what we do with our pain. I would add it is also what we do with our love. In repentance, we pour them out – both our love and our pain – at the feet of Jesus.

All of our pain because of all of his.

All of our love because of all of his.

Notes

12:5 - A denarius was a silver coin that was worth approximately one day's wages.

Three hundred denarii, then, was worth around ten months wages.

Questions

1. Which person do you most identify with in the story?

Why is this?

2. Is there an aspect of your life that God is asking you to be more wholehearted in?

Does this feel scary?

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, 2x cuppa coup, 2x rice/pasta pack, 250g biscuits, tin baked beans/spaghetti (ring pull), tin steak & veg (or similar), 2 minute noodles, small tinned fruit, small cereal. Thank you everyone.

Screening Mammogram

Breast Screen NSW Hunter New England offers all women aged 50-90yrs a free Screening Mammogram for the early detection of breast cancer. Call 132050.

Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Phone 1300 881 826.

Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (or co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).

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.



Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church, Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain and St Paul's Anglican 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.

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

Key Audit

Please check your need for keys to the various buildings here at Tamworth City. Take the opportunity to return a key you no longer need.

Housekeeping Item

Please report all incidents/accidents to the office, even if there is no further action. We need to keep a record for our insurance. Thank you.

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.

3. Is there a gift that God is asking you to give to someone?

4. Is there pain in your life, that you have caused or have had inflicted on you that you need to pour out?

Prayer

Spend some time asking God what it would mean for you to give him both your love and your pain.

If you feel comfortable with it, share with and pray for each other about anything that comes up.

Conclude by saying this prayer together:

Lord, thank you for all your love.

***Thank you that we can trust you,
and that trust is the foundation for vulnerability,
for worship and for love.***

***Lord show us where there is love we need to pour out,
the direction our whole hearts need to be turned towards.***

***Lord show us where there is pain we have not dealt with,
that we have caused or that we are hurting from. Amen.***



Today's Information

Daylight Saving Ends

Did you remember?

Worship on Sunday, 7 April

Lent Wk 5, Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Food Hamper Sunday. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Birth Beat First Aid

Stepping Stones are hosting two Birth Beat First Aid courses on Sunday, 7 April at 9:30am and 1:30pm. See the office if you are interested in attending. Limited numbers for each session.

Bec's Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 7 April from 3pm.

Lent Event

Lent Event envelopes are available. Please return on the plate from Palm Sunday, 14 April. Courageous Transformation—Central Timor Leste is green, mountainous and serene. Thirty years ago, families retreated to these hills; men and women who fought to defend their homeland were supplied with food and hidden by locals. Today, in a community without running water or electricity, Rosita walks twenty minutes to fill her jerry can with water at a nearby stream. She walks another forty minutes into town to bring back basics like oil, rice and fuel for their stoves. We look forward to so much to the visits from Rev Albino and the team, they give us hope, says Rosita. They're teaching us so much about keeping healthy—making sure our water is clean and keeping the animals from our beds because of disease. Our children are much healthier and our lives are so much better now.

Farmer Care Packages

We continue to work with 'Doing it for our Farmers' and Rural Aid to bring support and assistance to farmers in need. We had a lovely time sharing with women from off the land yesterday. Thank you everyone.

Good Friday 19th 9am in Church Rev Chris Wright
Easter Sunday 21st 9am in Church Rev Chris Wright

Association of Independent Retirees

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

Senior's Getting Together

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

Good Friday Public Holiday 19 April.

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.

Diary Dates to Note

- 2 May—Hall Set-up
- 3 May—Fete Set up; 10am Craft; 12noon Lunch & DVD
- 4 May—CHURCH FETE!!!

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.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 14 April

Palm Sunday, Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: E Sheppard, D: C Sheppard, B Mills, H Fergus, PP J Phillips, O: R Richardson. Lent Event Stall. Sausage Sizzle Morning Tea.

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.

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



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

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

**Tamworth Southside (440 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Op. The Big Golden Guitar)
19th Good Friday: 8am
21st Easter Sunday: 9:30am**

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Please save your bread tags—they can be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now collecting in Australia too! Leave in the office.

Church Fete

Saturday, 4 May from 8:30am. Flyer in the notice sheet today. If you'd like a larger one to put on a notice board new you see Nicolette. The Clayton's Fete Stall Box will be at the back of the church for those who wish to give a donation.

Sunday Trading Table

Thank you everyone, recently donated \$500 to the church. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 9th April from 8am.

Church Office

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

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. Using the hall on the next couple of Saturdays for extra classes.

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.

Organ Tuning Wednesday, 10 April.

Compassionate Friends

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

Lenten Studies

Rev Chris Wright will be hosting our Lenten Studies (Wk 5) on Wednesday 10 April at 2pm and 7pm in the St Andrew's Room. The studies will be in the notice sheets so everyone can join in.

Meditation Service

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.

Nursing Home Service

Our next service at Cottage Homes will be on Thursday, 11 April from 9:30am led by Rev Chris Wright. All singers and helpers most welcome.

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.

Yoga Group

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

Fete Committee Meeting

Thursday, 11 April from 4pm in the St Andrew's room.

Church Council Meeting

Our bi-monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, 11 April from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Social Craft Group

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

Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior's Communion at the Village from 10am on Friday, 12 April with Rev Henry Swindon. Contact Barb McLean 6766 4039.

School Term 1 Ends on Friday, 12 April.

Church Missionary Society of Australia

Invite you to their Autumn Encounter "Blessing all the Nations" 12-13 April at Calrossy Anglican School. Guest Speaker will be Andrew Lubbock, senior minister of Arundel Presbyterian Church and former CMS Missionary in Italy. Register at cms.org.au/event/autuymencounter or phone 07 3171 3020.

Kairos Outside for Women

Gathering and Meeting on Saturday, 13 April in St Andrew's Room from 9am.