

Diary Dates

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| <p>Sun, 11 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with Mr Paul Turner. Morning Tea.
10am Congregational Meeting
11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch</p> <p>Mon, 12 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
10am-2pm UNITING St AR</p> <p>Tue, 13 9am-2pm T-F Church Office
9:30am LLine Dancers JH
10am-1pm Pres Bkeep</p> <p>Wed, 14 9am Op Shop Sorting—Ves
10am Compassionate Friends in St AR
6pm Meditation Service
6-9:30pm New Vogue JH</p> <p>Thu, 15 9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall
9:30am Yoga in St AR
4:30pm Church Music</p> <p>Fri, 16 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH</p> | <p>10am Craft Group in St AR</p> <p>Sat, 17 9am-12noon Op Shop</p> <p>Sun, 18 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Mission Envelopes. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
11am West Tamworth
11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch</p> |
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 18 August—Pentecost 10

- 9am Tamworth City Service—Mr Peter Battle E: P Turner; D: D Cole, H McKenzie, M Partridge; PP: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart.
- 9:30 Tamworth Southside Service & HC
- 11am West Tamworth Service—Mr Peter Battle, Trading Table
- 5:30pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service & HC



Sunday, 11 August 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Paul Turner and will be leading our service.

Please stay for a chat and morning tea.

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Other Useful Local

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Seasons of the Spirit

Faith Is...

Readings

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20; Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16; Luke 12:32–40

Prayer

Great is your faithfulness, eternal God. Empower us to live with confidence and conviction, as did our ancestors in the faith. Amen.

Reflection

As God calls us to claim our roles as disciples, our response is grounded in faith. What is this faith? In the readings today, we encounter the dynamic nature of faith and its expression in the lives of individuals and communities. We live in the assurance of faith as we await the fullness of the reign of God.

Biblical Background

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 The people are called upon to participate in the coming of God's reign. They are called to "learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow" (v. 17). These are the keys to their being able to "eat the good of the land." The faith being described in Isaiah is not just personal experience; it is a community response as well. We work together in bringing the promises of God's realm to pass.

Faithfulness is not merely a matter of ritual or going through proper motions of worship. As Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 proclaims, we are called to discern what is faithful and true in a relationship with God, giving thanks and going "the right way."

Jesus calls us to lives of faithfulness, being ever ready to participate in the reign of God. The teaching of Jesus in Luke 12:32–40 looks ahead to this new realm of God, urging us to prepare to eat at God's heavenly banquet table. Those who are prepared are willing to trust God to lead them into the future, just as Sarah and Abraham were. They are to "give alms" to care for those in need, just as Isaiah had said was necessary. The prepared ones are those who strive to live faithfully.

Southside Scene

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

Lectionary Study & Worship

Preparation: 4pm Tuesdays.

Motor Bike Ride: 9:30am 2nd & 4th

Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 11 Aug—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan.

Thu, 15 Aug—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth

Fri, 16 Aug—5:30pm Friday Family Church at West Tamworth.

Sun, 18 Aug—11am West Tamworth with Peter Battle. Trading Table.

Thu, 22 Aug—2:30pm Memory Lane

Sun, 26 Aug—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service.



Wednesdays.

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

Bible Discussion: 10am Thursdays.

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on alternate Thursdays.

Men's Bowls: 9:45am 2nd & 4th North Tamworth Bowling Club

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

High Tea: Saturday, 31 August 1pm.

Website: www.tsuc.org.au or

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

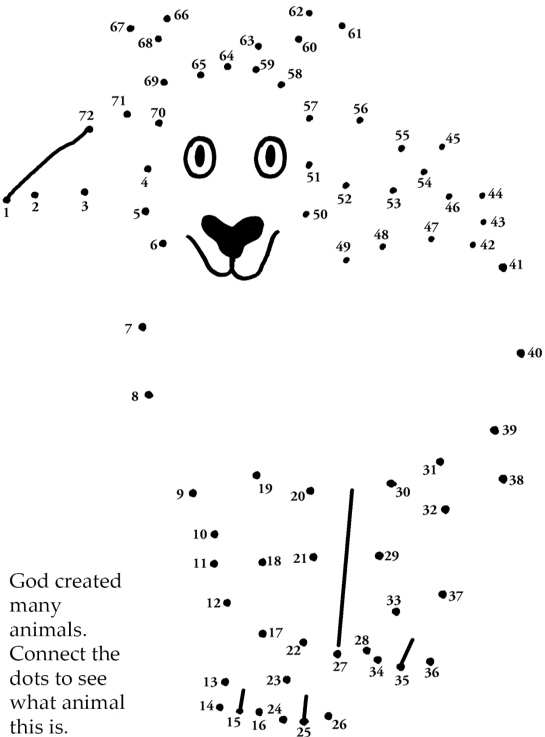
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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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

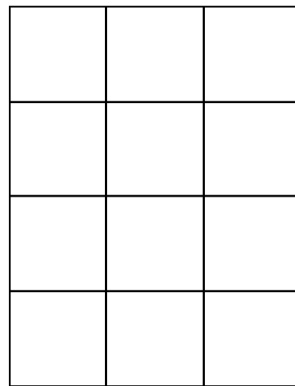
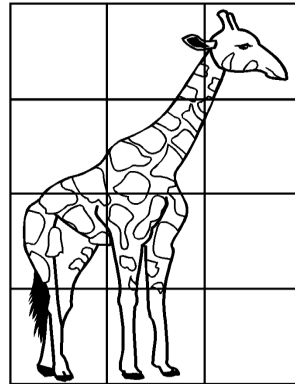


Dot-to-Dot



Drawing

Using the grid as a guide, redraw the picture below.



Animals

Using the code at right, fill in the missing letters to find the names of animals.



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C T

C W

G R O F F

C Y T

G R L L

K O N G O R

B O R

M S

G O T

Lectionary Readings

Sun 11 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23*

Fri 16 Luke 12:49-56*

Mon 12 Isaiah 5:1-7*

Sat 17 Luke 13:1-9

Tue 13 Hebrews 11:17-28

Sun 11 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19*

Wed 14 Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

Thu 15 Jeremiah 23:23-29

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (v. 1). Led by our ancestors and mentors in the faith, we are called to trust that God will provide. But so much about our world challenges the biblical images of God’s reign where justice and mercy prevail. This week, we are encouraged again to look to the example of faithful witnesses for the assurance we need to keep hoping and believing.

In verses 8–16, the writer lifts up Abraham and Sarah as people who had faith even when indications of the fulfillment of God’s promises were unseen. God called Abraham when he was 75 years old and made particular promises to Abraham and his wife Sarah (Genesis 12:1–3).

Through this aged, childless couple, a great nation would arise, which would bless all people of Earth. Moreover, God would bring Sarah and Abraham to a new land, but they would need to leave their home and rely on God to lead them to this unknown place.

Although “very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold” (Genesis 13:2), Abraham and Sarah did not find security in possessions or land. They set off in faith. The theme of “home” is echoed by the writer of Hebrews, though in this biblical witness “home” is not land but “a better country,” – “a heavenly one.”

According to Genesis, our ancestors did have doubts – serious doubts, especially concerning the promise of descendants – yet they trusted God to fulfill promises, even though they would not live to see the full fruition of God’s providing. The writer of Hebrews encourages us to respond in faith to God’s promises and calling on our lives, just as Sarah and Abraham did.

Faith in things unseen is active, not a passive waiting.

Questions

These scripture passages all emphasize the importance of trusting God’s promises and actively discerning the ways of God. We give thanks for our ancestors in faith who continue to lead the way. What does it mean to live as faithful people, here and now? What does your vision of God’s promised reign call you to do and be, by faith?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 11 August

9am Worship service with Mr Paul Turner. NO Sunday School.
Congregational Meeting following worship (financials & profile update).
Morning Tea.

Congregational Meeting

Our next congregational meeting will be on Sunday, 11 August following worship. The purpose for the meeting is to receive the financial figures and budget along with the congregational profile to call a new minister.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Church Council Meeting Notes

- Doing it for our Farmers—support lease on new premises.
- Mission Envelopes—18 Aug & 20 Oct to go to Joy Balazo project.
- Frontier Services celebration—15th September & retiring offering.
- TPS Welfare Officer support \$2,000.
- Ministry—a Joint Nominating Committee has been formed, profile updated, Supply arranged 2/3 time commencing 20 Aug—25 Dec, Recommendation that an Intentional Interim Ministry placement be set up for at least 2020 to work towards changes. A furnished residence has been retained. Take to Congregational Meeting for approval.
- Evangelism—Christmas visits looking at different ways to engage (flowers offered, get together suggested), Christmas Appeal launch to be at church 10 Nov, week of wrapping and sorting from 16 Dec.
- Special Mission Activities—Op Shop and Youth Vision, thank you from Judy Phillips for support in her absence.
- Property—Car park to be sealed, lockable door in Jubilee Hall store room, fix stair rails, air conditioning fixed in St Andrew's Room.
- Presbytery meeting coming up 23/24 August at Tamworth Southside.
- Rainbow Cottage—soft fall still awaiting replacement.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of New Zealand and Australia in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School and St Peter's Anglican Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery as the drought continues. We give thanks for God's provision, healing and blessing. Our AGM is coming up on 24 August.

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 all 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.

Maintenance Items

Yoga Group

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

Line Dancing

The Locomotive Line Dancers will be hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 6pm-9:30pm on Wednesdays.

Hospital Visit

Are you scheduled to go into hospital? If so, you need to let us know if you want visitors (your Pastoral Partner, an Elder, or the Office). The current system at the Hospitals does not allow us access to this information easily.

Worship on Sunday, 1 September

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with TBA. Father's Day. Elder: M Cupitt, E Fairall, W Standen, E Sheppard, P Battle; D: F Kerr, G Chaffey, J Carthew, PP: M Miles; O: R Greer. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

Catherine Hamlyn Spring Movie Afternoon

To be held at Forum 6 at 2:30pm, \$16.50/head. A lovely relaxing Sunday afternoon with a good movie, good friends and a goof cause, afternoon tea too. Sunday, 1 September movie "Overcomer" - a basket ball coach is reduced to coaching cross country, but finds out what God can do with an unlikely candidate.

Diary Dates to Note

- 3rd 9:30am Adult Fellowship, 10am One Door Carer Support, 7pm Friends of Nioka
- 6th 10am Craft Group, 12noon Lunch, 6pm Bec's Reunion Group
- 8th 9am Birth Beat Classes

Christian Women's Conference

New Life Conference 2019 will be held on 6/7 September. A bible teaching conference organised by the Anglican Diocese of Armidale for women of the NENW, glorifying God by introducing people to Jesus and helping them home to heaven. Weekend includes interviews, book reviews, excellent music and warm fellowship across the weekend. Standard Registration \$60. Pick up a brochure (talk to Elaine Fairall or Margaret Cupitt).

Fiesta La Peel

A note for your diary, Saturday, 19 October. If you are interested in having a stall or performing at the 2019 Multi-cultural Street Festival "Fiesta La Peel" please contact Event Coordinator, Carol Hughes 6767 5476 or email trc.tamworth.nsw.gov.au.

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.

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- St Andrew's Village—update includes appointment of planners and DA to be put in to council early in 2020.
- Safe Church—workshop attended on 28 July, there are things that need to be updated. Work towards getting everything updated in 6 months.
- Church Council meetings change to second Tuesdays in Oct and Dec 7pm.

Doing It For Our Farmers

We continue to support our local farmers with drought relief packages, vouchers and prayers. There is always someone in need during this long period of drought. A new location for the pantry has been found.

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.

Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *Nicolette*.

Locomotive Line Dancing

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing.

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.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 August from 10am.

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Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area. During School Terms.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursdays from 10 June 9:30am.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon. During School terms.

Social Craft Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Fridays from 8:30-11am.

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, 16 August.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 18 August

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: P Turner; D: D Cole, H McKenzie, M Partridge, PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. *Mission Envelopes*. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 20 August from 9am.

LifeQuip at AgQuip

Call in and see us at Agquip in Gunnedah 20-22 August.

Senior's Getting Together

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 20 August from 2pm in the Community Hall at Uniting's St Andrew's Village. 'Bring & Buy Day'.

Occasional Choir

We're putting together another piece for worship on Sunday, 25 August. Anyone who enjoys singing can join us on Tuesday and Thursday, 20 and 22 August in the Church for a practice.

Opportunity Shop Anniversary

Celebrating 42yrs in ministry on 21 August.

NENW Presbytery Ethical Ministry Training

Led by Rev Jim Furze on Friday, 23 August at Tamworth Southside from 9am.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Including PRC on Friday, 23 August at Tamworth Southside then a full NENW Presbytery meeting and AGM on Saturday 24th from 9am.

Worship on Sunday, 25 August

9am Worship service with the Elders. Occasional Choir. Elder: N Dezius; D: D J Dezius, W Townsend, Kathy, PP: J McClelland; O: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day in the kitchen is Tuesday, 27 August from 8am.

Flourish Australia

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 28 August from 8:30am.

Rainbow Cottage

Management Committee meeting on Wednesday, 28 August from 5pm.

Emmaus Board Meeting & Gathering

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 31 August from 9am.

High Tea @ Southside

It's on again after last year's very successful High Tea. Ladies, keep your diary free for Saturday, 31 August from 1pm. Tickets \$15/head and available from Southside Office 6765 3714 or Jeannine Lewis 0423 365 278. Guest Speaker will be Lyn Worsley encouraging us all in our pursuit for happiness.