

Diary Dates

Sun, 12 9am Tamworth City

Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn

Mon, 13 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F

9:30am Kairos Sewing JHall

10am-4pm Op Shop M-F

10am One Door Support Group in Dunn Hall

1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St

5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

Tue, 14 Rev Chris Study Leave

9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri

10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper

5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

Wed, 15 Rev Chris Study Leave

9am Op Shop Sorting

6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

6pm Meditation Service

Thu, 16 8:30am Early Risers Prayer

10am Stepping Stones

Playgroup in St A's Room

4:30pm Worship Music

Fri, 17 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall

10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room

Sat, 18 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall

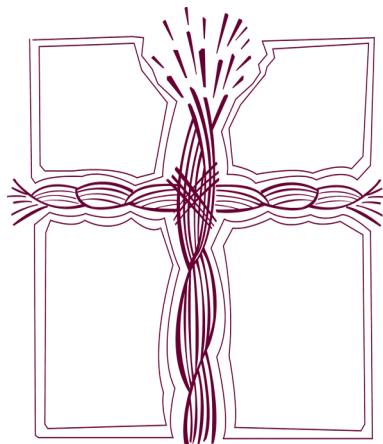
9am-12noon Op Shop

Sun, 19 9am Tamworth City

Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth

11:30am Korean Reborn



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 19 August 2018

9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, E: N Dezius, D: J Dezius, D Miles, M Miles, O: R Cathcart, PP J Carthew

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am West Tamworth with Rev Chris Wright, trading table to follow

5pm Tamworth Southside



12 August 2018

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 in the St Andrew's Room.



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Sacredise Reading & Reflection

Thought for the Week

How do we deal with those who oppose us, both within our families and among our enemies? When someone who has betrayed us or attacked us dies, how do we respond? Outside of God's Reign we may feel that we are justified in retaliating against our opponents. We may feel justified in celebrating the demise of our enemies. But, when we seek to live according to the principles of God's Reign these responses are no longer an option for us.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus continues to explain what he means when he proclaims himself as the Bread of Life. He invites all who would come to him to eat and drink and know life, and he promises that those who share in his life will be raised at the last day. His promise is for an overflowing abundant life that cannot be destroyed even by death – and Jesus offers this invitation to all. He is not cowed by his opponents, but invites even them to come to him to find life. In the Old Testament, David grieves for his son, Absalom. If you trace the story, it becomes clear that David had failed as a father. Although he did try, rather half-heartedly, to make things right with his son, Absalom becomes so angry that he undermines David's rule, and ultimately leads a rebellion against his father. Then, when Absalom is killed in battle, David's response is not relief or celebration at the demise of an enemy, but deep grief over the loss of a son.

The essential message this week is this: We can never use the actions of others as an excuse not to love our enemies. It's not that it's easy to love those who oppose us. It's that to do anything else but love simply increases the cycle of evil and violence, leading the world and us into destruction. It's a tough call this week – but a lifegiving one.

Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 3rd Sunday.

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

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays.

Prayer Team: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

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

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

Moore Creek Monthly: 7-9pm 4th
Friday.

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

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.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 12 Aug—8:30am Gowrie Service
with the Gideons and 11am West
Tamworth Service with John Nash.

Thu, 16 Aug—2:30pm Peel Valley
Study Group at West Tamworth.

Sun, 19 Aug—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Chris Wright and
Trading Table to follow.

Tue, 21 Aug—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church.

Fri, 24 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Family.

Sun, 26 Aug—8:30am Hallsville
Markets & Gowrie Service, 11am
West Tamworth Service.

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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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

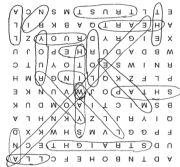
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
Bruce Jarrett, Barbara Murray, Doss Wark



Trust in the Lord

Find the words below, based on Proverbs 3:5-6.

trust in the Lord with all your heart in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths



Making Choices

God can help us make the right choices. Just ask! Here are a few Bible verses that will help you make the right choice. Look up the passages in the left column in your Bible, and then draw a line from the verse to what it tells you.

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| 1. Deuteronomy 5:11 | a. Love your neighbor as yourself. |
| 2. Matthew 19:19b | b. You shall not steal. |
| 3. Proverbs 3:27 | c. Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first. |
| 4. Matthew 19:19a | d. Do not forsake your parents' teaching. |
| 5. Proverbs 6:18 | e. Do not use God's name unless you are talking to God. |
| 6. Matthew 19:18c | f. Honor your parents. |
| 7. Proverbs 6:20 | g. You shall not murder. |
| 8. Deuteronomy 5:12 | h. Observe the Sabbath day. |
| 9. Deuteronomy 5:17 | i. Do not devise wicked plans. |
| 10. Matthew 19:30 | j. Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due. |

Answers: 1-c, 2-a, 3-f, 4-f, 5-l, 6-b, 7-d, 8-h, 9-i, 10-c

Lectionary Readings

Sun	12	Psalm 130*	Fri	17	Ephesians 6:1-9
Mon	13	1 Kings 2:1-9	Sat	18	John 6:51-58*
Tue	14	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14*	Sun	19	Psalm 111*
Wed	15	Ephesians 5:15-20*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	16	Ephesians 5:21-33			

Reflection

John 6 is a tough section of the Gospel to read and understand. The claims that Jesus makes here are shocking and hard for his listeners to believe. On the one hand, they know Jesus and his family, so his claim to a divine origin seems far-fetched. On the other hand, he claims to be able to give life – through eating his flesh! Apart from the disturbing cannibalistic overtones, for the Jews it is blasphemy for a human being to claim to be a source of life. But, clearly Jesus is not concerned about people's opinions. He speaks his truth boldly and unapologetically.

Like Jesus' listeners, we may also be tempted to miss the signs of God's presence and life that are right under our noses. We may also be tempted to believe our very limited human perceptions over God's invitation. We may even struggle with the challenging way God's message is presented to us. But, whatever our response may be, the call remains: if we seek the life that God offers, we have to "eat the flesh of Christ" – which is really saying that we need to allow the whole of Christ's being (Christ's character, values, mission, and message) to become part of our deepest selves, shaping us into true followers of the Jesus way.

How can you allow Christ to fill you even more today?

Practice for Today

Whenever we are faced with a challenge like this one from Jesus, we have to respond – either by turning away or by accepting the call and dedicating ourselves to Jesus' life. Today, throughout the day, try and dedicate yourself more fully to Jesus.

Breath-Prayer for Today

As you have called me, Jesus, I come to you to receive your gift of life.

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Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 12 August

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Reverse Parking

We've had a couple of near-misses recently. Would everyone using the car park please reverse park into parking spaces. This will mean that when it gets full it will be easier to get out and pedestrians will be safer. Thanks.

Frontier News

August Edition OUT NOW! Grab your copy there's some terrific articles, an opportunity to support Frontier Services directly, Christmas Card orders and a reminder about the Great Outback BBQ (we'll be holding our in Sept).

Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone. You and the community have been very generous.

Church Council Notes

Next week we'll have the notes from the Church Council Meeting 9/8/18.

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). NBN has now been connected.

One Door Mental Health Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 13 August from 10am.

KYB Study Group

Our KYB Study Group meet at 1:30pm on Mondays in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891. Working on Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. All welcome.

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.

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.

Key Audit

We are doing an audit of keys to the buildings here at Tamworth City. Please check with the office about your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need any longer.

Library

We have a library of books/DVDs in the Vestry. Do you have any you no longer require of a religious nature to donate to our Library? Maybe you'd like to borrow a book. Talk to Peter Battle 6766 7455.

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

Stamp Collecting News

Did you know that since Oct 1977 the Stamp Committee have raised over \$760,000 through the sale of stamps. In 2017 \$19,518 was raised. 140 congregations across NSW & ACT are engaged. Demand for \$1 stamps far exceeds supply at present. Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. Keep in mind that the stamps you receive today, our customers are anxious to buy tomorrow at the Synod Stamp Committee sales. Keep them coming in. Leave them at the church office for trimming/sorting.

Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (and get 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.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing to lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda, Alison and Dave. As usual 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.

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

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.

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

Home Communion

Do you know someone who might like to have an Elder bring Holy Communion to them in their home? Please let Judith Archbold know (6766 6716).

Sunday Trading Table

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.

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



Study Leave

Rev Chris will be in Sydney completing some study 14/15 August.

Church Office

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

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

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm in the Church Chapel area. You're most welcome.

Early Risers Prayer Group

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room.

Stepping Stones

Weekly young families group meeting in the St Andrew's Room with our Young Families Worker, Sarah. 9:30am for morning tea.

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 August.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 19 August

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: N Dezius, Door: J Dezius, D Limes. M Miles, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Morning Tea.

11am Rev Chris at West Tamworth.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, 19 August following worship. There is one item to be discussed—the 2018-19 Budget.

Rev Chris on Leave

After 12 months ministry with us, Rev Chris will be taking a well earned break, taking leave from 20 August until Tuesday, 11 September.

LifeQuip at AgQuip

The Christian Outreach at AgQuip August 21-23 A great opportunity to serve Jesus and to experience some marketplace evangelism. All helpers most welcome, contact Howard Barnes 0421 274 541.

Op Shop Anniversary

Our Opportunity Shop celebrate their 41st Anniversary on Tuesday, 21 August. It's been a wonderful outreach and connection with our community. Thank you everyone for your support.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly gathering on Tuesday, 21 August from 2pm at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Keep in your prayers our AGM on Saturday, 25 August in Narrabri.

Worship on Sunday, 26 August

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: E Sheppard, Door: C Sheppard, G Chaffey, S Hardin, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Greer. Morning Tea.

Meals on Wheels

Our next kitchen rostered day will be Tuesday, 28 August from 8am.

Rainbow Cottage Committee

Meeting on Wednesday, 29 August at Rainbow Cottage from 5pm.

200yrs of Tamworth

1/2 September sees the 200th Anniversary of John Oxley discovering the local Tamworth area.



Women's Event HIGH TEA

Southside are holding a High Tea on Saturday, 1 September for all women from 1-4pm. BYO pretty tea cup, plate and saucer. \$15/ticket. RSVP with payment by August 25 to Jeannine Lewis 0423 365 278. Guest speaker will be Francine Bell (singer, songwriter, motivational speaker and author).

Worship on Sunday, 2 September

Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Sunday School. Father's Day. Food Hamper Sunday. Elder: M Hobson, W Standen, P Turner, J Carthew, E Fairall (children), Door: J Phillips, R & P Pryor, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer. Morning Tea.

Prayers

Diary Dates

- 6 September—Adult Fellowship Rally at Tamworth City
- 20 October—Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Presbytery AGM 25 August, 6 September Adult Fellowship Rally at Tamworth City and Makes You Wonder Workshop with Rev Dr Ian Robinson on 20 October.