

Diary Dates

<p>Sun, 18 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Mission Envelopes. Sunday School. Morning Tea.</p> <p>11am West Tamworth</p> <p>11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch</p> <p>Mon, 19 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH</p> <p>10am-4pm Op Shop M-F</p> <p>10am-2pm UNITING St AR</p> <p>Tue, 20 8am LifeQuip at AgQuip T-Th</p> <p>9am-2pm T-F Church Office</p> <p>9am AIR in St Andrew's Rm</p> <p>9:30am LLine Dancers JH</p> <p>10am-1pm Pres Bkeep</p> <p>2pm Senior's at Village</p> <p>4:30pm Occasional Choir</p> <p>Wed, 21 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest</p> <p>Op Shop 42nd Anniversary</p> <p>6pm Meditation Service</p> <p>6-9:30pm New Vogue JH</p> <p>Thu, 22 9:30am Stepping Stones</p>	<p>Fri, 23 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH</p> <p>8:30am Ethical Ministry</p> <p>10am Craft Group in St AR</p> <p>6pm NENW Pres PRC</p> <p>6pm New Vogue Dance JH</p> <p>Sat, 24 9am-12noon Op Shop</p> <p>9am NENW Presbytery</p> <p>Sun, 25 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with the Elders & Singing Group. Sunday School. Morning Tea.</p>	<p>Playgroup in Dunn Hall</p> <p>9:30am Yoga in St AR</p> <p>4:30pm Church Music&Choir</p>
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 25 August—Pentecost 11

8:30am	Gowrie Service & Hallsville Markets
9am	Tamworth City Service—Elders; E: N Dezius; D: J Dezius, W Townsend & Kathy; PP: M Miles, O: R Greer.
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



Sunday, 18 August 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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

Please stay for a chat and morning tea.

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I CAME
TO
BRING
FIRE
TO THE
EARTH. Lk 12:49



Seasons of the Spirit—Faith Witness...

Readings

Isaiah 5:1–7; Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49–56.

Prayer

God of all time and place, fill our hearts and minds with the stories of your faithful people through the ages. Guide us as we journey in your way. May we be examples of faithfulness for the next generation. Amen.

Reflection

The readings today invite reflection on the sources of strength and encouragement that God provides to restore and guide as we take up our role as disciples. There are both joys and trials in choosing a life of faithfulness, and we give thanks for the great cloud of people of faith who journey with us in God's realm.

Biblical Background

Isaiah 5:1–7 God expected a crop of justice and righteousness from the vineyard of the people. But the guidance and tending that God provides have not yielded good fruit because of the people's unfaithfulness.

In Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19, the people cry to God for deliverance. Using the same imagery from Isaiah of the vineyard that has been exposed to destruction, they vow renewed faithfulness and pray for God's restoration.

In Luke 12:49–56, Jesus describes the costs of faithful discipleship in terms of divisions it may cause. Even families may be divided by different understandings of what it means to be faithful. These conflicts can arise as believers reorder priorities, reshape behaviours, and rethink goals. The way of faith prepares us for the coming of God's dominion, but it also breaks well-worn moulds of expectations in our lives as we seek to become the people God calls us to be.

Choosing faithfulness is neither easy nor passive. It can be demanding and often requires change and growth, as the metaphor of a race in the passage from the letter to the Hebrews implies. Hebrews 11:29—12:2 continues the roll call of those whose faith in God is a model and encouragement. It reminds us that "by faith" God's people did some

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

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

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

Thu, 22 Aug—2:30pm Memory Lane

Sun, 25 Aug—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service.

Fri, 30 Aug—5:30pm Friday Family Church at Hallsville.

Sun, 1 Sept—11am West Tamworth Service and Lunch.

Tue, 3 Sept—10am Memory Lane



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"

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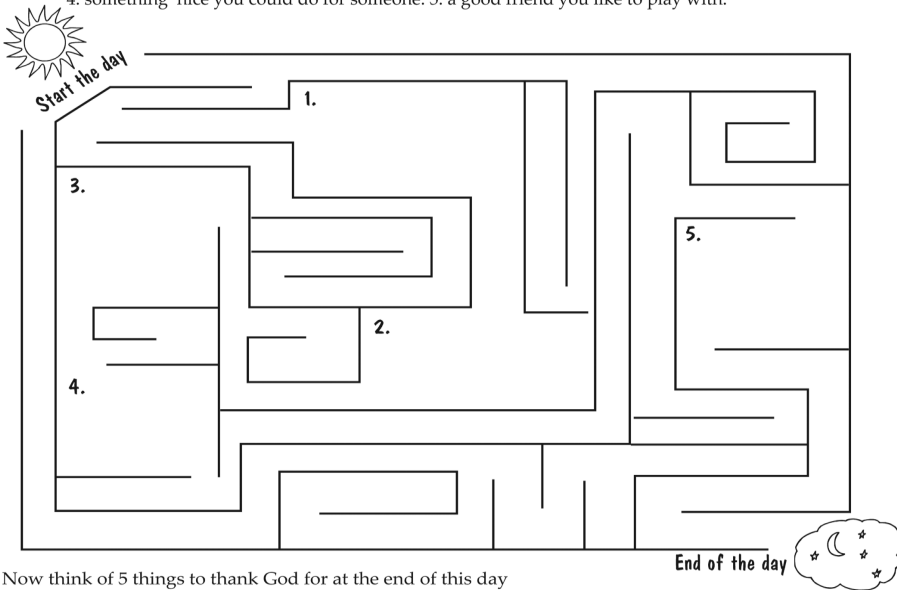
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



Maze

Jesus is with us in everything we do. Go through the maze and fill in each station with:

1. something fun to do.
2. a way that you can help around the house.
3. your favorite subject at school.
4. something nice you could do for someone.
5. a good friend you like to play with.



Now think of 5 things to thank God for at the end of this day

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Fill in the letters

On the spaces write the letters that come before each of the letters below the space.

____ D B N F U I B U U I F Z N B Z

I B W F M J G F B O E I B W F

____ J U B C V O E B O U M Z · John 10:10

Answer: I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Lectionary Readings

Sun 18	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19*	Fri 23	Luke 13:10-17*
Mon 19	Jeremiah 1:4-10*	Sat 24	Luke 13:22-30
Tue 20	Hebrews 12:3-17	Sun 25	Psalm 71:1-6*
Wed 21	Hebrews 12:18-29*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 22	Isaiah 58:9b-14		

amazing things. They escaped slavery in Egypt, and they entered the promised land. Curiously, one other "by faith" example appears in verse 3 – Rahab. What makes this intriguing is that Rahab is both a foreigner and a prostitute. Yet, through her faith, she is able to live when others perish. This would suggest that acts of faith are not confined to any single people but are an option for all of us.

The mood then shifts. "I don't have time to talk about..." the writer says, and then lists those for whom there is no time. The mere mention of the list of names serves the same purpose that a story might have, for these are names that would have been very familiar to those who first heard them. These people are given as excellent examples of faith. Yet often this is not without a price.

People suffer, the author tells us. People suffer a lot – torture, and horrible deaths. Yet through all this, they had faith. This faith, however, did not sugarcoat everything and make it pleasant. On the contrary, many of those who are commended for their faith did not receive what is promised. But the example for us is not in the receiving but in the persevering. It is because we are part of a long lineage of faithful people – a veritable cloud of witnesses – that we can dare to move forward. This was an intriguing challenge to people 2000 years ago when the church was being persecuted. It is an intriguing challenge for us today as well.

As the metaphor of the race in the passage from Hebrews implies, choosing faithfulness is neither easy nor passive. It can be demanding and often requires change and growth.

Questions

In today's passages, there are words that challenge us to lives of faithfulness, and also words that encourage and remind us that other people of God have gone before us, sustained by God's mercy and grace. So, what kind of race are you running and what kind of fruit are you bearing? As you reflect on those who have encouraged your faith, how do you imagine yourself being an encouragement to others? In what ways does God continue to tend and guide your faith journey?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 18 August

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. *Mission Envelopes*. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
11am West Tamworth.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Thank You

On behalf of Robyn, my family and myself, I would like to thank you all for the meaningful service of closure and generous gift you so kindly gave us. May God continue to bless you all. *Chris Wright*.

Congregational Meeting

Endorsed the actions for forward planning and finance from the Church Council meeting.

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,

Birth Beat Classes

Using the Dunn Hall on Sunday, 8 September for two classes. Focussing on supporting ethnic mums.

Diary Dates to Note

- 10th One Door Carer Support
- 11th 9am Sleep Effect (new hirer), 10am Compassionate Friends
- 12th 9:30am Nursing Home Service (Cottage Homes)
- 13th 10am Senior Communion (St Andrew's Village)
- 14/15th 8am KOWNE Kairos Training Weekend

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 Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, 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 islands of Oceania in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Church on the Way, the Roman Catholic Churches and the Father's House 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.

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 good 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.

Adult Fellowship

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 September in the St Andrew's Room. Morning tea from 9:30am followed by the meeting.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 7pm on Tuesday, 3 September.

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, 6 September.

Lunch & Chat

Monthly get together on Friday, 6 September from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold Coin donation. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 6 September from 6pm.

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).

Worship on Sunday, 8 September

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: M Weick; D: R Barclay, M Honeyman, S Hardin; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

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.
- 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.

LifeQuip at AgQuip

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

Church Office

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

Association of Independent Retirees

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

Locomotive Line Dancing

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

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.

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.

Opportunity Shop Anniversary

Celebrating 42yrs in ministry on Wednesday, 21 August.

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.

NENW Presbytery Ethical Ministry Training

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

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-8pm on Friday, 23 August.

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.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

Worship on Sunday, 1 September

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. We welcome Will for 4 months' supply ministry. 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.