# **Diary Dates**

Sun, 19 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris
Wright. Sunday School.
Congregational Meeting.
Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth
11:30am Korean Reborn

Mon, 20 Rev Chris - leave to 11 Sept 4-5am Wheely BeanJH M-F 9:30am Kairos Sewing JHall 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

Tue, 21 LifeQuip at Agquip 21-23
9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
9am AIR in St A Room
Op Ship 41st Anniversary
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
2pm Senior's Getting
Together at Village Hall
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

Wed, 22 9am Jubilee Hall Hire 9am Op Shop Sorting 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 6pm Meditation Service

Thu, 23 8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Yoga at Dunn Hall 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in St A's Room 10am Pastoral Care Workshop at Village 4:30pm Worship Music

Fri, 24 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall 10am Pastoral Care Workshop at Village

Sat, 25 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop 9am NENW Presbytery meeting in Narrabri

Sun, 26 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Mr Barry
Gillett. Sunday School.
Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn



# **Preaching Plan**

## Sunday, 26 August 2018

8:30am Hallsville Markets

9am Tamworth City with Mr Barry Gillett, E: E Sheppeard, D:

C Sheppeard, G Chaffey, S Hardin, O: R Richardson PP J

McClelland

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Henry Swindon

5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service

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# 19 August 2018

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# 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.



# Sacredise Reading & Reflection

# Thought for the Week

This week the Old Testament reading is the famous story of Solomon's request for wisdom. God offered him anything he wanted, but, facing the daunting responsibility of ruling over God's people, Solomon asked for wisdom. He didn't always act wisely through the years of his reign, but history has mostly remembered Solomon as a wise ruler. The problem we have as we search for wisdom in our own lives and world is that we sometimes mistake wisdom as something that happens in our heads. Wisdom often does include an insightful mind, but there are many very intelligent people who have little wisdom at all. Solomon realised that he would need God's help if he was to live with any wisdom at all.

In the Gospel reading, the Lectionary remains in John 6, with Jesus proclaiming himself as the Bread of Life, and offering life to anyone who will "eat his body and drink his blood". As we have noted, this startling image is meant to convey the idea of taking the nature and Spirit of Jesus into our entire selves so that we are transformed to become like Jesus. As wise as Solomon was, Jesus was far more so, and so if we seek wisdom, we can do no better than to open ourselves to the Spirit of Christ and allow his wisdom to fill us.

One thing that will become clear this week, though, is that wisdom is rooted not so much in what we think, but in how we live. The choices we make, the actions we perform and the relationships we forge can all be foolish or wise. And it's our deep connection with God in Christ that opens us to the wisdom of God, which empowers us to live wisely. May we grow a little wiser as we journey through this week.

# Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20



# 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 Pot Luck Dinner & Discussion: 6:30-9pm 1st Wed.

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

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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, 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 Church with Rev Henry Swindon.

Sun, 26 Aug—8:30am Hallsville Markets, 11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Henry Swindon.

Fri, 31 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Family.

**Sun, 2 Sept**—11am West Tamworth Service with Lunch to follow.

Tue, 4 Sept—10am Memory Lane at

West Tamworth Church.

# 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"

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337

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# Symbols

God provides food for all the animals. Here is a crossward puzzle of animals. Can you figure out what the animals are and fill in the names?

1. Across





6. Across



8. Across





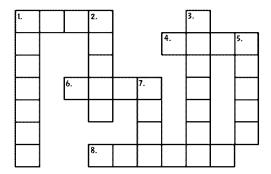






5. Down







# Recipes

Here is a recipe using different kinds of food that God has given us.

#### **Applesauce** Ouesadilla

2 flour tortilla (6 inches) ½ cup chunky applesauce 1 tsp cinnamon sugar

14 cup Monterey Jack cheese 2 tsp vanilla vogurt

- 1. Preheat oven to 400° F.
- 2. On ungreased baking sheet, spread ¼ cup of the applesauce and ½ tsp of the cinnamon sugar over one tortilla.
- 3. Sprinkle with cheese and place second tortilla on top.
- 4. Sprinkle with remaining cinnamon sugar.
- 5. Bake at 400° F for 6-8 minutes or until golden brown.
- 7. Cut into quarters and serve with remaining applesauce and yogurt.

# Lectionary Readings

19 Psalm 111\* John 6:56-69\* Sun 20 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43\* John 7:1-19 Mon Sat 1 Kings 8:54-61 Psalm 84\* Tue 21 Sun 26 22 Ephesians 6:10-20\* \* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings Wed Thu 23 Ephesians 6:21-23

Reflection

These few verses from Ephesians give a quick and practical guide for wise living. The first sentence sets the scene for what follows: Be careful how you live. This carefulness is a key to wisdom. Carefulness is about slowing down, noticing what is going on around us and within us, and doing the work of reflection that enables us to respond well. When we practice this carefulness, we are more easily able to discern what is wise, and to live accordingly.

Paul reveals in this passage how very practical wisdom is. It's about making the most of the opportunities with which we are presented. It's about acting with thought and soberness, and allowing God's Spirit to fill and guide us. It's about encouraging and celebrating with one another, and it's about being thankful. These habits are powerful guides for life that free us from the snap judgments and unthinking reactions that cause so much pain.

Community

How can you live more carefully today?

# **Practice for Today**

Carefulness, and the wisdom it brings, both require us to slow down and listen. When we take the time to hear what God is saying, and when we carefully observe our world, we grow wise. Why not make today a listening dav?

# **Breath-Prayer for Today**

As I carefully listen to your Spirit, O God, I grow wise.

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# Today's Information

#### **Worship on Sunday, 19 August**

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Retiring Offering for Frontier Services TODAY. Funds to be used on the refurbishment of John Flynn House in Alice Springs. Tony & Annette Winter are on the work party for this project.

11am Rev Chris at West Tamworth.

#### **Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting will be held TODAY, Sunday, 19 August at the close of 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.

#### **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.

## Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone, you and the community have been very generous. Packing is ongoing at the old Carpet Court building in Peel Street.

## **Church Council Notes**

- LifeQuip request for donation—\$200
- Frontier Services—Retiring Offering on 12 & 19 August, funds for John Flynn House (Tony & Annette on work party); Register our Frontier Services BBQ on 23 September after church.
- Evangelism—meeting held to update Christmas Appeal ideas, engaging in doing it for the farmers drought relief, community engagement excellent.

# 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 Oceania in your prayers this week.

#### **Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches**

We keep the activities of the North West Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Church on the Way, the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholic Churches, the Father's House and Trinity 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.

### **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

#### **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.

#### <u>Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group</u>

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 5 September from 10am.

#### Presbytery Adult Fellowship Rally Day

Come one, come all. We are hosting the annual Presbytery Adult Fellowship Rally Day on Thursday, 6 September. Our theme will be 'War on Waste'. Everyone's welcome to attend. Starting with coffee at 9:30am in Jubilee Hall

### **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, 7 August.

#### **Lunch & DVD**

Our next lunch and DVD will be on Friday, 7 August from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze on 6761 7371.

#### North West Christian Women's Conference

New Life 18—Love in Hard Places including studies from Ruth on 7-8 September at Carinya Christian School. Sponsored by the Anglican Church. Contact 0490 792 919 or their website <a href="https://www.newlifeconference.org.au">www.newlifeconference.org.au</a>.

### **Kairos Outside Training Weekend**

We will again host the Kairos Outside Training Weekend in the Jubilee Hall on the weekend of 8/9 September.

## Worship on Sunday, 9 September

Worship service with Rev Henry Swindon at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: M Cupitt, Door: E Fairall, H McKenzie, W Feggans, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

#### **Diary Dates**

- 14/15 September Saltbush Scattered Community at Southside
- 14/15 September Watchmen School of Intercessory Prayer
- 20 October—Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo



- Op Shop—\$1 sale went off very well, lots of stock turnover, facebook engagement.
- Finance & Admin—Financial report 17/18 received and budget 18/19 approved to go to congregation.
- Elders & Pastoral Partners—review of rolls and update on pastoral partners. Elders meeting with guest Rev Gus Batley, Hospital Chaplain, was very well received. Pastoral Care workshop at the Village on 23/24 August. Pastoral Partners Workshop in Sydney end of October. Good to do refresher.
- Property—reverse parking in car park,.
- Stepping Stones—update, going well, thank you for support.
- Request to Presbytery to share 1/2 in semi-trailer of hay for farmers \$9,500 (ie \$4,750 each).
- Mission Envelopes—August (Frontier Services), Oct/Nov (Peace Project).
- Ministry & Mission Planning—updated ready to be passed at next meeting.

# 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.

## **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.

## 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.

### Church Office

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

#### **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 you support.

#### **Senior's Getting Together Fellowship**

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

#### **Private Function**

Jubilee Hall 9am-12noon.

#### **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.

## Pastoral Care Volunteer Training

Course being run at the UNITING St Andrew's Village on 23 & 24 August introducing and enlightening about spiritual and pastoral care. Register with Rev Henry Swindon 0466 445 632 or <a href="mailto:hswindon@uniting.org">hswindon@uniting.org</a>. A very worthwhile course.

## **NENW Presbytery Meeting**

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



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# Next Week & Beyond

#### Worship on Sunday, 26 August

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

#### <u>UNITING—Support Group</u>

We have a new group using the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care commencing 27 August for 3 months.

#### **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.

## **One Door Mental Health Support Group**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 3 September from 10am.

## **Friends of Nioka**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 4 September from 7pm.