

Diary Dates

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| <p>Sun, 25 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with the Elders & Singing Group. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch</p> <p>Mon, 26 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
10am-2pm UNITING St AR</p> <p>Tue, 27 8am Meals on Wheels
9am-2pm T-F Church Office
9:30am LLine Dancers JH
10am-1pm Pres Bkeep
10:30am Hoy Funeral</p> <p>Wed, 28 8:30am Flourish Aust in St Andrew's Room
9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest
6pm Meditation Service
6-9:30pm New Vogue JH</p> <p>Thu, 29 9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall
4:30pm Church Music</p> | <p>Fri, 30 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH</p> <p>Sat, 31 9am-12noon Op Shop
9am Emmaus Board Meeting and Gathering in St AR
1pm High Tea at Tamworth Southside</p> <p>Sun, 1 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch</p> |
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 1 September—Pentecost 12

- 9am Tamworth City Service—Rev Will Pearson HC; E: M Cupitt, E Fairall, W Standen, E Sheppard, P Battle; D: F Kerr G Chaffey, J Carthew; PP: J Carthew, O: R Greer.
- 9:30 Tamworth Southside Service
- 11am West Tamworth Service and lunch
- 5:30pm Tamworth Southside Service



Sunday, 25 August 2019

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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. A number of our Elders will be leading our service.

Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



Woman you are set free from your ailment.
Luke 13:12

Seasons of the Spirit—Out of the Shadow...

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4–10; Psalm 71:1–6; Hebrews 12:18–29; Luke 13:10–17.

Prayer

Liberating God, may we be emboldened to rejoice in your welcome and healing, and respond to your call to do likewise. Amen.

Reflection

God breaks into our world and shakes things up. When Jesus reaches out to the woman who is bent over and proclaims she is “set free,” we rejoice in our liberation as well. We are set free to respond to God’s call and participate fully in the new life of God’s healing reign.

Biblical Background

Jeremiah 1:4–10 tells the story of the prophet’s call. The story follows a pattern similar to other biblical accounts of vocation. God calls and describes the task. The one who hears makes excuses about how impossible God’s request is. Then God promises to be with the one who is called and gives a sign of that promise. God calls us out of the shadow.

Psalm 71:1–6 complements the Jeremiah text. God has been with us from our mother’s womb. God will rescue and deliver us. God “inclines” over us, as over Jeremiah, and as over the woman whose story is told in the gospel reading this week.

Luke 13:10–17 Jesus is on his final journey to Jerusalem. In one of the towns, he visits a synagogue and accepts an invitation to teach. There he sees a woman who has been unable to stand up straight for 18 years. What was her life like, unable to look others in the eye, to see the sun, to take her full part in the life of the community? She lived in the shadow.

To be in the synagogue on Sabbath in that time and place was to be at the very centre of the Jewish faith. This is where life, faith, and community merged in a wondrous celebration of God’s presence and promise. It would have been a joyous, awesome, and holy place. But for this woman? It is doubtful, for she is afflicted – and has been for 18 years or, in other words, an entire generation/lifetime.

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, 25 Aug—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service with John Nash.

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

Fri, 6 Sept—5:30pm Friday Family Church at Hallsville

Sun, 8 Sept—8:30am Gowrie Service & 11am West Tamworth HC 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"

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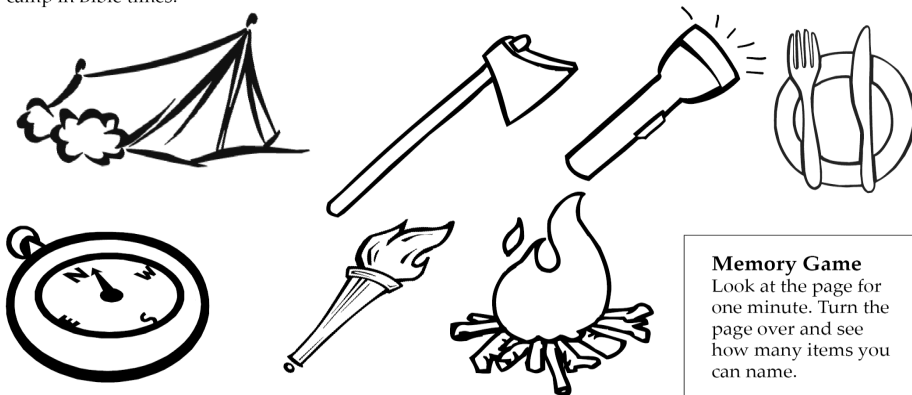
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Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



Camping

Here are some things that might be found in a camp. Draw a circle around things that might have been in a camp in Bible times.



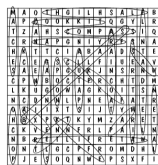
Memory Game
Look at the page for one minute. Turn the page over and see how many items you can name.

Word Search

There are many references to camps in the Bible. Do you think that camping in the time of the Old and New Testaments was like camping today? How was it the same? Here are some items you might use for camping. Find them in the word search.

air mattress	frying pan
axe	knife
backpack	lantern
binoculars	map
canteen	matches
compass	poncho
cook kit	rain coat
cup	saw
flash light	sleeping bag
flint and steel	spatula
fork	spoon
	water filter

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Lectionary Readings

Sun	25	Psalm 71:1-6*	Fri	30	Luke 14:1, 7-14*
Mon	26	Jeremiah 2:1-13	Sat	31	Luke 14:15-24
Tue	27	Jeremiah 3:11-18	Sun	1	Psalm 81:1, 10-16*
Wed	28	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	29	Hebrews 13:17-25			

The synagogue leader suggests later that she has come explicitly for healing, but we are not told that. Perhaps she comes regularly to the synagogue, in the hopes of catching even a fleeting moment of belonging to the sacred community. This day, Jesus notices her.

He sees her, calls her over, and declares that she is healed – more correctly, free. The story would be astonishing enough if it ended at that point. Someone who has been in incredible pain and torment for a lifetime is now healed; cause for celebration! But there is more.

The synagogue leader is indignant. "If you want healing, come back another day," he declares. Jesus calls him on his hypocrisy. "You would untie your ox or donkey on the Sabbath; shouldn't I loosen the bonds on this woman?"

The implication in the question is clear: isn't she worth just as much – indeed, more – than your farm animals? While the leader's answer might be, "no," Jesus has no hesitation in declaring the woman's inherent worth and value. It is no surprise that "the entire crowd was rejoicing" in response.

If the Sabbath is to honour God, then what greater honour is there than to restore someone to wholeness?

Hebrews 12:18–29 points out that we are receiving God's reign, which cannot be shaken. Regardless of opposition – indeed, in spite of a religious leader trying to tell someone to come back tomorrow to receive God's favour – God's reign is ours and is a lasting thing.

Further

God's power is great – it has created the universe, rescued people in times of distress, turns things upside down. Importantly, it proclaims the worth and value of each one of us.

Jesus shakes the foundations as he announces the coming of God's reign. Jesus welcomes, loves, and restores.

What is our call to discipleship in the new life that Jesus brings?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 25 August

9am Worship service with the Elders. Occasional Choir. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Welcome

We welcome Rev Will Pearson and his wife, Betty, who will be doing Supply Ministry with us for the next four months. Will can be contacted on 0431 150 253. They will be staying in South Tamworth.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Joyce and the Odgers family following the death of Eugene last week. His funeral was held in Broken Hill during the week. Remembered fondly here at Tamworth City.

We also extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Judith and the Archbold family following the death of George during the week. A fond member of the Tamworth City Congregation.

Also to the family of Jenny Hoy, who passed away this week. Jenny worked in the Opportunity Shop for many years. We keep you all in our prayers.

Doing It For Our Farmers

Are you a cake maker? We are having a Cake Stall next Friday night. If you would like to contribute a cake/slice/biscuits please leave them at the office on Thursday, 29 August. 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.

Offering Envelopes

New annual offering envelopes are available commencing September 1. Grab a box to keep you on track with your giving.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Trinity Church, the Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley Uniting Churches, Hope of Glory Church and Carinya Christian School 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. The Saltbush Gathering coming up on 21/22 September.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. Funding from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAI, BSB 032 621, A/c No. 372 372. Thank you. 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

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.

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.

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).

Sleep Effect Classes

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Wednesday, 11 September from 9am.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 11 Sept. from 10am.

Nursing Home Service

Cottage Homes service from 9:30am on Thursday, 12 September. All helpers welcome.

Senior Communion

Monthly Senior Communion at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 13 September from 10am with Rev Mark Armstrong.

KOWNE—Kairos Training Weekend

Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15 September in Jubilee Hall from 8am-8pm.

Worship on Sunday, 15 September

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Baptism. Elder: R Duns; D: R & P Pryor, B Mills; PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- 17th 9am AIR meeting, 2pm Senior's Getting Together
- 18th 10am Bereavement Support Group
- 20th 10am Craft Group
- 21st/22nd Saltbush Gathering at Tamworth Southside

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee activities, Hospital Visitation, Opportunity Shop and Doing it For Our Farmers. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in your prayers this week.

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.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

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.

Flourish Australia

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

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

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.

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 Friday mornings from 8:30-11am.

Emmaus Board Meeting & Gathering

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

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 Jeannine Lewis 0423 365 278. Guest Speaker will be Lyn Worsley encouraging us all in our pursuit for happiness.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 1 September

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. We welcome Rev Will, and wife Betty, 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.

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. Why not take dad to the movies!

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. After the meeting we will head up to Tamwell for lunch. Please join us for some friendship and fellowship. We will need numbers by the start of the

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meeting. Let Elain Fairall, or a member of the fellowship know you'll be joining the lunch.

Friends of Nioka

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

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursdays from 5 September 9:30am.

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.

Birth Beat Classes

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

One Door Carer Support

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

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