

## Diary Dates

**Sun, 26 9am Tamworth City  
Worship with Mr Barry  
Gillett. Sunday School.  
Morning Tea.  
11:30am Korean Reborn**

**Mon, 27 Rev Chris - leave to 11 Sept  
4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F  
9:30am Kairos Sewing JHall  
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
10am UNITING support  
group in St Andrew's Room  
1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St  
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall  
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH**

**Tue, 28 8am Meals on Wheels  
9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri  
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

**Wed, 29 9am Op Shop Sorting  
5pm Rainbow Committee  
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH  
6pm Meditation Service**

**Thu, 30 8:30am Early Risers Prayer  
9:30am Yoga at Dunn Hall**

**Fri, 31 10am Stepping Stones  
Playgroup in St A's Room  
4:30pm Worship Music**

**Sat, 1 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall  
Tamworth 200yrs Celeb.  
8-11am WW in Dunn Hall  
9am-12noon Op Shop  
1pm High Tea at Southside**

**Sun, 2 9am Tamworth City  
Worship and HC with Mr  
Peter Battle. Father's Day.  
Sunday School. Food  
Hamper Sunday. Morning  
Tea.  
11:30am Korean Reborn**



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 2 September 2018

**9am Tamworth City with Mr Peter Battle HC, E: M Hobson,  
W Standen, P Turner, J Carthew, E Fairall (children), D: J  
Phillips, R & P Pryor, O: R Greer, PP A Winter**

**9:30am Tamworth Southside Service**

**11am West Tamworth Service with Lunch to follow**

**5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service**



### Contact Details:

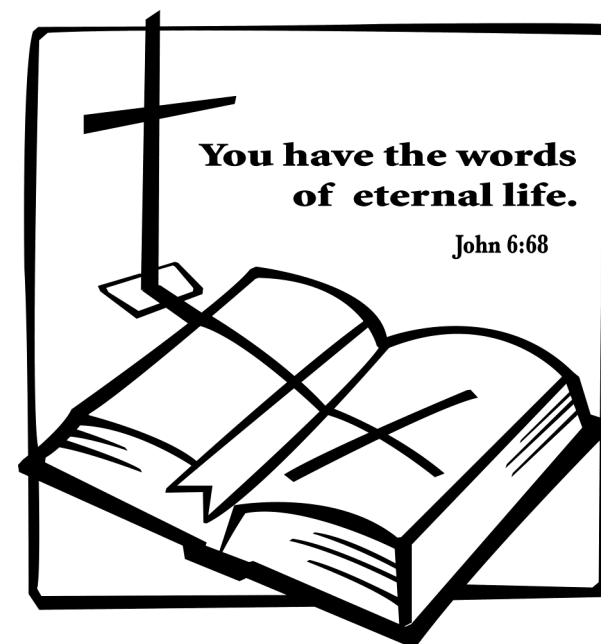
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## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Barry Gillett will be leading us. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



## Sacredise Reading & Reflection Thought for the Week

Ultimately we all have to make a choice. We can choose to "do it my way", following only what our own hearts and desires dictate, hoping that this will bring us freedom, happiness, and fulfilment. Or we can choose to follow the way of Jesus, allowing our desires and actions to be shaped by God's Reign, and offering ourselves as part of God's saving purpose. It may seem like the first option is better, but Jesus clearly felt that seeking God's Reign first was the way to live the best life that is humanly possible (see Matthew 6:33). We all have to choose whether we will believe him or not.

This week, the Lectionary focuses on this choice. In this Sunday's Gospel reading we saw how, as Jesus taught that he was the Bread of Life, some of his disciples found this too much to take in and they began to drift away. Jesus then offered the twelve the freedom to leave, but they made the choice to stay with Jesus because he had "the words of eternal life." In the Old Testament you may have read about Solomon's dedication of the Temple. In this important moment in the life of God's people, Solomon remembers God's commitment to Israel and gives thanks. But, he also stresses the importance of following God's ways in wholehearted devotion. Then, in the light of God's commitment to God's people, and their response, Solomon asks for God to hear and answer the prayers that will be uttered in the new Temple. He makes a choice, on behalf of the people, to recognise that Israel is dependent on God, and to place the nation wholly in God's hands.

As we journey through this week, we will be called to choose where we will place our devotion and our faith. We will be invited to stay committed to the way of Jesus, and we will be called to stay faithful in prayer. And, as the foundation to this commitment, we will be called to believe that God's Reign really is the way to the best life that is humanly possible. How will you choose this week?

### Reading

John 6:56-69



## 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.

**Women's High Tea:** Saturday, 1  
September from 1pm at Southside.

[www.tamworthsouthside.org.au](http://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,*



## Peel Valley Congregations

**Sun, 26 Aug**—8:30am Hallsville  
Markets, 8:30am Gowrie & 11am  
West Tamworth Services with Rev  
Henry Swindon.

**Fri, 31 Aug**—5:30pm Hallsville Service

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

**Tue, 4 Sept**—10am Memory Lane at  
West Tamworth Church.

**Sun, 9 Sept**—8:30am Gowrie & 11am  
West Tamworth Services.

**Fri, 14 Sept**—5:30pm Hallsville Family

**Sun, 16 Sept**—11am West Tamworth  
Service with Rev Chris Wright.

Trading Table to follow.

### 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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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369





# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 26 August

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

## 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.

## Housekeeping Item

Please report all incidents/accidents to the office, even if there is no further action. We need to keep a record for our insurance. Thank you.

## Farmer Care Packages

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

## 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.
- 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,

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley Uniting Churches, Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School and Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church in our prayers.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: 6 September Adult Fellowship Rally at Tamworth City, 14/15 Saltbush Scattered Community Gathering at Tamworth Southside, 22 September Ethical Ministry Training 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

## 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.*

## 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.*



### Senior Communion

Monthly Senior Communion at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 14 September from 10am. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

### Saltbush—Uniting the Scattered Community

14/15 September at Tamworth Southside. A positive, practical opportunity to hear where the shaping of Saltbush is up to. Registrations are on the Eventbrite website only, talk to the office for details.

### Watchment School of Intercessory Prayer

Friday and Saturday, 14/15 September at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church. BYO meals. Registrations and enquiries to Rev Dale Martin 0414 818 201..

### Worship on Sunday, 16 September

Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: M Duns (Bapt M Hobson), Door: R Duns, S Perkins, F Kerr, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

### Diary Dates

- 23 September—Frontier Services BBQ/Rev Phill Matthews visit
- 20 October—Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

## *Prayers*

### Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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

### Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

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*

### UNITING—Support Group

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.

### 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).

### 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.

### Meals on Wheels

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

### 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.



### **Rainbow Cottage Committee**

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

### **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.

### **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).

## ***Next Week & Beyond***

### **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.

### **Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group**

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

### **Presbytery Adult Fellowship Rally Day—Working with Waste**

Please note that we will not be having our regular adult fellowship meeting on Tuesday, 4 September. Come one, come all. We are hosting the annual Presbytery Adult Fellowship Rally Day on Thursday, 6 September. Our theme will be 'Working with Waste'. Everyone's welcome to attend. Starting with coffee at 9:30am in Jubilee Hall. Finishing at 2pm. \$10/head. Lunch morning and afternoon tea included. There will be a range of guest speakers and fun practical ideas to help you with your recycling. Everyone's welcome.

### **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 [www.newlifeconference.org.au](http://www.newlifeconference.org.au).

### **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.

### **Compassionate Friends**

Meeting on Wednesday, 12 September from 10am in the St Andrew's Room.