

## Diary Dates

<b>Sun, 4</b>	<b>9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service and HC, with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea.</b> 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch 2:30pm Catherine Hamlyn Movie at Forum 6	<b>Thu, 8</b>	9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall 9:30am Yoga in St AR 9:30am Cottage Homes Service 4:30pm Church Music 7pm Church Council Meeting in St Andrew's Room
<b>Mon, 5</b>	9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING St AR 10:30am King Funeral	<b>Fri, 9</b>	8:30am Social Craft Grp DH 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village Hall 6:30pm NewVogue Dance JH 12noon Lunch & Chat StAR
<b>Tue, 6</b>	9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am Adult Fellowship Meeting in St Andrew's Rm 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 4:30pm Property Committee in St Andrew's Rm 7pm Friends of Nioka in StAR	<b>Sat, 10</b>	9am-12noon Op Shop 9am Kairos Board & Gathering in St Andrew's Rm 9am Retreat "Pray"
<b>Wed, 7</b>	9am Op Shop Sorting—Ves 6pm Meditation Service 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH	<b>Sun, 11</b>	<b>9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with Mr Paul Turner. Morning Tea.</b> 10am Congregational Meeting 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch

## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 11 August—Pentecost 9

8:30am	Gowrie Service
9am	Tamworth City Service—Mr Paul Turner E: A Ashworth; D:J Bennett, H Fergus, S Perkins; PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



Sunday, 4 August 2019

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Barry Gillett and will be leading our service and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



# COMMUNION

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## Seasons of the Spirit

### Loving God Back

#### Readings

Hosea 11:1–11; Psalm 107:1–9, 43; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21.

#### Prayer

God, you care for us with steadfast love. Your goodness fills and satisfies us. You are rich in blessing, and we give you thanks. Help us learn to be rich toward you, claiming the true wealth that comes from loving and serving you. Amen.

#### Reflection

This week's readings challenge us to place our trust entirely in God. God does provide, and often God provides for others through us. How does life under the reign of God empower us to live in trust that we will have enough, not only for ourselves but also to share with the community?

#### Biblical Background

Hosea 11:1–11 Hosea speaks of a God who is rich in love for us. Hosea's own experience of an unfaithful wife leads him to use images of loving family relationships in talking about God. God is described as a loving parent who guides and cares for Israel. Even when the people turn away, God cannot abandon or punish them. God will never abandon us.

God's abundant love toward us is also the theme in Psalm 107:1–9, 43. The Hebrew word *hesed* in this psalm implies a kinship relationship, the kind of loyal and loving behaviour that those in a close family relationship owe and show to one another. God rescues the wanderers, frees the prisoners, heals the sick, raises up the needy. God's love is reliable. It is forever.

Luke 12:13–21 When a person comes to Jesus to settle a question about inheritance, Jesus refuses to be drawn into the role of a rabbi settling disputes. Jesus' mission is not to enforce the Law, but to show a new way.

As is his custom, Jesus tells a story to help the questioner understand life in God's reign. A prosperous farmer gives all his energy to acquiring possessions and building bigger barns. Secure in what has been stored, the

## 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, 2 Aug**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

**Sun, 4 Aug**—11am West Tamworth Service with lunch afterwards.

**Tue, 6 Aug**—10am Memory Lane.

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

**Thu, 15 Aug**—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth

**Fri, 16 Aug**—5:30pm Friday Family Church at West Tamworth.

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



Wednesdays.

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

**Bible Discussion:** 2-3pm 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](http://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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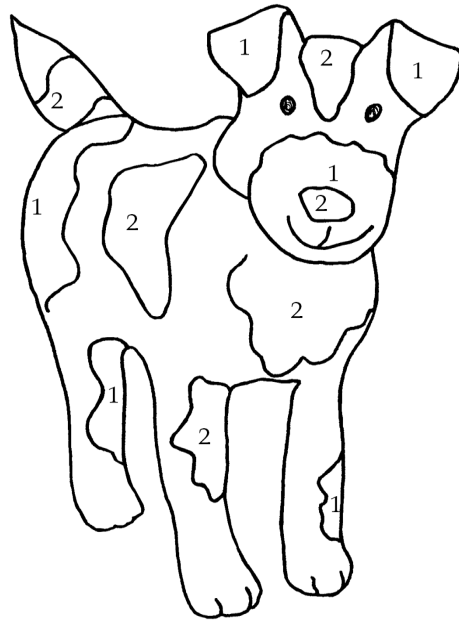
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



# Colour

It's fun to play with pets anytime of the year. Colour the spots on the dog.

- 1- Brown
- 2- Black



# Break the Code

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Code grid for the word 'ANSWERS':

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Answers: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

# Lectionary Readings

Sun	4	Psalm 107:1-9, 43*	Fri	9	Luke 12:32-40*
Mon	5	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20*	Sat	10	Luke 12:41-48
Tue	6	Hebrews 11:1-7	Sun	11	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23*
Wed	7	Hebrews 11:8-16	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	8	Genesis 15:1-6			

farmer can relax.

But death takes it all away. In verse 20, the Greek reads "This very night your soul they demand from you." What is it that demands his soul? It is the farmer's possessions that have come to dominate his life. All his time is spent in acquiring things, storing them, and guarding them against thieves. The farmer has stored up treasures but is not rich toward God. What message does the younger brother take away from Jesus' parable? What message might wealthy people among Luke's first hearers have heard? Is it better to set aside questions about the fair and equal distribution of land than to be dominated by possessions?

Our world is built on anxiety. Financial companies urge us to set aside enough money for our retirement, scaring us with the prospect of poverty. We are pressured to earn enough to maintain a certain standard of living. We are encouraged to buy consumer goods that we don't really need. What is prudent saving for the future and what is an excessive accumulation of things? Jesus tells us that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. Of what then do our lives consist?

Paul gives the Christians at Colossae instructions about how to live in ways that are rich towards God. In Colossians 3:1-11, Paul exhorts them to set their minds on things above, where Christ is enthroned and exalted.

Paul calls them to turn away from worldly things and from greed, which Paul calls "idolatry" – putting possessions in place of God and making them the dominant element in life. In Baptism, Christians are clothed with a new self. Old distinctions fade away; there are no distinctions between rich and poor; Christ's reign sets divisions aside.

## Questions

The parable of the farmer challenges us to look at our lives and to consider our attitude towards our possessions. What in our lives is demanding our souls?

God is rich in loving care for us. How do we become rich toward God?

How do we love God back?



## Today's Information

### Worship on Sunday, 4 August

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Barry Gillett HC. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

### Korean Reborn Church

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

### Catherine Hamlyn Winter Movie Afternoon

On again at Forum6 at 2:30pm, \$16.50. A lovely relaxing Sunday afternoon with a good movie, good friends and a good cause + afternoon tea. 4th August "All Saints".

### 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 is being sought.

## 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.

### Funeral

The Funeral Service for Mrs Coral King, Monday, 5 August from 10:30am.

### Church Office

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

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### Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. 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. In recess now until 2019. 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 or Rev Chris Wright 0427 633 657.

## Maintenance Items

### 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).*

### 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.*

### Bread Tags for Wheelchairs in South Africa

*Please save your bread tags—they can be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Now collecting in Australia too! Leave in the office.*

### 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.*

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### **Diary Dates to Note**

- 27th 8am Meals on Wheels
- 28th 5pm Rainbow Cottage Management
- 31st 1pm High Tea (see below details)

### **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.

### **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).

## *Prayers*

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, ordained ministry, councils of the church, those who deliver and receive home communion today. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Calendar**

Keep the people of Canada and the USA in your prayers this week.

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

We keep the activities of Scripture in Schools, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, the Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church and the Community Presbyterian Church in our prayers.

### **Presbytery Prayer Points**

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery. We give thanks for God's provision, healing and blessing. Our AGM is coming up on 24 August.

### **Adult Fellowship**

Our next get together will be on Tuesday, 6 August from 9:30am for morning tea followed by our meeting. Everyone's welcome to join us.

### **Locomotive Line Dancing**

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

### **City Property Committee**

Meeting on Tuesday, 6 August from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room,

### **Friends of Nioka**

Meeting on Tuesday, 6 August from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **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. Next 24th.

### **New Vogue Dance Group**

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

### **Nursing Home Service**

9:30am on Thursday, 8 August at Cottage Homes.

### **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.

### **Church Council Meeting**

Our bi-monthly Church Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 8 August from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **Social Craft Group**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Fridays from 8:30-11am.

### **Senior's Communion**

Our Monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 9 August from 10am in the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall.

### **New Vogue Dance**

Dancing in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 9 August from 6:30pm.

### **Kairos Outside**

Board meeting & Gathering Saturday, 10 Aug from 9am in St Andrew's Rm.

### **Retreat "Pray"**

Retreat Christian Ministries are running their next Retreat "Pray" 9am-3pm on Saturday, 10 August. Has your prayer life as a Christian been an adventure or a struggle? Do you feel guilty about how little time you actually spend praying? During this retreat we will be exploring many different forms of prayer, as well as providing ample opportunities for you to try out some new ways to pray. Register with the Penrose's 6743 2556.

## *Next Week & Beyond*

### **Worship on Sunday, 11 August**

9am Worship service with Mr Paul Turner. Elder: A Ashworth, D: J Bennett, H Fergus, S Perkins; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Insights Magazine. NO Sunday School. Congregational Meeting following worship (financials & profile update). Morning Tea.

### **Congregational Meeting**

Our next congregational meeting will be on Sunday, 11 August following worship. The purpose for the meeting is to receive the financial figures and budget along with the congregational profile to call a new minister.

### **Compassionate Friends**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 August from 10am.

### **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, 16 August.

### **Worship on Sunday, 18 August**

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: P Turner; D: D Cole, H McKenzie, M Partridge, PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Mission Envelopes. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth.

### **Association of Independent Retirees**

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

### **LifeQuip at AgQuip**

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

### **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.

### **Opportunity Shop Anniversary**

Celebrating 42yrs in ministry on 21 August.

### **NENW Presbytery Ethical Ministry Training**

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

### **NENW Presbytery Meeting**

Including PRC on Friday, 23 August at Tamworth Southside then full NENW Presbytery AGM on Saturday from 9am.

### **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.

