

Diary Dates

Sun, 13 9am Worship Service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School.

10am Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch

Mon, 14 4-5am Wheely Bean— Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee H 9:30am One Door Mental Health in St Andrew's Room 10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays 10am KYB in Vestry 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 4pm Weight Watchers DH 5:30pm New V. Dance JH

Tue, 15 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday 9am Assn Ind. Retirees StAR 10am Pres. Bookkeeper 2pm Senior's Getting Together at Village Hall

5pm Weight Watchers DH

Wed, 16 9am Op Shop Working Bee 6pm New Vogue Dance JH

Thu, 17 10am Yoga in Dunn Hall 4pm Church Music Team

Fri, 18 8:30am Weight W. DH 10am Craft Group in StAR

Sat, 19 8am Weight Watchers DH 9am-12noon Op Shop

Sun, 20 9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch 2:30pm Katherine Hamlyn Movies 'A United Kingdom'



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 20 August 2017

8:30am Gowrie—Ms Anna Davidson
 9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright—E:A Ashworth—D: R & M Duns, E Gevert—AV: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart
 9:30am Tamworth Southside—TBA
 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright—Trading Table
 5pm Tamworth Southside—TBA



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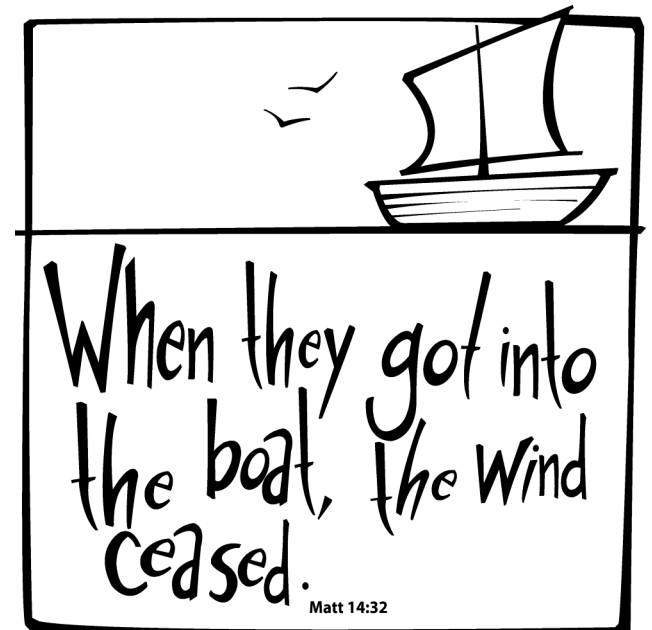
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Sunday, 13 August 2017

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Barry Gillett will be leading Worship. A Congregational Meeting will follow worship today. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Seasons of the Spirit

Jealousy...

Focus scriptures: Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28, Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b, Romans 10:5–15, Matthew 14:22–33.

Take a moment to consider a situation in which you have behaved badly and for which you are not quite reconciled. Take a breath, filling your lungs with fresh air, and then breathe out. Reflect on the words: “God is saving all of us by divine mercy, no exceptions. We are all saved in spite of ourselves, good and bad alike.”

Genesis 37 is the beginning of the story of how the people of Israel end up as slaves in Egypt, before the Exodus and their journey into the Promised Land. This story is not one of noble deeds; indeed it is the opposite. Here is a story of family jealousy and deceit (again). The narrative is remembered in today's psalm as the writer highlights the hardship that Joseph endured before he became the salvation of the people of Israel.

Focus scripture: Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Jacob has twelve sons, they will become the patriarchs of the twelve tribes of Israel. This is the story of Joseph, Jacob's son with his beloved wife, Rachel. It begins with family jealousy, something we might well imagine as we have gotten to know Jacob and his family in previous weeks.



Joseph gives “an ill report” of his brothers to their father. In response, Jacob doesn't defend or stand up for his other sons, rather he shows even more favouritism toward Joseph by giving him a special coat, one with long sleeves (not multi-coloured as a certain musical has it) in a style that suggests royalty. Tensions build further when Joseph tells his brothers about his dreams in which he sees the whole family bowing down to him. Joseph is seen as an upstart, and his dreams are considered

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 4th Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th
Tuesday each month.

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

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

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on Thursdays.

Musicians & Media Set-up: 5:30pm
Fridays.

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

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, sharing the love of Jesus.*

Mission Statements: *To build up
individuals and teams, empowered by
the Holy Spirit, using our spiritual gifts to
serve each other and our community.*

Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 13 Aug—9am Hallsville Service
with Anna Davidson. 11am West
Tamworth Service with Evelyn Keane.

Tue, 15 Aug—10am Memory Lane
Morning Tea at West Tamworth
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet
new friends, singalong, activities, &
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly.

Fri, 18 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Suzanne Holloway

Sun, 20 Aug—8:30am Gowrie Service
with Suzanne Holloway and 11am
West Tamworth Service with Rev
Chris Wright.

Fri, 25 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Meg Mangan

Sun, 27 Aug—8am Hallsville Markets.
8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am
West Tamworth Service with Meg
Mangan.

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 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School, St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, and the Northwest Church.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers upcoming Presbytery PRC Meeting (25th) and Presbytery AGM at Tamworth City (26th). There are a number of key positions to be filled.

Scripture in Schools

Keep in your prayers the Tamworth Secondary Christian Education Teachers from around our High Schools (Andrew Wilcher & Ross Fotheringham—Farrer volunteers, Belinda Gonsalves—Oxley 3 days, Alison Holder—Peel/Manilla 2 days, and Dave Tankard—Tamworth 2 days).

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.

Thank You



Lectionary Readings

Sun	13	Psalm 105:1-22*	Fri	18	Matthew 15:1-9
Mon	14	Genesis 45:1-15*	Sat	19	Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28*
Tue	15	Genesis 48:8-20	Sun	20	Psalm 133*
Wed	16	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*			
Thu	17	Isaiah 56:1-8			

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)

imaginings and not the divine messages they would later be revealed to be.

Joseph's brothers are working as shepherds in an isolated part of Canaan, and Jacob sends Joseph to check on them. With no one around to monitor or witness their actions, the brothers give in to their anger and envy and plan to kill Joseph. Reuben argues against murder, and suggests that Joseph be left in "a pit," a hole dug by shepherds to capture rainwater. The others agree and strip Joseph's coat off him before tossing him into the pit. Reuben's intent was to come back and rescue Joseph but before this can happen Joseph is sold to passing traders and taken to Egypt as a slave. Through this strange salvation, Joseph is now in the place where he will become a saviour to the people of Israel.

Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b proclaims that it was God who sent Joseph to Egypt and gave him the gift of interpreting dreams.

As Joseph is rescued, so are the disciples in **Matthew 14:22–33**. Caught in a storm out on the lake, they experience a strange salvation. They are in fear for their lives when, suddenly, they see Jesus walking across the water toward them. Jesus is amazingly comfortable with the churning water, which, for the Hebrew people, was a symbol of chaos.

In **Romans 10:5–15** Paul reminds us once again that God's saving love is for everyone, and all who hold the word of God in their hearts and proclaim it from their lips are saved. He recalls Isaiah 52:7: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

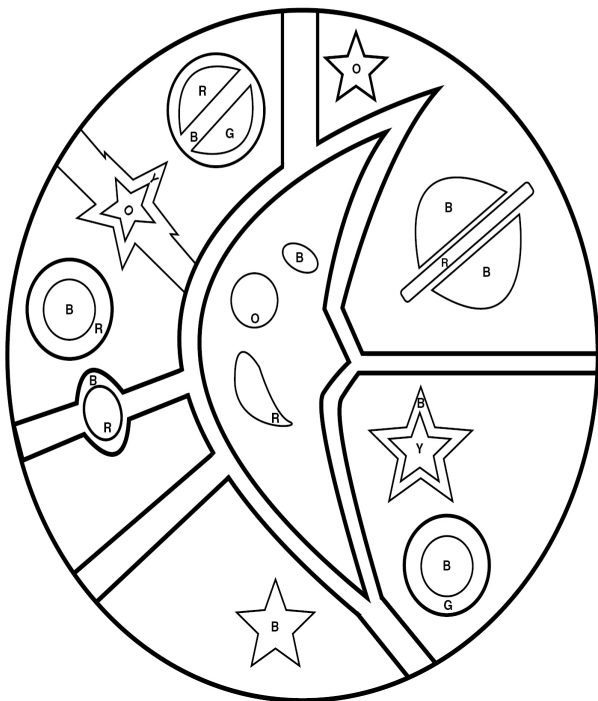


God's persistent presence and goodness to Abraham's descendants continues, despite their behaviour – they continue to show themselves to be so much less than perfect. Once again, we see God use the most unlikely of people to bring about salvation.



Color

- R – Red
- O – Orange
- G – Green
- Y – Yellow
- B – Blue



Word Shapes

Read Psalm 136:3, 7, 9 and put the words from the list at right into the boxes. The number and shape of the boxes are clues.

Word List	lights	O	thanks	who
and	lords	of	the	
endures	love	over	to	
for	made	rule		
forever	moon	stars		
great	night	steadfast		
his				

Answer
O give thanks to the Lord of lords, the most High, who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; for his steadfast love endures forever; for his steadfast love endures forever.

 give **Lord**

for his **love endures** ;

 the ,

 his steadfast **endures forever;**

the **to** **the** ,

for **steadfast love** **forever**

Craft Group

The Craft Group is held on the first and third Friday each month. Bring along your craft and we'll share in some chit chat, morning tea, and get a bit of craft done too. Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891. Next on 1 September.

Lunch & DVD

I think we'll be getting back to normal with our monthly Lunch & DVD on Friday, 1 September at 12noon. Gold coin donation for lunch then watch an old-time DVD. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Private Function

Jubilee Hall Friday/Saturday morning, 1/2 September.

Yoga Fundraiser

St Andrew's Room 8-10am on Saturday, 2 September.

Worship on Sunday, 3 September 2017

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Father's Day. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 10th Congregational Spring Lunch at Dragon Palace
- 16th Hallsville Fellowship 70th Anniversary Reunion
- 17th End of Term Sausage Sizzle & Frontier Services Retiring Offering
- 29th-4th SYNOD Meeting and Installation of Rev Simon Hansford as Moderator

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Op Shop 40th Anniversary

Why not call in and visit the Op Shop on Monday, 21 August to help them celebrate the 40th Anniversary of opening.

LifeQuip @ AgQuip

If you are visiting AgQuip this year on 22-24 August in Gunnedah. Call in and visit the LifeQuip stand for a cuppa and a chat.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

We are hosting the quarterly Presbytery Meeting here at Tamworth City. See the catering team to lend a hand for catering on Saturday, 26 August. We are providing morning and afternoon tea and lunch for our guests. Maybe you'd like to take part in the worship on the Saturday morning at 9am. You could even be a part of the meeting (you won't be able to vote though). This is the AGM for Presbytery.

Worship on Sunday, 27 August 2017

Worship service and two baptisms with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Meals on Wheels

Our next kitchen rostered day will be Tuesday, 29 August from 8am.

Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 10am on Tuesday, 29 August.

CAP Money Budgeting

St Peter's Anglican Church are offering a financial budgeting course commencing Wednesday, 30 August. Contact St Peter's 6765 9304.

AngliCare Anger Management

AngliCare are again offering their Anger Management Course at the Coledale Community Centre. Learn practical ways to manage anger and the underlying issues. Contact AngliCare on 6701 8200 .



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 13 August 2017

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Congregational Meeting

Please note that there will be a Congregational Meeting following worship TODAY. There are two items on the agenda: Financial Report 2016/7 & Budget for 2017/18 and the second item is the extension of tenure for Elders by 1 year. Elders: Judith Archbold, Annabel Ashworth, Peter Battle, Julie Bennett, Judy Carthew, Dianne Cole, Mariette Duns, Rob Duns, Robyn Hely, Margot Hobson, Lloyd Johnston, Barbara McLean, Edna Sheppard, Shirley Weatherall, and Marlene Weick.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship and then the Jubilee Kitchen for lunch.

Insights & Frontier News

August Issues OUT NOW!

Frontier Services Fundraising

You can help the Frontier Services win \$50,000 by voting #1 for Frontier Services for the Aussie Rural Hero Grant. All you need to do is watch our video on the Outback Links trip to Cobar and Vote #1 for Frontier Services at www.aussiefarmersfoundation.org.au/grants/aussie-farmers-rural-hero-grant/ . Entries close tomorrow 14 August. Do it today.

Church Council News

Notes from our meeting on Tuesday night:

- Looking forward to the ministry of Rev. Chris Wright with us here at Tamworth City.
- Repairs to the manse complete.
- Frontier Services Fundraising opportunity (above), vote online.

- Frontier Services Retiring Offering 17 Sept along with Sausage Sizzle.
- We are hosting Presbytery AGM 26 August.
- Sponsoring Korean church for the Fiesta La Peel \$300 (14 Oct).
- Evangelism Committee—Christmas Appeal coming up.
- Fellowship Committee—Dates: 10 Sept Spring Lunch @ Dragon Palace; 17 Sept s/sizzle; 26 Nov Christmas Lunch; and 10 Dec s/sizzle.
- Annual donation to LifeQuip at AgQuip \$150.
- Donation and thank you letter for electrical tagging for op shop \$100.
- 40th Anniversary Report—terrific weekend, thank you all involved, funds to go to Frontier Services \$500 and Christmas Appeal \$2,000.
- Fete Com'tee Report—some new suggestions for 2018 to be considered.
- Thank you's to Rev Tony & Annette Winter for 40th Anniversary celebrations; David Bissett, Suzanne Holloway, Les Rae, Paul Turner, Barry Gillett, Peter Battle, Rev Tony Winter, Rev Jim Furze & Rev Chris for leadership of worship over the past 6 months; and Nicolette Willis extra tasks undertaken on our behalf.
- Air Conditioning in Dunn Hall to be replaced, \$3,300.
- Synod Pathways project update—more details after Synod.
- Application to UNITING to support a Young Families/Community Worker in the Tamworth Cluster awaiting approval.
- Financial report included the budget for 2017/18. It was noted that a small increase in our offerings would help cover the cost of ministry.

This Week's Events

One Door Mental Health

One Door Mental Health will be running a workshop in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays 14 and 21 August from 9:30am-12:30pm. Thank you to the KYB group for meeting in the vestry for these three mornings.

KYB Study Groups

Two groups on Mondays, one at 10am in the Vestry (Betty keys 6766 6624), one at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (Lorraine Turner 6766 6891).

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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 Furze (0401 762 463) or Judy Phillips (0418 662 081).

Church Office

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

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 15 August from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together

Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, 15 August from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Op Shop Working Bee

Help each Wednesday in the Vestry. All helpers welcome. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Come and join us.

Craft Group

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Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 20 August 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room. Rev Chris will be taking the service at West Tamworth.

Katherine Hamlyn Movie Fundraiser

Monthly fundraiser for Katherine Hamlyn Fund will be on Sunday, 20 August from 2:30pm. This month's movie will be "A United Kingdom". All welcome.



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