

Diary Dates

Sun, 27	9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. 2 x Baptisms. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch	6pm New Vogue Dance JH 7pm CAP Money Budgeting at St Peter's Church
Mon, 28	4-5am Wheely Bean— Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee H 10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 4pm Weight Watchers DH 5:30pm New V. Dance JH	Thu, 31 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall 10am AngliCare Anger Management Course 4pm Church Music Team
Tue, 29	8am Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday 10am Pres. Bookkeeper 10am Bereavement Support Group in St Andrew's Room 5pm Weight Watchers DH	Fri, 1 8:30am Weight W. DH 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room 12noon Lunch & DVD in St Andrew's Room
Wed, 30	9am Op Shop Working Bee	Sat, 2 8am Private Function in JH 8am Weight Watchers DH 9am-12noon Op Shop 12noon WW Regional Meeting in Dunn Hall
	Sun, 3 9am Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Father's Day. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch	

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 3 September 2017

8:30am	Gowrie—TBA
9am	Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright (HC)—E:R Duns, J Carthew, M Duns, P Battle—D: M Honeyman, F Kerr, S Perkins—AV: J Phillips, O: R Greer
9:30am	Tamworth Southside—John Nash
11am	West Tamworth—TBA
5pm	Tamworth Southside—John Nash



Sunday, 27 August 2017

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship and the Sacrament of Baptism. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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Other Useful Local

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- **UNITING St Andrew's Village** 1800 864 846 Pastoral Care Practitioner Galina Newcombe 0417 830 662
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Seasons of the Spirit

Defiance...

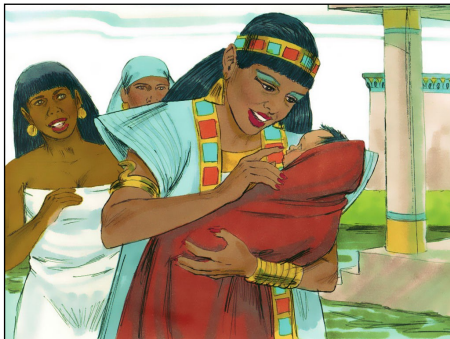
Focus scriptures: Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1–8; and Matthew 16:13–20

Prayer: *God of loving kindness and inspiring courage, we see your vision for just relations between people and nations. Sanctify our hospitality to strangers. Inspire our resistance against oppression. Enable our advocacy. Sustain our struggle. Amen.*

The salvation history of the people of Israel is a long and perilous journey, with many people playing key roles. Today's narrative of salvation comes through the defiance and civil disobedience of women who stand firmly for truth in the face of violence, threats, and terrible adversity; and through a bold fisherman who opposes the authorities and claims that the one he follows is the Messiah. This defiance does not come from malevolence, self-amusement, or the need to manipulate and gain power over. Rather it comes from compassion, the need to act for justice, and the understanding that God defies societal conditions and restrictions that dictate who is or isn't worthy of salvation and saves us all.

Focus scripture: Exodus 1:8—2:10

As we move to the book of Exodus, we hear that there is a new pharaoh in Egypt who does not know Joseph. Genesis finished with an account of Joseph's death and the promise that God would bring the Israelites out of Egypt into the land promised to their ancestors. This change in the narrative intuitively tells us that the people of Israel are about to be on the move again.



Pharaoh notices the Hebrew people have grown in power and number. In order to stop them becoming a military force and forming an alliance with potential enemies, he forces them into hard labour. But the Israelites are tenacious: "the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites" (v. 12).

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 3rd 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.

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

Fri, 25 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Patrick Johnston

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

Fri, 1 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with TBA.

Sun, 3 Sept—8:30am Gowrie HC
Service and 11am West Tamworth
Service with TBA. Lunch to follow.

Tue, 5 Sept—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, 8 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with TBA.

Sun, 10 Sept—9am Hallsville HC
Service and 11am West Tamworth
Service with TBA.

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

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.

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.

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).

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.

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting



Lectionary Readings

Sun	27	Psalm 124*	Fri	1	Matthew 16:21-28*
Mon	28	Exodus 2:11-22	Sat	2	Matthew 18:1-14
Tue	29	Exodus 2:23-25	Sun	3	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26,
Wed	30	Exodus 3:1-15*			45c*
Thu	31	Romans 12:9-21*			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)

Pharaoh's next attempts are akin to genocide. He charges the midwives Shiphrah and Puah to kill all new born Hebrew males. But these feisty women outmanoeuvre him (they appear to have inherited a capacity for trickery from their forebear Jacob) and the Hebrew people continue to thrive. Pharaoh then orders that all male Hebrew children are to be thrown into the Nile. It is this story that introduces us to Moses. Three women – Moses' mother; his sister, Miriam; and Pharaoh's daughter – show courage and canny intelligence in bringing about the salvation of the one who will deliver Israel from slavery.

This passage highlights the indomitable spirit of the Israelites as they endure the worst that Pharaoh could do. This is the same spirit that is evoked in **Matthew 16:13–20** when Jesus declares that a fisherman will be the rock on which the church is built, and that "death itself will not have any power over it" (v. 18, *Common English Bible*). It is a kind of defiance and we hear it echoed in **Romans 12:1–8** when Paul implores the church not to be conformed to the world, but to "be transformed by the renewing of your minds."

Psalm 124, with its militaristic language, can be off-putting, but essentially it is a song of bold thanksgiving, for God has stood by the people and delivered them from danger. It also has a touch of defiance to it. It reflects the nature of the patriarchs and matriarchs who have withstood all manner of challenges in the biblical narrative that we have engaged with throughout Pentecost 1. Concluding, triumphantly "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (v. 8); a phrase that circles us back to where this season began, Genesis 1 – God forming the world through an act of love.

Jesus – Messiah – Son of God – The Christ – Saviour

In the stories we have been following the last few weeks, we have seen God at work in the lives and circumstances faced by God's people. In new circumstances, in a land distant from the one promised to Abraham, in a place where God's promises and deeds are remembered only by a few, the question arises; can God still work for good? God *does* still work for good. The events that led up to the grand exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt were brought about by common people, defiant midwives, a courageous mother, a vigilant sister, and a compassionate princess. What does the story of these women teach us about the nature of God and about the purpose of Christ's church?

Symbols

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

1. Across



4. Across



6. Across



8. Across



1. Down



2. Down



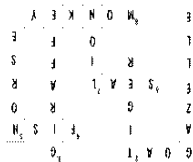
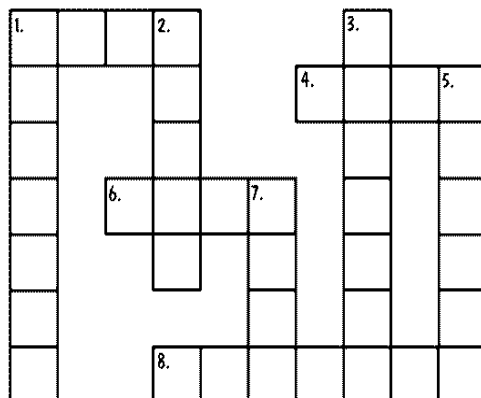
3. Down



5. Down



7. Down



Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 24th Choral Society—Songs to Die For 2:30pm
- 22nd School Term 3 ends.
- 29th-4th SYNOD Meeting and Installation of Rev. Simon Hansford as Moderator.
- 14th Oct Fiesta la Peel—multicultural festival in Peel Street

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee, 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.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley Uniting Churches, the Hope of Glory Church, the Carinya Christian School, the Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, and the C3 Church.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the congregations across our Presbytery seeking ministry placements including Narrabri/Moree, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley.

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).

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strike. You can help. \$1 invested in disaster preparation saves \$15 in recovery efforts later. Donate now to support this life-saving work in the Pacific: www.unitingworld.org.au/disasterpreparation

Watch: "It was all black..." A man describes taking shelter in the eye of Cyclone Winston, which levelled his home in Fiji <https://vimeo.com/230236446>

St Peter's Men's Dinner

Men are invited to hear Henry Olonga, South African Cricketer, at the St Peter's Men's Dinner on Thursday, 14 September from 6:30pm in the Calrossy School Auditorium. Blood, sweat, treason & reason—a fundraising evening for Syrian Refugees through Anglican Aid. Cost \$40/head. RSVP to St Peter's on 6765 9304 by 7 September.

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 15 September.

AngliCare Listening Skills

AngliCare are again offering their Listening Skills Course at the College of Counselling, 34 Denne Street on Saturday, 16 September. Learn how to listen more effectively and thereby improve relationships with others. Learn skills to enable another person to unravel all they need to. Contact AngliCare on 6762 0844 .

Hallsville United Fellowship Reunion

70yr Reunion of the Hallsville United Fellowship on Saturday, 16 September 2017 at Hallsville Uniting Church 11:30 for 12noon. Bring a plate (finger food/sandwiches/slices, etc). Plus your memories, photos and stories to share! RSVP and enquiries to Shirley & Max Whitten max.shirley@bigpond.com or 6762 4215 or to Pat & Ray Pryor prpryor@bigpond.com or 6760 7339.

Worship on Sunday, 17 September 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Retiring Offering for Frontier Services. End of term Sausage Sizzle & Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room. 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.



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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.

Korean Reborn Church

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

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Thank you everyone for your assistance in helping to provide for our Presbytery AGM yesterday.

This Week's Events

KYB Study Groups

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

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).

Meals on Wheels

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

Church Office

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

Bereavement Support Group

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



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.

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 .

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.

Weight Watcher's Regional Meeting

Held in the Dunn Hall on Saturday, 2 September from 12noon until 3pm.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

Adult Fellowship

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 5 September from 9:30am for morning tea. After the meeting we are having lunch at Connections. Everyone's welcome to join us.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 September from 7pm.

Aged Care Services

Mr Peter Battle will be leading the Aged Care HC Services on Wednesday, 6 September from 10:15am at McKay and then at Alblas lodge. All helpers and singers most welcome.

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on WEDNESDAY (note day change), 6 September from 4pm.

Rural Home Nursing

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 7 September 9am-4pm.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 8 September from 10am with Rev Chris Wright at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Please contact Barbara McLean for transport.

Worship on Sunday, 10 September 2017

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

Congregational Spring Lunch

Please join us at the Dragon Palace for our Spring Lunch following worship on Sunday, 10 September. Numbers to Rob and Mariette Duns (6766 9909) by Sunday, 3 September please.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 13 September from 10am.