

Diary Dates

<p>Sun, 6 9am Worship Service & Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle & Mr Barry Gillett. Morning Tea. 11:30am <i>Korean Reborn Church service & lunch</i></p> <p>Mon, 7 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</p> <p>Tue, 8 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday 10am Pres. Bookkeeper 5pm Weight Watchers DH 7:30pm Church Council in St Andrew's Room</p> <p>Wed, 9 9am Op Shop Working Bee</p>	<p>10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Room 6pm New Vogue Dance JH</p> <p>Thu, 10 10am Yoga in Dunn Hall 4pm Church Music Team</p> <p>Fri, 11 8:30am Weight W. DH 10am UNITING St Andrew's Senior's Communion Service in the Community Hall 5pm Shine Women's Conference in Town Hall</p> <p>Sat, 12 8am Weight Watchers DH 9am-12noon Op Shop 2pm Induction Service for Rev Chris Wright in Church followed by afternoon tea</p> <p>Sun, 13 9am Worship Service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 10am Congregational Meeting 11:30am <i>Korean Reborn Church service & lunch</i></p>
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 13 August 2017

- 9am Tamworth City—Mr Barry Gillett—E:TBA—D: TBA J Bennett, J Crosling—AV: J Phillips, O: R Richardson
- 9am Hallsville—Ms Anna Davidson
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside—TBA
- 11am West Tamworth—Ms Evelyn Keane
- 5pm Tamworth Southside—TBA



Sunday, 6 August 2017

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Peter Battle and Mr Barry Gillett will be leading Worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea after worship.

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Seasons of the Spirit

Struggle...

Focus scriptures: Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 15; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21.

Loving God, hold me as I struggle through my life. Remind me always of your generosity and care. Amen.

Jacob's life has fluctuated between contentment and struggle, and most likely everything in-between. In this strange story in which Jacob wrestles with God, we see the tenacity with which he holds on to God, and God continuing to keep covenant with Abraham's descendants.

Focus scripture: Genesis 32:22–31

We miss the story of Jacob's life in Haran as we move from last week's reading to today's, but in short, after his son Joseph is born, Jacob hears God's voice telling him to return home to Canaan. As is typical in this narrative, this doesn't happen without intrigue and there is a lot of back-and-forth between Jacob and Laban, as Jacob reveals his intention to leave and prepares to do so. In the end there is reconciliation between them and Jacob and his family travel toward Canaan in peace.

As **Genesis 32** begins, Jacob is near the border of his homeland and preparing to meet his brother Esau. He is rightfully fearful of how he will be received, so he sends messengers to Esau with gifts and words of peace. They come back with the news that Esau is coming to meet them with four hundred men. Jacob divides his entourage into two groups, and sends them in different directions, so if Esau and his men devastate one group, the other may survive unharmed. He then sends additional peace offerings to Esau with the hope that they appease him and banish thoughts of vengeance and destruction.

That evening, Jacob sends his wives and children to safety; he remains alone on the way to Canaan. In the dark he encounters a stranger with

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

Fri, 4 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Meg Mangan

Sun, 6 Aug—8:30am Gowrie HC
Service and 11am West Tamworth
Service HC with Meg Mangan. Lunch
to follow West Service.

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.

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

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. They are happy to order in special requirements. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

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.

Key Audit

We are doing an audit of keys to the buildings here at Tamworth City. Please check with the office about your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need any longer.

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.

Stamp Collecting News

Keep in mind that the stamps you receive today, our customers are anxious to buy tomorrow at the Synod Stamp Committee sales. Keep them coming in, leave them at the church office for trimming and sorting.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	6	Psalm 17:1-7, 15*	Fri	11	1 Kings 19:9-18
Mon	7	Genesis 35	Sat	12	Matthew 14:22-36
Tue	8	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*	Sun	13	Psalm 105:1-22*
Wed	9	Romans 10:5-15*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)		
Thu	10	Romans 10:16-21			

whom he wrestles. Jacob appears to be outmatched but does not give in. He is injured in his thigh, yet they still wrestle. Near daybreak Jacob demands a blessing and the name of the one with whom he has struggled. He is given no name but receives a blessing. We discover Jacob has been wrestling with God when God gives him the name Israel. Jacob calls the place *Penu'el*, meaning "face of God" for he has had a "face-to-face" confrontation with God. This is an extraordinary event for ancient Hebrew people believed that to see God face to face would bring death (Exodus 33:20).



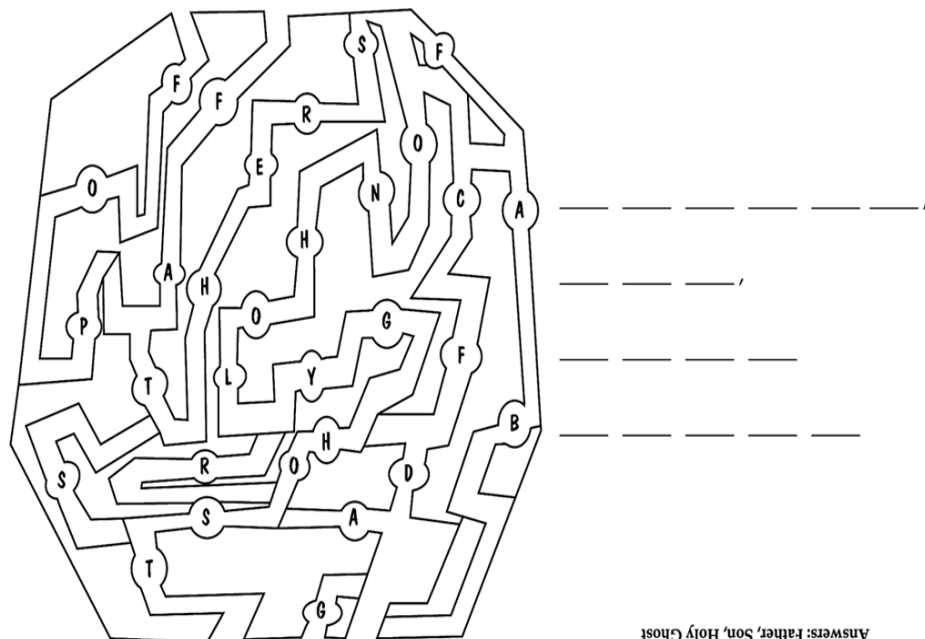
In **Psalm 17:1–7, 15**, the writer is letting God know that the people are angry, they are suffering an injustice and they are expecting God to listen to their grievances. There is a built-in understanding that God is big enough to take this anger and frustration and that ultimately justice will come through God's everlasting mercy. Paul longs for all of those who share his heritage to know the blessing of Christ in **Romans 9:1–5**. The well-known story of Jesus feeding the five thousand in **Matthew 14:13–21** shows his compassion as he insists that the crowd be fed. Meagre rations turn into an abundant feast when blessed.



Rarely do we encounter a story in which a person's struggle with God is so plainly told as that of Jacob wrestling with God at Penu'el. Rarely do we encounter a story that so clearly illustrates God's generosity as that of the feeding of the crowd in Matthew 14. Rarely do we read a text that berates God like the psalmist does in Psalm 17. These texts are gifts to us because they give us the freedom to know that we can struggle with God and wrestle with faith without fear or guilt. God's generosity does not depend on our good behaviour. Rather God is present in all of life's circumstances – good and bad and everything in-between.

A-maze-ing!

Find a path that takes you from one side of the maze to the other. As you go through the maze, write down the letters in the blanks to the right to discover three names for God.



Answers: Father, Son, Holy Ghost

Names for God

The Bible uses many different words to describe what God is like. To discover some of these, write in the blank the letter that comes *before* this letter in the alphabet. For example, if "B" is below the blank, write an "A" in the blank.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

D S F B U P S

G B U I F S

N P U I F S

G S J F O E

T P O

D P N G P S U F S

T B W J P S

X J T E P N

I P M Z T Q J S J U

Answers:
Creator
Father
Mother
Friend
Son
Comforter
Savior
Wisdom
Holy Spirit

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union Activities, St John's Anglican Church, the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church and the Hospital Chaplain.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers upcoming Presbytery events including Induction Service for Rev Chris Wright (12th), PRC Meeting (25th) and Presbytery Meeting at Tamworth City (26th). And celebrate with Armidale as Rev Joanne Smalbil will fill their placement from 1 November (proposed induction service 11 November).

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.

Maintenance Items

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.

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.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 3rd Father's Day
- 10th Congregational Spring Lunch at Dragon Palace
- 16th Hallsville Fellowship 70th Anniversary Reunion
- 17th End of Term Sausage Sizzle
- 29th-4th SYNOD Meeting and Installation of Rev Simon Hansford as Moderator

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 Oceania in your prayers this week.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 6 August 2017

Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle & Mr Barry Gillett. NO 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.

Out Now

Our quarterly News & Views magazine OUT NOW. Only \$4 a copy.

Well Done

Everyone's been busy making, selling and buying! The Trading Table has donated another \$500 this month.

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 7, 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 meeting on Mondays, one at 10am in the Vestry (contact Betty keys 6766 6624), one at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (contact 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).



Church Office

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

Tamworth City Church Council Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 8 August from 7:30pm.

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.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 9 August from 10am.

Senior's Communion Service

Our monthly Senior's Communion Service will be held on Friday, 11 August from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Rev Mark Armstrong from the Presbyterian Church will be leading. For transport contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Shine Women's Conference

August 11 and 12 in the Tamworth Town Hall. This year's theme 'Here as in Heaven'. Cost \$50 . Friday 7-9:30pm, Saturday 9am-4:30pm. All welcome. Register at shineconference.com.au .

Induction Service—Rev Chris Wright

Come one, come all to the Service of Induction for Rev Chris Wright at Tamworth City Uniting Church on Saturday, 12 August 2pm. A time of celebration for our congregation welcoming Rev Chris Wright and his wife Robyn. Afternoon tea will follow. Let the fellowship team know if you can bring along a slice/cake or sandwiches.



Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 13 August 2017

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

Congregational Meeting

Please note that there will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, 13 August. 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.

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.

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 18 August.

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.

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.