

Diary Dates

Sun, 9	9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School & Youth Vision presentations. Sausage Sizzle Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn		2pm Advent Study in WslyR 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 6pm Compassionate Friends Remembrance Service in Church and St Andrew's Rm 6pm Meditation Service in Dunn Hall
Mon, 10	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am UNITING Support StAR 5pm Carols in the Corridors at Tamworth Hospital 5:30pm Dance Grp in JH	Thu, 13	7pm Advent Study in WslyR 8:30am Early Risers Prayer 10am Stepping Stones St AR 4:30pm Worship Music 7pm Church Council AGM in St Andrew's Room
Tue, 11	9am-2pm Church Office T-F 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 10am Rainbow Cottage Rehearsals Jubilee Hall 4:30pm Property C'tee StAR 6pm Rainbow Cottage Presentation in Jubilee H	Fri, 14	7am Paving 10am Seniors Communion at the Village Hall 6pm Carols on the Grass at Southside
Wed, 12	9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Compassionate Friends in St A Room	Sat, 15	9am-12noon Op Shop
		Sun, 16	9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 16 December 2018—Advent 3

9am	Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright (occasional choir), E: J Dezius, D: N Dezius, W Townsend, B Mills; O: R Cathcart, PP: J Carthew
9:30am	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright. Trading Table
5pm	Tamworth Southside Service

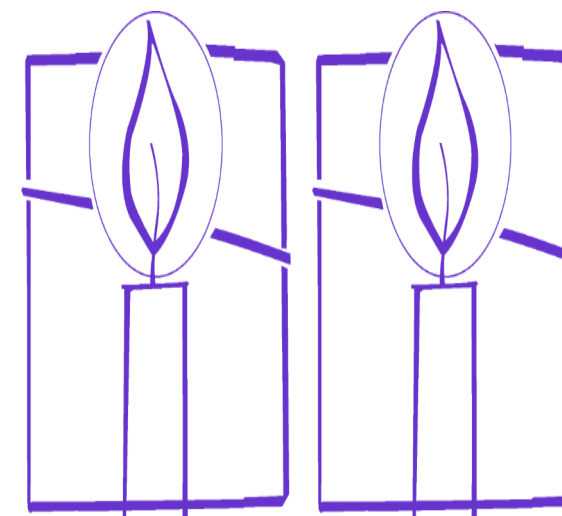


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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading our service including Children's Presentation & Youth Vision. Please stay for a chat and sausage sizzle morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



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- **UNITING Rainbow Cottage** 6766 7655 Sharn Mason "Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 1

Advent Study Three

The Advent of Christ: - Peace

The peace of Christmas, proclaimed by the heavenly chorus, is one of God's greatest gifts to mankind. "God was reconciling the world unto Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). This message of reconciliation involves us on three different levels: peace with God, peace with our fellowman, and peace within ourselves.

Matthew 2:1-23

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

⁹After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC **Carols on the Grass:** Friday, 14 3rd Sunday. December from 6pm.

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.

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside UC

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, 9 Dec—11am West Tamworth Service and AGM resumes.

Sun, 16 Dec—11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright. resumes.

Sun, 23 Dec—9am Baptism Service at Hallsville and 11am Service at West Tamworth

Tue, 25 Dec—9am Christmas Worship at Hallsville with Rev Henry Swinton

Sun, 20 Jan—Peel Valley Country Gospel Breakfast at Hallsville.

Sun, 27 Jan—West Tamworth Service

Sun, 10 Feb—Gowrie Service resumes.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

Our Goal "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

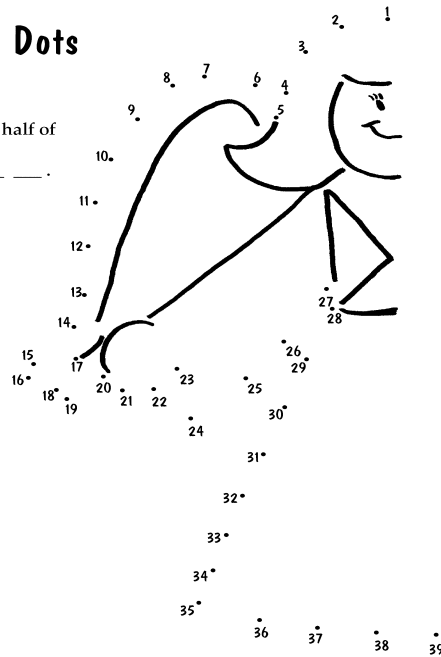
Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"



Connect the Dots

Connect the dots.

Then draw the other half of this _____.



Angels

Here are some Bible verses that tell us some things that angels have done and can do for us. Can you match the verse and action?

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| 1. Heb 1:14 | a. gave directions to Peter |
| 2. Luke 1:11-20 | b. rolled back the stone |
| 3. Acts 12:7-10 | c. gave instruction to Philip |
| 4. Mat 2:13 | d. spirits in divine service |
| 5. Luke 22:43 | e. appeared as strangers to whom we should show hospitality |
| 6. Mat 28:2 | f. brought good news to Zechariah |
| 7. Acts 8:26 | g. appeared to Jesus and gave him strength |
| 8. Heb 13:2 | h. guard us and bear us up |
| 9. Ps 91:11-12 | i. appeared to Joseph in a dream |

Answers:
1.d 4.i 7.c
2.f 3.e 8.g
3.a 6.b 9.h

Lectionary Readings

Sun 9	Luke 1:68-79*	Fri 14	Philippians 4:4-7*
Mon 10	Malachi 3:13-18, 4:1-6	Sat 15	Luke 3:7-18*
Tue 11	Zephaniah 1:14-18	Sun 16	Isaiah 12:1-6*
Wed 12	Zephaniah 3:14-20*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 13	Revelation 3:7-13		

presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

¹³Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

¹⁶Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

¹⁷Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she refused to be comforted, Because they were no more."

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go

into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." ²¹So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³and



came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Luke 2:40

⁴⁰The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

- 1) The prophecy of the Messiah in Micah 5:5 says, "This one will be our peace." In what ways has Christ already fulfilled this prophecy (Ephesians 2:11-22)?
How will His reign as King fulfil it in the future?

- 2) Why would Herod and all Jerusalem with him be troubled upon hearing the Magi tell them of the One born King of the Jews (2:1-3)?

- 3) What do you think Matthew's purpose was in including this account of the Gentile wise men who came to seek out the King of the Jews? Compare their actions to the response of the Jewish king at the time, Herod.

- 4) Spend some time thanking God for the reconciliation that you now have with Him through the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ. Also thank Him for the peace that He will bring about in the future when His Redeemer and King returns to earth.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Phone 1300 881 826.

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.

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).

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.

Line Dancing

The Locomotive Line Dancers will be hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon.

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.

Stamp Collecting News

Demand for \$1 stamps far exceeds supply at present. Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. 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/sorting.

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.

Library

We have a library of books/DVDs in the Vestry. Do you have any you no longer require of a religious nature to donate to our Library? Maybe you'd like to borrow a book. Talk to Peter Battle 6766 7455.

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

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.

- 5) Read Philippians 4:4-9 and John 14:27. Meditate on and write down some of the ways God has brought peace both to this world and to you in your relationship with God the Father through His Redeemer and King, Jesus Christ.



- 6) Think of someone you know who does not have peace with God through Christ. How can you use this Christmas season to approach them with the Gospel?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 9 December

Advent 2 Worship service, Children's presentation and Youth Vision support with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Christmas Appeal Food Hamper. Sausage Sizzle and Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Plumbing/Path

We have been advised that the paving will take place on Friday, 14 December. Please use the Jubilee Hall side entrance to St Andrew's Room (or come through the office) or back doors in the meantime. Thank you.

Farmer Care Packages

We continue to work with 'Doing it for our Farmers' and Rural Aid to bring support and assistance to farmers in need. Special Christmas hampers will be delivered to share our prayers and care.

2018 Christmas Appeal

How can I help? Make a donation of cash, food, presents, sticky tape, or wrapping paper. Offer to wrap some boxes. Let Edna and Fran know that you can help with the wrapping, packing and stacking in the week prior to Christmas. There's something for everyone to do. You might know someone who's doing it tough this Christmas. You can nominate someone for a hamper too.

This Week's Events

UNITING—Support Group

UNITING support group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care. Continuing for another year.



Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committees. Special mention in your prayers for our Christmas Appeal and Drought Relief activities. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the St John's Anglican Church, the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church, Liberty Church and Calrossy School activities in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We give thanks for rain across our Presbytery and continue to pray for more. Encouragement for those congregations reaching out to their communities during this Christmas Season. Our preaching workshop in February 2019 (mentioned elsewhere in the notice sheet).

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. In recess now until 2019. Donations still 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.



Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 18 December from 8am.

Christmas Appeal

Help out by coming on Tuesday 18th to make up hampers, Wednesday 19th to help sort presents or Friday 21st to help in collection.

Worship on Sunday, 23 December

Advent 4 Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: A Ashworth, Door: G Chaffey, H McKenzie, S Hardin, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Geer. Christmas Cake for Morning Tea.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5pm Carol Crawl

7:30pm Christmas Eve worship with Rev Chris Wright

Christmas Day: 8am Christmas Day worship with Rev Chris Wright

Worship on Sunday, 30 December

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: W Standen, Door: R & P Pryor, Org: R Geer. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates

- Offices closes between Christmas & New Year reopening 2 January
- January worship 9am followed by light morning tea
- 7-12 January SU Chaffey Camp
- Office Closed 8-21 January
- Country Music SU tent 22 January

The World of Jesus & Us—preaching workshop

The NENW Presbytery are pleased to invite you to their annual Preaching Workshop on 1/2 February 2019 at Tamworth Southside. This year we have Rev Bill Loader leading us. The theme is The World of Jesus & Us—Poles apart, but connected at the core. All sessions are open to everyone. Registration forms are available on the back table or see Nicolette in the office if you'd like to register to attend any of the sessions. Bill has spent 40yrs serving in the Perth Theological Hall at Murdoch University. He has much to share.



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). We will be closing on Friday, 21 December and only opening limited hours until Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

Carols in the Corridors

Meet at the Chapel at 5pm and share some carols in the corridors of Tamworth Base Hospital, Monday, 10 December.

Church Office

Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All hall bookings through the office please. Thank you, Nicolette.

Rainbow Cottage Rehearsals & Concert

10am-12noon Tuesday, 11 Dec in preparation for their concert at 5:30pm.

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.

Compassionate Friends

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



Second Sunday of Advent

Creating peace through education

Through your Christmas Bowl gift, you can give more children like Sadia the chance to go to school, escape poverty and create peaceful, productive lives. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101
VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

Advent Study Groups

Rev Chris will be leading Advent Study Groups again this year for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Studies will be printed in the notice sheet from next week for you to join in. Groups will be held at 2pm and 7pm on Wednesdays 12 and 19 Dec in the Wesley Room (Chris' office). Everyone is welcome to join in.

Compassionate Friends Remembrance Service

We are hosting the annual Compassionate Friends Remembrance Service on Wednesday, 12 December from 6pm in the Church followed by a light supper in the St Andrew's Room.

Meditation Service

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm in Dunn Hall this week (thank you).

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 on Thursdays. Mariette Duns is helping out this week. Everyone's welcome to call in on Thursday, 13th December for our Christmas Farewell.

Occasional Choir

Practise on Thursday, 13 December from 4:30pm in the church. We will be singing "the Calypso Carol" on Sunday, 16 December. All singers welcome.

Church Council Meeting

We will hold our last Church Council meeting for the year on Thursday, 13 December from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room including our AGM.

Paving—St Andrew's Room

Re-paving the entrance to St Andrew's Room will take place on Friday, 14 December from 7am.



Senior's Communion

Friday, 14 December will be our last Senior's Communion for 2018. Please join us in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall from 10am. Rev Henry Swindon will be leading us. Contact Barb McLean if you need a lift 6766 4039.

Carols on the Grass at Southside

Everyone is invited to join in the Carols on the Grass at Southside Uniting Church on Friday, 14 December from 6pm. Free sausage sizzle, candles and supper. The story of Jesus birth, Christmas band, Carol singing and the Southside Men's Choir. A great night for the family. BYO Chair/Blanket.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 16 December

Advent 3 Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Dezius, Door: N Dezius, W Townsend, B Mills, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Occasional Choir. Christmas Appeal Food Hamper. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Christmas Blessings from the Uniting Churches in Tamworth

*Merry Christmas from the Uniting Churches in
Tamworth. We extend a warm welcome to you to
worship with us:*

Tamworth City (Cnr Marius & Bourke Sts)

Christmas Eve 7:30pm
Christmas Day 8am

Tamworth Southside (Op Golden Guitar)

Carols on the Grass 6pm Friday, 14 December
Christmas Eve 11:30pm
Christmas Day 8am

Peel Valley

Christmas Day 9am Hallsville (Manilla Rd)

