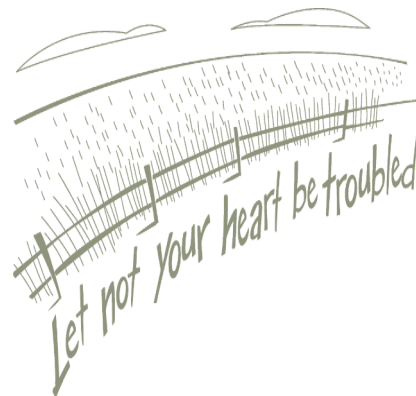


## Diary Dates

<b>Sun, 10</b>	<b>9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Morning tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn</b>		4:30pm Worship Music 5pm Aikido Karate in JHall 7pm Church Council meeting in St Andrew's Room
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<b>Tue, 12</b>	8am Meals on Wheels 9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 4:30pm Property C'tee StAR	<b>Sat, 16</b>	9am-12noon Op Shop
<b>Wed, 13</b>	9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Rm 6pm New Vogue in JHall 6pm Meditation in Chapel	<b>Sun, 17</b>	<b>9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Henry Swindon. Morning tea. 11am West Tamworth with Rev Henry Swindon 11:30am Korean Reborn</b>
<b>Thu, 14</b>	8:30am Prayer in Wesley Rm 9:30am Stepping Stones in Dunn Hall 9:30am Yoga in St AR 9:30am Aged Care Service at Cottage Homes		



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 17 February Epiphany Wk 6

9am	Tamworth City with Rev Henry Swindon, E: M Weick, D: M Cupitt, S Hardin, F Kerr, PP: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart.
9:30am	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service with Rev Henry Swindon. Trading Table
5pm	Tamworth Southside Dinner Church



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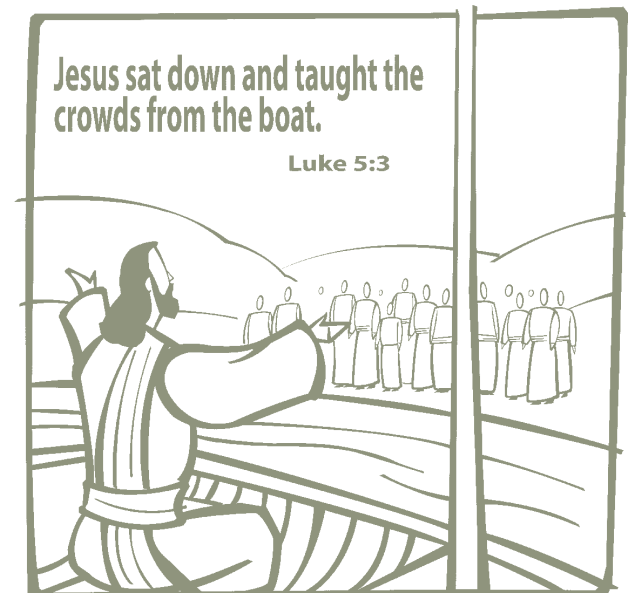
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## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading our service. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



# Seasons of the Spirit

## Focus Scripture

Luke 5:1–11; Additional scriptures: Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13); Psalm 138; and 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

## Prayer

O Majesty and Mercy, open us to wonder that we may be surprised by the greatness that awaits us in the smallest bud, the earliest sunrise, or the unexpected invitation from a neighbour. Let us always be expected to find your love incarnating among us in new ways. Amen.

Faith is the refusal to underestimate God. The world can be a difficult place. It is understandable that we lean into our survival instincts and work from our strengths most of the time. But the passages today remind us that God is always present, breaking in to shelter us, feed us, and show us glory

## Reflection

Luke 5:1–11 When was the last time, you were amazed? What would it take to amaze you?

When Simon Peter sees the number of fish caught in an area of the lake not known for its bounty, he and all who were with him “were amazed at the catch they had taken.”

Simon had been a fisher all his life. Jesus was a carpenter, a teacher, and a healer. Fishing was not his trade. And yet, at Jesus’ recommendation, Simon and the rest of the crew were able to fill their boats in a few hours with as many fish as they would have in a week or more. How did Jesus know?

Simon’s first reaction is to turn surprise not to joy but to shame. He starts to question himself. He says he is unworthy. Rather than celebrate that through his connection to Jesus, he was able to be better at his trade than before.

Simon buckled under the expectations that had come with the public service of travelling with Jesus, teaching others and feeding them when necessary. Peter tried to retreat on account of his sins.

But Jesus invites Simon Peter and the sons of Zebedee’s into the fullness of who God made them to be. Jesus does not rebuke Simon for his inadequacies as a fisher nor his character flaws as a sinner. Instead, Jesus invites him to draw on his gifts in surprising ways. *Come, be yourself but in a*

# Southside Scene

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

**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.

[www.tamworthsouthside.org.au](http://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, 10 Feb**—8:30am Gowrie Services resume. 11am West Tamworth HC Services with Rev Henry Swindon.

**Thu, 14 Feb**—2:30pm Study Group at West Tamworth.

**Fri, 15 Feb**—Hallsville Friday Family Church from 6pm with Meg Mangan

**Sun, 17 Feb**—11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Henry Swindon. Trading Table.

**Tue, 19 Feb**—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

## 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”*

Pastor Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

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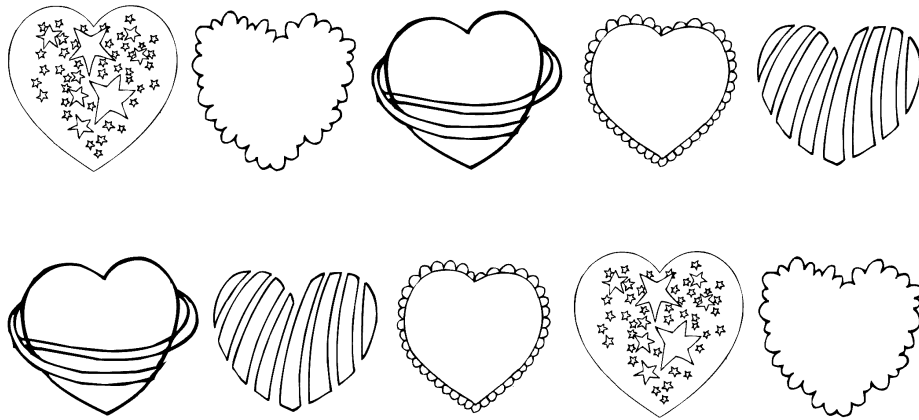
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders:



# Matching Hearts

Draw a line from the heart in the top row to its match in the bottom row.



# Proverbs Puzzle

Fill in the blanks below to find out what it says in Proverbs 13:1. Using the chart at right, go across from the symbol and down from the number to find the correct letter.

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Proverbs 13:1

Answer: A wise child loves discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

# Lectionary Readings

Sun 10	Psalm 138*	Fri 15	Luke 5:33-39
Mon 11	Jeremiah 17:5-10*	Sat 16	Luke 6:17-26*
Tue 12	Isaiah 44:1-8	Sun 17	Psalm 1*
Wed 13	1 Corinthians 15:12-20*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 14	Luke 5:12-16		

different way. Simon Peter's inclination is to proclaim belief in Jesus because of the miracles he saw Jesus perform and then to hold himself to the same performance standards. Jesus says this is fear, not faith. Believing in Jesus shouldn't mean not believing in yourself. Jesus wants followers who are empowered by their relationship with a loving God to live more fully who we were expected to be and to be surprised by the manifold results.

God awes the prophet Isaiah in a similar way in **Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)**. God takes Isaiah by surprise, with angels and pyrotechnics before calling him to be a prophet. The capacity for awe and the ability to accept the unexpected are key elements to the job. "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Only when we allow God to be great enough to surprise us can we turn from being stuck in our own minds and ways to "turn and be healed."

One aspect of God that should never surprise us is God's steadfastness according to **Psalm 138**. God is always there even in times of our trial. We can "walk in the midst of trouble," but not feel troubled for God's hand is on us.

In **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**, Paul continues the thread of self-questioning by those called to bear witness to the remarkable acts of God in his letter to Corinth. Paul vacillates between self-deprecation and self-justification as he tries to explain how he came to be a disciple of Christ despite his late birth, history of persecuting the church, and his lateness in witnessing the Resurrection. But one message is clear, "the grace of God that is with me" keeps Paul on his toes.

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Approaching life with the willingness to be surprised is a spiritual practice. We often think we know the results. When we believe we can predict the outcome, we start to underestimate ourselves, judge others and withdraw our faith from God. Sometimes, God asks us to be open to the possibilities, to take another look, and to try again. Like a boat full of fish or a calling to help out a new church or a city, multitudes await us.



# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 10 February

Epiphany Wk5 Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## 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. Currently we are looking at helping farmer's children get ready to go back to school.

# 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. Recommencing Monday, 4 February.

## 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. Next Monday, 4 February.

## New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 5:30pm– 8pm Mondays and 6pm-9:30pm on Wednesdays. Recommencing 4 February.

## Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next monthly Kitchen Roster for Meal son Wheels in Tuesday, 12 February from 8am. We are looking for a new coordinator. Talk to Rev Chris.

# Maintenance Items

## 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.

## New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 5:30pm– 8pm Mondays and 6pm-9:30pm on Wednesdays.

## Aikido Karate

Meeting in our Jubilee Hall on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm.

## 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 your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need

# 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.

## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands in your prayers this week.

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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

## Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for rain. With dams now at their lowest in many years, we keep those struggling through the drought in our prayers. Our upcoming meeting on 23 February in Glen Innes.

## Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who 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.



## Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. All hall bookings to be made via the office please. *Nicolette*.

## Line Dancing

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

## Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 12 February from 4pm.

## 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, 13 February from 10am.

## Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh will recommence on Wednesday, 6 February from 6pm.

## Early Risers Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am. Recommencing 7 February.

## Stepping Stones Play Group

Having kids is a wonderful blessing, but it's also hard work! You're on the go 24/7 and often we forget to make time for ourselves. Stepping Stones is not just a play group where the kids can come and play. It's a chance for you to connect with others who are experiencing the same ups and downs as you, to be supported, encouraged and cared for. Join us at Tamworth City Uniting Church from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall (our new home). Or at Tamworth Southside on Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

## Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday mornings from 10am.

### **Aged Care Service**

Rev Chris Wright will be leading the monthly Aged Care Service at Cottage Homes on the second Thursday from 9:30am. First one on 14 February.

### **Aidido Karate**

We have a new Jubilee Hall hirer on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm.

### **Church Council Meeting**

Our first Church Council meeting for 2019 will be held on Thursday, 14 February from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **Social Craft Group**

The ladies who used to meet for weight watchers are now using the Dunn Hall on a Friday morning from 8:30-11am for a social craft group each week.

### **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, 15 February.

### **Rev Chris Wright Leave**

Rev Chris will be taking leave from 16 February until 4 March. We pray for him a restful time. Thank you to Rev Henry Swindon, who will cover pastoral and worship on 17 February. Also to our lay preachers, Peter Battle and Barry Gillett, helping with other services.

## *Next Week & Beyond*

### **Worship on Sunday, 17 February**

Epiphany Wk6 Worship service with Rev Henry Swindon at 9am. Elder: M Weick, D: M Cupitt, S Herdin, F Kerr, PP J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Rev Henry Swindon will take the service at West Tamworth at 11am.

### **Association of Independent Retirees**

Meeting in St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 19 February from 9am.

### **Senior's Getting Together Fellowship**

Our first get-together for 2019 will be on Tuesday, 19 February from 2pm in the Community Hall at St Andrew's Village. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

### **NENW Presbytery Meeting**

Glen Innes Uniting Church will host the NENW Presbytery meeting on Saturday, 23 February. PRC will meet on the Friday evening.

### **Worship on Sunday, 24 February**

Epiphany Wk7 Worship service with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Elder: L Johnston, D: B Johnston, W Purss, PP J McClelland, O: R Greer. Note NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.

### **Rainbow Cottage Management Committee**

Meeting on Wednesday, 27th February from 5pm at Rainbow Cottage.

### **Craft Group**

Note: NO craft, lunch & DVD on Friday, 1 March. We will be attending the World Day of Prayer gathering.

### **World Day of Prayer**

Annual World Day of Prayer gathering at the Seventh Day Adventist Church (Cnr Kent & Diane Sts) on Friday, 1 March from 10am. Everyone is welcome.

### **Worship on Sunday, 3 March**

Transfiguration Sunday, Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Barry Gillett at 9am. Elder: J Archbold, A Ashworth, R Hely, M Hobson, P Battle, D: R Barclay, M Honeyman, J Carthew, PP M Miles, O: R Greer. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

### **Diary Dates to Note**

- 5th 10am Shrove Tuesday Pancakes in St Andrew's Room with Adult Fellowship.
- 6th 8am Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel
- 7th 4pm Fete Committee
- 8th 10am Senior's Communion