Diary Dates

- Sun, 11 Tamworth City Worship and Sat, 17 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall baptisms with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Mon, 12 4-5am Wheely Bean JH 9:30-3pm Kairos SewingJH Sun, 18 Lent 1 Tamworth City 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall Tue, 13 8am Meals on Wheels kitchen roster 9am-2pm Office T-F
- 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall Wed, 14 9am Op Shop Working Bee 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Rm 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH Thu, 15 4:30pm Worship Music Fri, 16 8:30-10:30am WW in DH 10am Craft Group in the St Andrew's Room

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 18 February—Lent Wk 1

- 8:30am Gowrie—TBA
- 9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E: P Battle, D: R & P Pryor, J Phillips, O: R Cathcart, PP J Carthew.
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside—HC TBA
- West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright (trading tab 11am
- 5pm Tamworth Southside—TBA



9am-12noon Op Shop

Room

9am Kairos Outside Meeting

and Reunion in St Andrew's

Worship with Rev Chris

11:30am Korean Reborn

Volunteerism

11am West Tamworth with

Wright. Morning Tea.

Rev Chris Wright.



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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.



Seasons of the Spirit

Called to Resurrection

Prayer

God, you are the source of light in the world. Shine in our hearts that the world may see the glory of God and the compassion of Christ. Amen.

Focus Scriptures

Mark 9:2–9; 2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6; and 2 Corinthians 4:3–6.

The story of the transfiguration is an odd text. It is shrouded in mystery and magic, but it speaks to our core questions about identity. Who is Jesus? Who are we? How are we to relate to Jesus and tell others about how Jesus relates to us?

Mark 9:2-9

Where does Earth end and heaven begin? When is God's realm already here, and where do we say it hasn't appeared yet? How do we engage the liminal spaces between the human and divine to perceive a new reality that can transform our existing broken one? The transfiguration of Jesus is disorienting to his disciples, and confuses us, as readers, with all its pyrotechnics and voices from above; yet the message is affirming. "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him" (Mark 7:9). Haven't we all wanted to hear so clearly who to follow and to trust? It must have been liberating for the first disciples to know that their instincts about leaving their former lives behind and follow this countercultural teacher and healer around the countryside were correct. The hope they had in the love he displayed, the inclusion he taught, and the integrity he embodied was warranted. But what do the disciples do now with this assurance? Try to preserve the moment by building them all a place to live and from which to teach? Tell everyone they know what they saw and heard as confirmation of what they had always felt to be true? No. The transfiguration answered a big question they had about the identity of Jesus and themselves as his followers, but it didn't call them

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.

Peel Valley Congregations

Thu, 15 Feb—2:30pm Study Group at West Tamworth.

Fri, 16 Feb—6pm Hallsville Family Church with TBA.

Sun, 18 Feb—8:30am Gowrie Service with TBA, and 11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright. Trading Table.

Tue, 20 Feb—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth

Fri, 23 Feb—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with TBA.

Sun, 25 Feb—8am Hallsville Markets.8:30am Gowrie Service and 11amWest Tamworth Service with TBA.

<u>www.tamworthsouthside.org.au</u>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.



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

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, Bruce Jarrett, Marie Meyer, Barbara Murray & Doss Wark.



"Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 11

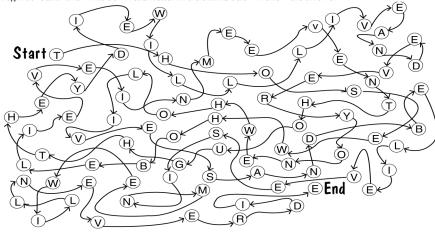
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| John 11:25 "I am the and the 6" | | | | 6 | 5 | 4 | | | |
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Fill in the crossword with the words from the above blanks.

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John 11:25b, 26a

Begin at "Start" and write down each letter in the blanks below. Follow the arrows.



[&]quot;Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Lectionary Readings

| Sun | 11 | Psalm 50:1-6* |
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| Mon | 12 | Genesis 9:8-17* |
| Tue | 13 | Psalm 25:1-10* |
| Wed | 14 | Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 |
| Thu | 15 | Isaiah 58:1-12 |

 Fri
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 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

 Sat
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 1 Peter 3:18-22*

 Sun
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 Mark 1:9-15*

 * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

to merely preserving and spreading his teaching. There was a greater act to come that they must witness, and a greater power that they must proclaim: resurrection. We, like the early disciples, are called not just to teach the ethics of Jesus but to spread the hope of resurrection, a faith that love conquers all mortal powers, even the power of death. **2 Corinthians 4:3–6** raises awareness of the worldly idols that veil our imaginations from seeing the resurrecting power of Christ in this world. Our hearts can become too small, and our lives and actions too contained to spread the power of Christ's love in this world. The Corinthians are reminded that God spoke of a light shining, and the face of Jesus the Christ is that light incarnate. Our hearts can shine with that light, too.

The illumination and glory surrounding Jesus' transfiguration in Mark 9: 3 may seem fantastical, but **Psalm 50:1–6** reminds us that God shines with the "perfection of beauty" and can come to us in a "devouring fire" or "mighty tempest." We may be more accustomed to listening for God in a still, small

voice or a solid teaching, or looking for God in a gentle hand or small act of kindness, but God also grabs our attention in the extremes of our earthly experiences, reminding us that nothing in our perception is outside of the divine reality.

2 Kings 2:1–12 tells the story of two great prophets, Elijah and Elisha, at an important juncture in their ministry. Elijah performs an amazing feat, parting water to pass through the Jordan River on dry land. Elisha asks to be given a double share of Elijah's spirit when he is to inherit the prophetic role of Elijah. Elijah tells him there is only one way to do this. Elisha must witness the amazing and powerful way that Elijah is taken up and away from the earth on which Elisha stands.



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Stories of transformation capture our imaginations. We love a good conversion story or a feel-good narrative about changing our community for the better. But stories of transfiguration and resurrection are harder to grasp, and at times threatening to our sense of what is and what is possible. "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." Said Marianne Williamson in her advocacy for the rights of children. It is true we hold ourselves back from fully loving the world and the power that love can bring to change it. It is also true we can be sceptics rather than witnesses to the divine power of resurrection.

"Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 3

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 11 February 2018

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright including two baptisms (A Ashworth/ M Hobson). Morning Tea to follow. Elder: J Archbold, Door: S Perkins, S Hardin, W Purse, AV: J Phillips, Organ: R Richardson.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Food to Great Fathering Course

Dads4Kids are holding a Good to Great Fathering Course at St Mark's Pre-School, 15 Heugh Street, Tamworth commencing in February. Topics including having a caring family, happy children and passionate marriage. Contact Justin 0497 692 158 or Dale 0414 818 201.

Water! Water! NO Water!

All water will need to be accessed from the St Andrew's Room for Vestry.

Church Council Note

With our new meeting date, there will be a report in next week's notice sheet.

This Week's Events

Wheely Bean

Monday to Fridays in the Jubilee kitchen from 4-5am.

Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am to 3pm on Mondays (school terms).

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).

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.

<u>Key Audit</u>

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.

<u>Library</u>

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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

Presbytery Prayer Points

Pray for upcoming events including the Presbytery Meeting at Hallsville on 24th February—for safe travel and inspired discussion.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing the lead classes in our high schools this year. 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.

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. In recess during the holidays.

<u>Hospital Visit</u>

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.

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).

KYB Study Group

There will be only one group this year at 1:30pm in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891. This term's theme "In the beginning..."

Weight Watchers

Meetings in our Dunn Hall on Mondays 4-7pm, Tuesdays 5-8pm, Fridays 8:30-10:30am and Saturdays 8am-11am.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

Meals on Wheels

Our next kitchen rostered day will be Tuesday, 13 February from 8am.

Church Office

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

Presbytery Bookkeeper

Regular Presbytery bookkeeper hours 10am-2pm on Tuesdays.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 14 February. The commencement of the Lenten Season.



Op Shop Working Bee

Sorting each Wednesday in the Vestry. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Morning tea in the Office. All helpers welcome.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 February from 10am.

Worship Music Team

Practice on Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm in the Church.

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 Friday, 16 February.

Kairos Meeting & Reunion

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 17 February from 9am-3pm.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 18 February 2018—Lent Week 1

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: P Battle, Door: R & P Pryor, J Phillips, AV: J Carthew, Organ: R Cathcart. West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright 11am.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 20 February from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Tuesday, 20 February from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland on 6765 7220.

Fete Committee Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 20 February from 4pm. The date set for our Fete this year is Saturday, 5 May. All stall holders and interested people are welcome to attend.

Lenten Study Groups

Rev Chris Wright will be leading Lenten Study Groups commencing on Wednesday, 21 February from 2pm and then again from 7:30pm for five weeks. Studies will be included in the notice sheet each week. Please join a group or study individually through this Lenten season.

Presbytery PRC

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 23 February from 3pm.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the NENW Presbytery will be held on Saturday, 24 February from 9am at Hallsville Uniting Church.

Private Function

Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 24 February from 4pm.

Worship on Sunday, 25 February 2018—Lent Week 2

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: R Hely, Door: J Shottek, J Crosling, W Feggans, AV: J McClelland, Organ: R Richardson.

Yoga Group

Meeting in our Dunn Hall on Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am. Commencing Thursday, 1 March.

World Day of Prayer

CWCI invite you to be part of their World Day of Prayer on Friday, 2 March from 10am at the Salvation Army Chapel on Goonoo Goonoo Road, Tamworth. Morning tea. All welcome. NOTE: NO Craft group on 2 March.

Worship on Sunday, 4 March 2018—Lent Week 3

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: E Sheppeard, A Ashworth, R Hely, J Archbold, P Battle, Door: B Mills, M Honeyman, D Miles, AV: A Winter, Organ: R Greer.

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.