

## Diary Dates

**Sun, 18 Lent 1 Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.**  
 11am West Tamworth with Rev Chris Wright.  
 11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 19** 4-5am Wheely Bean JH  
 9:30-3pm Kairos SewingJH  
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St  
 4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall  
 5:30pm New Vogue in JH

**Tue, 20** 9am-2pm Office T-F  
 9am AIR—St Andrew's Rm  
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
 2pm Senior's Getting Together St Andrew's Hall  
 4pm Fete Committee in St Andrew's Room  
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

**Wed, 21** 9am Op Shop Working Bee  
 2pm Lenten Study in St Andrew's Room  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

7:30pm Lenten Study in St Andrew's Room

**Thu, 22** 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room  
 4:30pm Worship Music

**Fri, 23** 8:30-10:30am WW in DH  
 5pm PRC in St Andrew's Rm

**Sat, 24** 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall  
 9am-12noon Op Shop  
 9am Presbytery meeting at Hallsville  
 4pm Private Function

**Sun, 25 Lent 2 Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.**  
 11:30am Korean Reborn



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 25 February—Lent Wk 2

8am Hallsville Markets

8:30am Gowrie—TBA

9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E: R Hely, D: J Shotek, J Crosling, W Feggans, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips.

9:30am Tamworth Southside—HC TBA

11am West Tamworth Service—TBA

5pm Tamworth Southside—TBA



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18 February 2018—1st Sunday in Lent

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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



# Lenten Reflection

## 1st Sunday in Lent 2018

There is no better way to start Lent than by getting to know Jesus better by reading his life story.

Through Lent, we will be taking a journey with Jesus from the River Jordan, where he was baptised, to the city of Jerusalem, where he was crucified and buried, and where he rose from the dead. The events happened 2,000 years ago, but you can still visit the places Jesus lived.

You can read the short Bible sections or if you prefer, you can read the whole chapters in Mark's Gospel to put the story into context.

### Read: Mark chapters 1–3

Key verses:

*'At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Jesus was coming up out of the water. Just then he saw heaven being torn open. Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a dove. A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you."*

*At once the Holy Spirit sent Jesus out into the desert. He was in the desert 40 days. There Satan tempted him. The wild animals didn't harm Jesus. Angels took care of him.'* **Mark 1:9–13**

In the first chapters of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' identity is being established. We see God fleshed out as a man who is tempted, just like we are tempted, but who doesn't sin.

### Some questions to ponder on:

Our relationships help to shape the people we become. Which relationships have shaped you for the better?

Looking at the description of Jesus' baptism, how would you describe Jesus' relationship with his Father in heaven?

# 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](http://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

**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 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  
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Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323  
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

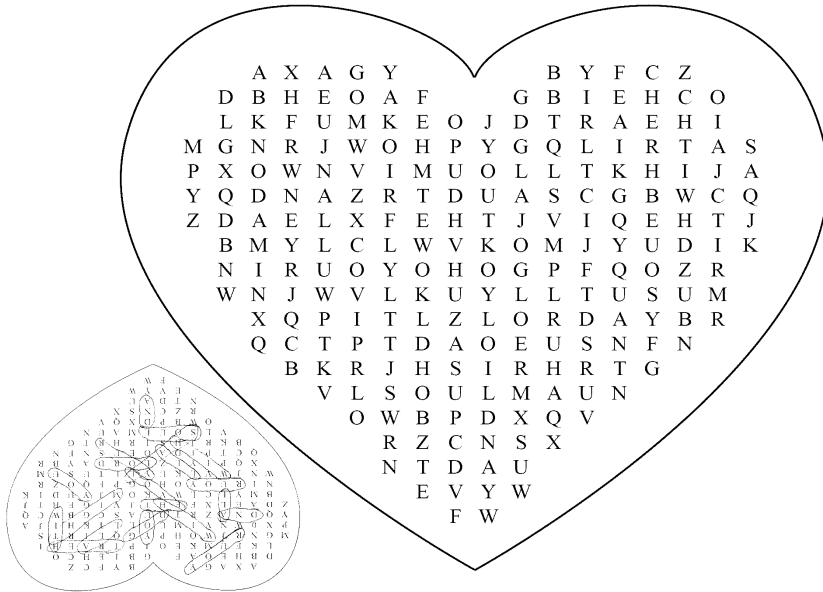
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,  
Bruce Jarrett, Marie Meyer, Barbara  
Murray & Doss Wark.



## Word Find

Find the words from Deuteronomy 6:5 in the heart shape.

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When Jesus began preaching, he talked about the 'good news of God'. What does God's good news look like in your world? What is your experience of God's good news?

Jesus offers hope and healing. Where is this hope and healing needed today in your life or the lives of those around you?

When we become Christians, we are adopted into God's family. What difference would it make to your life to hear God say: 'You are my child, and I love you. I am very pleased with you'?

Jesus was tested and tempted. When we decide to follow Jesus we are tested and tempted too. What could you do to find the support you need to stay on course when life gets difficult?

In Mark's Gospel we see that Jesus gives his followers a new sense of purpose. What sense of purpose or direction has God given you? Is there a promise in the Bible that stands out for you?

Forgiveness is an important part of a Christian's journey. We accept God's forgiveness for all the wrong we have done, and we find freedom when we forgive others. What stops you forgiving others and receiving forgiveness?



# The 40 days of Lent

## Unscramble

Read Matthew 22:39 and unscramble this commandment.

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 \_\_\_ O R U Y \_\_\_      \_\_\_ E G B R O H I N \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ S A \_\_\_      \_\_\_ S Y E O L U F R \_\_\_

Answer: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
 Matthew 22:39

## Lectionary Readings

Sun 18	Mark 1:9-15*	Fri 23	Mark 8:31-38*
Mon 19	Psalms 105:1-11	Sat 24	Romans 4:13-25*
Tue 20	Isaiah 44:21-28	Sun 25	<b>Psalms 22:23-31*</b>
Wed 21	Genesis 17:1-16*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 22	Genesis 28:10-17		

# Today's Information

## 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.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## UnitingWorld—Lent Event

The beginning of Lent means that we are commencing our journey with Lent Event for 2018. The theme this year is Faith in Action. Working with our Pacific neighbours who are facing storms, drought, changing sea temperatures and more, making daily life a struggle for survival. Our videos will bring us more news about how we can help. Take an envelope and

## Good 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

- Report on the Preaching Corinthians Workshop well received.
- Lent Event envelopes, resources available ready to start on 18 Feb.
- State Government Infrastructure Grants program to be looked at for 2019, Property Committee look at disabled access to Dunn Hall.
- Ethical Ministry training course offered possible extras include Barry, Edna, Peter, Nicolette (some elders may also be interested).

## Friends of Nioka

Meeting in St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 6 March from 7pm.

## Aged Care Services

Monthly aged care services at McKay House and Alblas Lodge lead by Rev Chris Wright on Wednesday, 7 March from 10:15am. All singers and helpers most welcome.

## Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior's Communion will be held in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 9 March from 10am. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

## Worship on Sunday, 11 March 2018—Lent Week 3

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: M Duns, Door: R Duns, F Kerr, H Fergus, AV: J Phillips, Organ: R Richardson.

## 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 March.

# Prayers

## Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Families and Youth, Mission Outreach, Rainbow Cottage and Youth Families Co-ordinator. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain in your prayers this week.





## Private Function

Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 24 February from 4pm.

# Next Week & Beyond

## 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 Dunn Hall on Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am. Starting 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 Mr Barry Gillett, Holy Communion. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: E Sheppard, A Ashworth, R Hely, J Archbold, P Battle, Door: B Mills, M Honeyman, D Miles, AV: A Winter, Organ: R Greer.

## City Adult Fellowship

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 6 March from 9:30am for morning tea then our meeting. All welcome.



### Tamworth Uniting Churches

The Tamworth Uniting Churches are seeking to add a Children & Families Ministry Coordinator to their ministry.

**The applicant will be a committed Christian who brings energy, creativity and enthusiasm to:**

- Resource ministry with children and families;
- Facilitate the development and implementation of innovative and dynamic ministry;
- Assist in the pastoral oversight for children and their families;
- Encourage and model best practice in the area of children and families' ministry.

Registrations of interest in the position will close on 28 February 2018.

**Contact the Uniting Church office  
on 6766 5311, or email  
tamworthcity.uca@gmail.com  
for further information and job description.**

- Minister's Report included items of significance happening in our Congregation over the past three months. Possibility of a Retreat for Church Councillors/Elders in August 2018 with Rev John Marsh at Burrabaroo/Lynchwood. Commencing a weekly prayer group.
- Evangelism Committee—Christmas visits (50 people) and appeal (130 families) went well. Thank you everyone for your support.
- Worship Committee—Lent Event material and Lenten Studies commencing soon. Mid-week Holy Week Services to be organised this year. Aged Care Services sought with assistance from Southside at BUPA & Cottage Homes along with UNITING facility. Hymnfest later in the year.
- Fellowship Committee—Christmas lunch went well with 50 people.
- Special Activities—Op Shop going well. Youth Vision presentations at church very well received. Rainbow Cottage getting back into full swing, looking forward to working with us again at the fete and other projects. St Andrew's Village has a number of units vacant at present, notice of consideration for the future for ILU, office Tue/Thu/Fri 7:30am-4pm.
- Elders and Pastoral Partners—2018 meeting dates distributed (Wednesdays). This year will see election of elders. Talk to Judith or Rev Chris if you are interested in considering this position.
- Property—maintenance items being attended to. Quotes for air conditioning in vestry sought. Check speakers and add one to vestry.
- Presbytery coming up on 24 February.
- Young Children & Families Co-ordinator—Tamworth City & Tamworth Southside working jointly. Funding from 3-year grant. Ad in notice sheet today.
- Working towards having Pleasant Sunday Afternoons later in the year.
- Letter of thanks to Aunty Jax following donation of flowers before Christmas.
- Fete committee meeting 20 February at 4pm.

# 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).

## 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 Jubilee Hall on Mondays 5:30pm-8pm & Wednesdays 6-9:30pm.

## Church Office

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

## Association of Independent Retirees

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

## Presbytery Bookkeeper

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



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Prayer Group

We are commencing a new prayer group to meet on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room (Minister's Office) each week. Talk to Rev Chris if you are interested in coming, or just come. Commencing on Thursday, 22 February.

## Worship Music Team

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

## Presbytery PRC

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 23 February from 5pm.

## NENW Presbytery Meeting

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

