

Diary Dates

Sun, 2	9am Tamworth City Worship with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Food Hamper. Morning Tea. 11am Korean Reborn Church		9:30am Yoga at StAR 4:30pm Church Music 10am Preaching W'p TSUC 10am Craft Group StAR 10am ACW AGM Baptist Ch 12noon BYO lunch StAR 6pm Bec's Reunion StAR 6pm Preaching W'p TSUC
Mon, 3	Rev Betty returns today 9:30am KAIROS sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm Uniting StAR	Fri, 7	9am-12noon Op Shop 9:30am Kairos Gath StAR 10am Preaching W'p TSUC
Tue, 4	9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am Adult F'ship in StAR 9:30am Linedancing JH 10am Pres Bookkeeping 10am One Door in DH 12:30pm Uniting meeting at St Andrew's Village 4:30pm Property C'tee StAR 7pm Friends of Nioka StAR	Sat, 8	Sun, 9 9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Betty Stroud. Holy Communion. Sunday School. Food Hamper. Morning Tea. 11am Korean Reborn Church
Wed, 5	9am Op Shop Working Bee 4pm Worship C'tee StAR 6pm Meditation in Chapel 6pm New Vogue Dance JH		
Thu, 6	10am Stepping Stones DH		

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 9 February—Epiphany Wk 5

8:30am	Gowrie Service with Meg Mangan
9am	Tamworth City Service with Rev Betty Stroud—Elder: M Duns, M Hobson, J Carthew, TBA; Door: R Duns, W Purss, S Hardin; PP J Phillips; Organ R Richardson.
9:30am	Tamworth Southside service
11am	West Tamworth service with Meg Mangan HC
5pm	Tamworth Southside Service



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2 February 2020
Epiphany Wk4

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us at Tamworth City today. Mr Peter Battle will be leading our service. Please stay for a chat and morning tea after worship in the St Andrew's Room.



Blessed are you !

Mt 5:11

Seasons of the Spirit

Blessed...

Readings

Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12.

Prayer

Thank you, O God, for your blessing and your call in our lives.
Grant us the courage to commit our whole selves to following your paths
of righteousness.
Amen.

Reflection

As we enter the fourth week after the Epiphany, we can look back to Christ revealed to us in the manger and look forward to Christ's transfiguration. We find ourselves caught in the middle, between a story of a baby born in a manger and witnessing the revelation of Christ on the mountaintop with Peter, James, and John. As we wait in this middle ground, we are afforded the opportunity to discern who we are and whose we are, and what we are called to do for the sake of the Kin-dom.

Biblical Background

Micah 6:1–8 Making over the top public displays of faith and spoken word was a common beginning of speeches from the religious leaders of the time. It was a way to lift up their continued authority and power. Micah similarly begins his proclamation to get the attention of those around him. While his words also are over the top and overly dramatic, they do not bolster the religious elite. Instead, they bring about contention and disruption to the status quo. Names like Moses, Aaron, and Miriam are familiar to our ears. But perhaps we don't recall the names of King Balak or Balaam, or what happened from Shittim to Gilgal. For the Israelites, these words would have reminded them of the faithfulness of God and the blessings God has bestowed upon them, in their unfaithfulness or in their

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC Friday North Tamworth Bowling Club 3rd Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th Tuesday each month.

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

Prayer Team: 3pm Tuesdays.

Motor Bike Ride: 9am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

Faith & Art Group: 1pm Thursdays, alternate weeks, school terms.

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on alternate Thursdays.

Men's Bowls: 9:45am 2nd & 4th

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st Saturday each month.

Website: www.tsuc.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 & our community.*



Peel Valley Congregations



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"

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Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.

Sun, 2 Feb—11am West Tamworth with Evelyn Keen. Lunch after.

Tue, 4 Feb—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

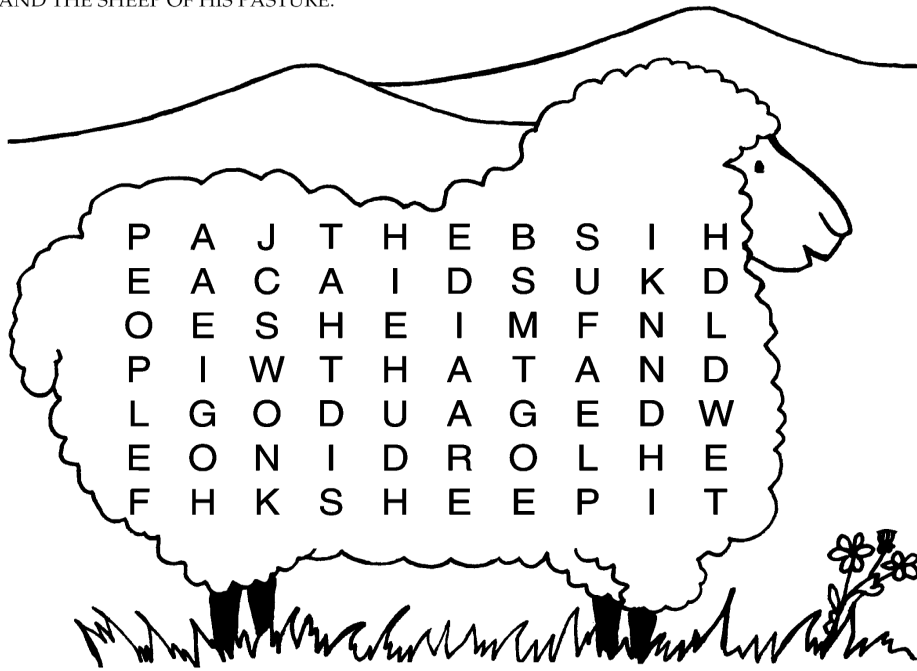
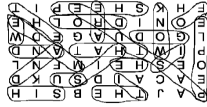
Fri, 7 Feb—No Service at Hallsville. Presbytery Preaching Workshop.

Sun, 9 Feb—8:30am Gowrie Service with Meg Mangan, 11am West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan HC.

Word Find

Find the words of Psalm 100:3 in this word find.

KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD. IT IS HE THAT MADE US AND WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, AND THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.



Pasture Code

Here is a list of things that you might see in a pasture. Fill in the letters using the code.

Code: a = Δ e = \square i = \circ o = \square	1. Gr \square s s	4. Fl \square w \square rs	7. Sh \square ph \square rd
	2. F \square nc \square	5. Tr \square \square s	
	3. W \square t \square r	6. B \square rds	

Answers:
 Grass
 Fence
 Water
 Flowers
 Trees
 Birds
 Shepherds

Lectionary Readings

Sun 2	Psalm 15*	Fri 7	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Mon 3	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Sat 8	Matthew 5:13-20*
Tue 4	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Sun 9	Psalm 112:1-9, (10)*
Wed 5	Romans 2:28-3:11	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 6	1 Corinthians 2:1-5		

times of need.

Psalm 15 is a short yet powerful psalm that gives vision to a basic understanding of how we should treat one another. Speak the truth. Don't speak or do evil things against your friends or your neighbours. When you see injustice speak up, and don't go back on your word. Don't cheat people of their money or for money. These are simple and basic rules about being a decent person.

In 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Paul contrasts foolishness and wisdom. The people of Corinth seem to judge themselves by the world's standards rather than God's standards. David LaMotte's White Flour does a similar job as Paul in turning norms on their side, of approaching truth in a way that reimagines how existence ought to be. Similarly, the celebration of Carnival in Brazil originally was a way of speaking truth to power regarding the disparagement between the wealthy and the poor. For the people of Corinth and for us God's way is reimagining a better way, a better reality of living into the fullness of who we are called to be as disciples of Christ.

Matthew 5:1-12 begins the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus' first public act in this gospel. Biblical scholar Karoline Lewis writes that the gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus as "the teacher of all righteousness."

What does discipleship look like then if the one we follow is a teacher? Jesus goes through a litany of statements regarding who are blessed. This brings us the question of who are the blessed? What does the word blessed mean? In an era of #blessed this gives us a wonderful juxtaposition of what we hear Jesus saying. The Greek word Macarios translated in our text as blessed could also be translated as satisfied, not in the sense that those who hunger are satisfied with their current predicament, but that needs will be met by the God of all compassion.

Thoughts

This week's texts give a fuller understanding of the blessed nature of our calling as a creation of God. The recollection of what God has done on our behalf, as well as the teachings of what it means to be a disciple of Christ, help us to reimagine what the world ought to look like, how the world ought to operate, and how we, as followers of Christ, can be a blessing to those we encounter in our lives.



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 2 February 2020

9am Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. (Note HC on 9 February.) Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning tea.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship. Jubilee Kitchen & Dunn Hall for lunch.

Rev Betty Stroud

We are enjoying getting to know Rev Betty as we move forward together. Generally Betty will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when she is in Tamworth. Contact Betty on her mobile 0419 687 181 or email dottydoq@bigpond.com to arrange a time to meet.

Stories That Give Life

A time to share the things that we have experienced in the life of this congregation that have brought life and hope to our community of faith.

Following worship on 1st March, we will gather in the Jubilee Hall for morning tea and a time of sharing our stories. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we begin the process of discerning the way ahead for our congregation. Please take time over the next few weeks to think about what you might share.

We will finish by 12.15pm at the latest (earlier if you come well prepared!).

Scripture Teaching

Are you interested in becoming a scripture teacher at Tamworth Public School? You will need to be willing to do some training, get a WWC and be approved by your minister. Material is supplied and you could start out being a shadow to an experienced teacher. Please pray for scripture teachers in Public Schools. Contact Jenny Taggart, SRE Coordinator, if you are interested on 0409 100 193.

Doing It For Our Farmers

We continue to support our local farmers with drought relief packages, vouchers and prayers. There is always someone in need. Focussing on back to school needs for farming families this week.

Worship on Sunday, 23 February 2020

9am Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: R Hely; D: B Johnston, M & D Miles; PP: J McClelland; O: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning tea.

Dates to Note

- 25th Shrove Tuesday
- 26th Ash Wednesday, 5pm Rainbow Cottage Meeting

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committee. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden in your prayers this week.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We give thanks for rain that has fallen and continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to break the drought. We also keep in our prayers firefighters working in fire-affected areas. Our annual Preaching Workshop 7/8 February 2020 and Presbytery Meeting on 29 February in Uralla.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who led classes in our high schools this year—Belinda and Darrel. We are funded from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAI, BSB 032 621, A/c No. 372 372. Thank you.

School Chaplains

For 2020 we have Parry, Walhallow, Walget, Oxley Vale, Quirindi, Mullaley, Tamworth Public (we financially support), Curlewis, Nyngan, Narrabri, Attunga, Duri and have gained Moonbi, Kootingal, Tambar Springs, Werris Creek, Carinya and Liberty. Keep these chaplains in your prayers.

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.

Senior Communion

Rev Henry Swindon will lead the monthly Senior Communion at the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 14 February from 10am. Please contact Barb McLean 6766 4039.

Emmaus Trivia Night

Night of fun and frivolity on Saturday, 15 February from 6pm in the Jubilee Hall. Contact Bec Wright 0479 016 967.

Mental Resilience in Tough Times

St Stephen's Presbyterian church invite you to hear Colleen Hirst on Saturday, 15 February 7-9pm (supper to follow) as she presents "Practical ways to stay mentally strong". \$10/p. Register with Mark on 0431 664 307 or Dale 0414 818 201. Also on Sunday, 16 February 10am for Café Church with a presentation by Colleen on "Dealing with Depression & Anxiety—a Biblical Approach". No charge.

Worship on Sunday, 16 February 2020

9am Worship Service with Rev Betty Stroud. Elder: TBA; D: F Kerr, J Phillips, M Partridge; PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Mission Envelopes. Sunday School. Morning tea.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 18 February from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Our first get together for 2020 will be on Tuesday, 18 February from 2pm in the Community Hall at Uniting St Andrew's Village. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Rev Betty in Orange

19-25 February.

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, 21 February.



Rosters

New rosters are getting going for 2020. We have a spot on the cleaning roster to be filled. Talk to Nicolette in the office if you can help.

This Week's Events

Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Kairos Outside Sewing Group will be meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Mondays from 9:30am-3pm each week during school terms.

Op 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).

UNITING—Home & Community Support

Gathering in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm.

Church Office

Office hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. Don't forget to book meetings and check availability of halls. Thank you. Nicolette.

Adult Fellowship

Our first gathering for 2020 will be on Tuesday, 4 February from 9:30am for morning tea followed by our meeting. Rev Betty will bring our devotions this week. Bring and Share lunch after the meeting.

Locomotive Line Dancing

Tuesdays from 9:30am-12:30pm in the Jubilee Hall.

One Door Mental Health—Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Tuesday, 4 February from 10am-12noon.

Tamworth Collaborative Leadership Group Gathering

Tuesday, 4 February 12:30-2:30pm with Corrina Alchin. Venue Uniting St Andrew's Village.



City Property Committee

Meeting on Tuesday, 4 February from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting on Tuesday, 4 February from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Op Shop Working Bee

Wednesdays from 9am. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work, then a cuppa!. All helpers welcome. A very industrious morning.

Worship Committee Meeting

Meeting on Wednesday, 5 February from 4pm in the St Andrew's Room.

New Vogue Dance Group

Recommencing in Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area. During School Terms.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon. Come along and support Jillian on Thursday mornings, help make a cuppa, chat to the mums.

Yoga Group

Thursdays in St Andrew's Room 9:30-11am from 6 February.

NENW Preaching Workshop

Dr Jeff Aernie will lead our annual Preaching Workshop on Friday and Saturday, 7 and 8 February at Tamworth Southside UC. The theme this year is "Christian Discipleship and the Sermon on the Mount". Everyone is welcome to join in the sessions: All sessions \$30, Friday night & Saturday \$25 or Friday day only \$10. Register in the church office TUESDAY.

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, 7 February.

Australian Church Women

AGM on Friday, 7 February from 10am at the Baptist Church.

Monthly Lunch after Craft

Bring and Share lunch after craft on Friday 7 February from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room.

Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 7 February from 6pm.

Kairos Gathering

Note change of venue, now St Andrew's Room at Tamworth City Uniting Church from 12noon on Saturday, 8 February.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 9 February 2020

9am Worship Service and Holy Communion, Covenant Service with Rev Betty Stroud. Elder: M Duns, TBA, M Hobson, J Carthew; D: R Duns W Purs, S Hardin; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning tea.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Next rostered day will be Tuesday, 11 February from 8am.

Church Council Meeting

Our first Church Council meeting for 2020 will be on Tuesday, 11 February from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Compassionate Friends

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

Nursing Home Service

Rev Chris Wright will lead the Nursing Home Service at Cottage Homes on Thursday, 13 February from 9:30am.

Emmaus Board Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 13 February from 6pm.