

Diary Dates

**Sun, 24 9am Tamworth City
Worship Service with Mr
Peter Battle. Sunday School.
Morning tea.**

11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 25 Rev Chris Wright on leave
until 4 March.**

9:30am Kairos Sewing JH

10am-4pm Op Shop M-F

10am UNITING in StAR

5:30pm New Vogue in JHall

Tue, 26 9am-2pm Church Office T-F

9:30am LLine Dancers JH

10am-1pm Pres Bkeep

Wed, 27 9am Op Shop Sorting

5pm Rainbow Cottage

Management Committee

6pm New Vogue in JHall

6pm Meditation in Chapel

Thu, 28 8:30am Prayer in Wesley Rm

9:30am Stepping Stones in
Dunn Hall

9:30am Yoga in St AR

4:30pm Occasional Choir

4:30pm Worship Music

5pm Aikido Karate in JHall

10am World Day of Prayer

at the Seventh Day

Adventist Church

Fri, 1

8:30am Social Craft DunnH

5pm PRC in Glen Innes

Sat, 2

9am-12noon Op Shop

10am Line Dancing xtra JH

Sun, 3

9am Tamworth City

Worship Service and Holy

Communion with Mr Barry

Gillett. Sunday School. Food

Hamper Sunday.

Transfiguration Sunday.

Morning tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn

3pm Emmaus Reunion

Group in St Andrew's Room



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 3 March—Transfiguration Sunday

9am Tamworth City with Barry Gillett, E: J Archbold, A Ashworth, R Hely, M Hobson, P Battle, D: R Barclay, M Honeyman, J Carthew, PP: M Miles, O: R Greer.

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

11am West Tamworth Service Patrick Johnston. Lunch to follow

5pm Tamworth Southside Service



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24 February 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Peter Battle will be leading our service. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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Seasons of the Spirit

Be Holy

Focus Scripture

Luke 6:27–38. Additional scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50, Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40, Genesis 45:3–11, 15.

Prayer

Merciful one, Holy God, inspire us to deepen our vulnerability so that we may be more merciful and holy in your image. Amen.

There is upwards of 800,000 words in our Protestant version of the Bible, and over 31,000 verses. It is a massive volume split into 66 books, with at least 40 different original human scribes. Is this book a guidebook to perfection? Does it have the rules to live by that will protect us from experiencing or inflicting pain? Are the people who read it more perfect than they were before they knew what was in it? What about the church – does this book have some magic formula that makes a community of people nicer to one another and more enlightened? Today's passages contain many instructions, given by various people to others who seek guidance. But we miss the point if we read their words as a simple formula for living rather than a vision for who God is in our midst.

Reflection

Luke 6:27–38 People get different things from the Bible. Part of this is because of the diversity in the Bible itself; part of this is influenced by what people are looking for when they approach it. Perhaps the reader wants to know about the history of God's people. Perhaps, the reader wants hope in a time of personal trial. The Bible gives a variety of narratives, advice, comfort, and challenge. Many of the passages are not new ideas but responses to the wisdom and events of the time in which they are written. This makes the Bible an interesting read when we look to its words for insight into our times.

How do we know that people read, related to, and used scripture differently? It's in the stories themselves.

What do we get throughout the Bible? Everywhere, we see God-fearing people quoting scripture and relating it to the context of their own lives. Jesus was a master of Hebrew Scripture and of contemporary wisdom. In Luke 6:27–38, Jesus relates to the wisdom of the day and interprets God's commandments for his time. Jesus teaches disciples that it's not enough to

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm (Dinner Church 2nd) Sundays. HC 3rd Sunday.

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

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tuesdays.

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays during school terms.

Prayer Team: 9:30am Thursdays.

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

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

Bible Study: 2-3:30pm Thursdays.

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,*



Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 24 Feb—8:30am Hallsville Markets. 8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Services with Meg Mangan. Church Council meeting after worship at West.

Fri, 1 Mar—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with Patrick Johnston.

Sun, 3 Mar—11am West Tamworth Service with Patrick Johnston. Lunch after worship.

Tue, 5 Mar—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

Sun, 10 Mar—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth HC Service

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"
Pastrl Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 24 February

Epiphany Wk7 Worship service with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Rev Chris Wright Leave

Rev Chris is on leave until 4 March. We pray for him a restful time. Thank you to Rev Henry Swindon, who will cover pastoral needs. Also to our lay preachers, Peter Battle and Barry Gillett, helping with services.

Church Council Notes

Our Church Council meeting was held last week:

- Unfilled positions, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to remain unfilled. Les Rae to fill in for Edna if she is unavailable and Gai Newby to complete data entry under Paul's supervision.
- Use of Church Premises for same gender marriage debated. Congregational meeting called for 17 March 10am.
- Response to Christmas Bowl excellent over \$2,500.
- Drought assistance—working with local communities with gift cards to spend in local areas, planning morning tea to help support people.
- Rainbow Cottage MOU documentations approved by Pres & Synod.
- Extension of sacraments for Peter Battle and Barry Gillett approved.
- Evangelism—50 visits/gifts at Christmas; 150 hampers and gifts at Christmas; working towards Easter outreach.
- Worship—new celebrations Pancake Day 4th March 10am and Ash Wednesday 5th March 8am. Studies x4 commencing 13 March.
- Fellowship—Christmas lunch well attended, over 50 people; term end barbecues planned.
- Finance & Admin—currently in deficit.
- Elders & Pastoral Partners—meeting coming up; ongoing checking of rolls.

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.

Tamworth Christian Men's Dinner

Men are encouraged to attend the Men's Dinner at Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo from 6:30pm on Friday, 15 March. Bill Jansen, a forensic accountant and company directory from Sydney will be our speaker with experience in both the Christian and corporate worlds. RSVP to tonyricho63ad@gmail.com

Private Function

Using the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 16 March from 10am.

Worship on Sunday, 17 March

Lent Wk 2, Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: P Battle, D: R & P Pryor, J Crosling, PP J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Occasional Choir. Sunday School. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea. Congregational Meeting to follow worship today.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Diary Dates to Note

- 19th 2pm Senior's Getting Together
- 20th 10am Bereavement Support Group; 7:30pm Pastoral Partners

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee Activities, hospital visitation and Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the France and Germany in your prayers this week.



Ash Wednesday Worship

Please join us in the Chapel for our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, 6 March from 8am. We will join in some time of prayer and reflection.

Fete Committee Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 7 March from 4pm. All stall holders and committee members are encouraged to attend.

Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior Communion will be held in the St Andrew's Village community hall on Friday, 8 March from 10am with Rev Mark Armstrong. Contact Barb McLean for transport 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 10 March

Lent Wk 1, Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Lent Event. Elder: N Dezius, D: E Gevert, J Dezius, S Perkins, PP J Phillips, O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Meals on Wheels

Our next kitchen rostered day will be Tuesday, 12 March from 8am.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 13 March from 10am.

Lenten Studies

Rev Chris Wright will be hosting our Lenten Studies commencing on Wednesday 13 March at 2pm and 7pm in the St Andrew's Room for four weeks. The studies will be in the notice sheets so everyone can join in.

Elders Fellowship

Our first gathering for 2019 will be on Wednesday, 13 March from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Nursing Home Service

Rev Chris will be leading the Nursing Home Service at Cottage Homes on Thursday, 14 March from 9:30am. Helpers and Singers welcome.

UCAF Meeting

Presbytery UCAF meeting in Dunn Hall or Wesley Room from 11am.

- Property—plumbing, paving, fence now complete; Jubilee Hall air conditioning to proceed in two stages over two years; general upgrade and cleaning in Dunn Hall.
- Presbytery—meeting on 23rd; induction of Rev Paul Cosier at Narrabri on 2 March 2pm.
- St Andrew's Village—new facility planning in development stage.
- Family & Children's Ministry—new venue working very well, new families at both Tamworth City and Tamworth Southside.
- Fete—meeting 7 March; look at how we might support our event with child/family friendly activities.

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 supporting women on the land with water, food and a cuppa.

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.

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.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

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. Using the hall on the next couple of Saturdays for extra classes.

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.

Rainbow Cottage Management Committee

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

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

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. Or at Tamworth Southside on Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

Occasional Choir

We will be presenting an item on Sunday, 17 March. Please come along to our practices on Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm in the Church on 28 Feb, 7 Mar & 14 Mar. Everyone's welcome.

Yoga Group

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

Aidido Karate

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

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

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. This year's focus is the south central European country of Slovenia.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

Emmaus Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 3 March from 3pm.

One Door Mental Health Support Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 4 March from 10am.

Adult Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 March from 9:30am. An open day for all to come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday. All are invited to share in some delicious pancakes. More details below.

Shrove Tuesday Morning Tea

You are invited to share in the Shrove Tuesday morning tea on Tuesday, 5 March from 10am in the St Andrew's Room. The Adult Fellowship will host us for the morning. A gold coin donation to go towards Lent Event.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 March from 7pm.