Diary Dates

- Sun, 25 Lent 2 Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. S/School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Mon, 26 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, 27 9am-2pm Office T-F 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall Wed, 28 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, 1 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room 9:30am Yoba in Dunn H 4:30pm Worship Music

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 4 March—Lent Wk 3

8:30am Gowrie-TBA

- 9am Tamworth City—Barry Gillett HC E: E Sheppeard, A Ashworth, R Hely, J Archbold, P Battle, D: D Miles, M Honeyman, B Mills, O: R Greer, PP M Miles.
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside—TBA
- 11am West Tamworth Service—TBA
- 5pm Tamworth Southside—TBA "Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 12

- Fri, 2 8:30-10:30am WW in DH 10am World Day of Prayer at Salvation Army
- Sat, 3 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop
- Sun, 4 Lent 3 Tamworth City Worship and Holy Communion with Mr Barry Gillett. S/School. Morning Tea. Food Hamper Sunday. 11:30am Korean Reborn





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25February 2018—2nd 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.



- Peel Valley: Margaret Crowell Mb 0408 660 025
- UNITING St Andrew's Village 1800 864 846 6763 3208 Pastoral Care Practitioner Galina Newcombe
- UNITING Rainbow Cottage 6766 7655 Sharn Mason



Lenten Reflection 2nd Sunday in Lent 2018

Jesus grew up in a Middle-Eastern town called Nazareth. You can still visit Nazareth in modern-day Israel. Jesus was known as a carpenter's son and His baptism was the turning point in his life. That's when his divine identity as God's Son was revealed. From then on, he travelled throughout the country preaching, teaching and healing people, showing people what God is like.

He chose a group of 12 followers (disciples) and showed and taught them how they could live God's way and trust him for everything. He is still calling people to follow him today and he promises to be with us always and everywhere.

Jesus gave his followers his authority to do the things he had been doing. He invites his modern-day followers to co-operate with him too. He even says we will do the work he did (John 14:12).

But not everyone accepted Jesus. Some couldn't accept that he was sent by God. Some couldn't accept the sacrifice required of those who follow him. Even though we are told they were amazed at his teaching and his works, they still didn't put their faith in him and their lack of faith actually limited what Jesus could do among them.

READ: MARK CHAPTERS 4-6

Key verses

'He called the 12 disciples to him. Then he began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority to drive out evil spirits.

Here is what he told them to do. "Take only a walking stick for your trip. Do not take bread or a bag. Take no money in your belts. Wear sandals. But do not take extra clothes. When you are invited into a house, stay there until you leave town. Some places may not welcome you or listen to you. If they don't, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet. That will be a witness against the people living there."

They went out. And they preached that people should turn away from their sins. They drove out many demons. They poured olive oil on many sick people and healed them.' Mark 6:7–13

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

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
Fri, 2 Mar—6pm Hallsville Family
Church with TBA

Sun, 4 Mar—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service with TBA. Lunch following.

Tue, 6 Mar—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth

Fri, 9 Mar—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with TBA

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.



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

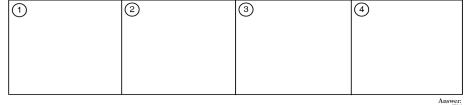
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, Bruce Jarrett, Marie Meyer, Barbara Murray & Doss Wark.



Word Scramble

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Lectionary Readings

Sun	25	Psalm 22:23-31*
Mon	26	Exodus 20:1-17*
Tue	27	Jeremiah 6:9-16
Wed	28	Haggai 2:1-9
Thu	1	John 2:13-22*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25* 2 3 Psalm 19:1-6* Sat

Psalm 19:7-14* Sun 4

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

THINK

First, discuss any questions you have about what you have read so far.

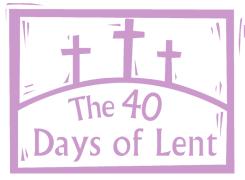
What have you learned about Jesus? What surprises you about him?

Jesus got up early to pray, and he taught his followers a simple pattern for prayer. When and where do you pray?

Reading through Mark's Gospel, Jesus meets many different people: Simon's mother-in-law, who is sick; a man with a skin disease, who was probably an outcast from society as a result; a paralysed man lowered through a roof on a mat to meet him; tax collectors, sinners and religious people at Levi's house. Which of the people Jesus meets do you identify with?

In Mark chapters 4–6, Jesus shows his authority by stopping a storm, feeding thousands of people, and walking on water. He gave his disciples authority and sent them out to preach as he had been doing. Do you talk to other people about Jesus and what it means to follow him? What is the reaction of the people you talk to?

Role models can play an important part in shaping our lives. Who are and have been the good role models who have helped to shape your life?



Today's Information

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: A Winter, Organ: R Richardson.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship and then the Jubilee Kitchen for lunch. Pastor Daniel and his wife Hannah are celebrating three years of ministry in Tamworth this weekend. We give thanks for their ministry here.

Urgent Request

TSP scripture are looking for an additional teacher for this year for either Yr2 or Y5/6. Please contact Jenny Taggart on 0409 100 193 if you can help.

UnitingWorld—Lent Event

Week 2: Faith in a changing climate. Throughout the Pacific, storms, drought and changing sea temperatures make daily life a struggle for survival. Rev Tafue and the local church in Tuvalu share hope and practical skills that save lives. Lent Event envelopes were distributed last week. Donations can be left on the plate through Lent/Easter period for sent directly to UnitingWorld, PO Box A2266, Sydney South NSW 1235 Phone 1800 998 122 or Email info@unitingworld.org.au or visit their website at <u>www.unitingworld.org.au</u>.

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.

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.

Save the Children Fund Raising Dinner

Tamworth branch of Save the Children will have their annual fund raising dinner on Friday, 16 March from 6pm at the West Tamworth League Club. The Guest speaker will be Mr Paul Ronald, CEO of Save the Children Australia. \$50/person, \$40/concession. Contact Sharon Draper 0429 168 823

Private Function

Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 16 March from 4pm.

Worship on Sunday, 18 March 2018—Lent Week 4

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: M Weick, Door: N & J Dezius, M Cupitt, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Rev Chris at West Tamworth 11am.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus 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 France and Germany in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Trinity Church, Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley UC Congregations, Hope of Gory Church, Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, Baptist Church and C3 Church (10yrs) in our prayers.

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City Adult Fellowship

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 6 March from 9:30am for morning tea then our meeting. All welcome. We'll go to lunch afterwards.

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 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 with Rev Mark Armstrong. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 11 March 2018—Lent Week 3

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: M Duns, Door: R Duns, F Kerr, H Fergus, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

One Door Mental Health Workshop

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 12 March from 9am.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

Compassionate Friends

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

Elder's Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 March from 4:30pm.

- Ethical Ministry training course offered possible extras include Barry, Edna, Peter, Nicolette (some elders may also be interested).
- 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 wend 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.

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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

Our KYB Study Group meet at 1:30pm in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891.

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*.

Presbytery Bookkeeper

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

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.

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Lenten Study Groups

Rev Chris Wright is leading Lenten Study Groups continuing on Wednesday, 28 February from 2pm and then again from 7:30pm. Studies will be included in the notice sheet each week. Please join a group or study individually through this Lenten season.

Prayer Group

Our prayer group 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. Continuing on Thursday, 1 March.

Yoga Group

Meeting in Dunn Hall on Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am. Starting 1 March.

Worship Music Team

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

World Day of Prayer

CWCl 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, DVD and Lunch 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 Sheppeard, A Ashworth, R Hely, J Archbold, P Battle, Door: B Mills, M Honeyman, D Miles, AV: M Miles, Organ: R Greer.



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.

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