

Diary Dates

Sun, 3	9am Tamworth City Worship Service and Holy Communion, Covenant Service and Sunday School with Rev Chris Wright. Morning tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn	Dunn Hall 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Worship Music
Fri, 8		8:30am Social Craft DunnH 10am Senior Communion at the Village Hall
Mon, 4	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am UNITING in StAR 10am One Door in Dunn Hall 5:30pm New Vogue in JHall	Sat, 9 9am-12noon Op Shop 9am Kairos Meeting & Reunion in StAR 4pm Emmaus Trivia night in StAR
Tue, 5	9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 9:30am Adult F'ship in StAR 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 4:30pm Property C'tee StAR 7pm Friends of Nioka StAR	Sun, 10 9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Morning tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn
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Thu, 7	8:30am Prayer in Wesley Rm 9:30am Stepping Stones in	

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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 10 February Epiphany Wk 5

8:30am	Gowrie Service with Rev Henry Swindon
9am	Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright E: M Duns, D: W Fegans, B Mills, H McKenzie, PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.
9:30am	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth HC Service with Rev Henry Swindon
5pm	Tamworth Southside Dinner Church



Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading our service including the Blessing of the Sunday School, Covenant Service and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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Seasons of the Spirit

Focus Scripture

Luke 4:21–30. Additional scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6 and 1 Corinthians 13:1–13.

Speaker over the waters, word in the prophets' mouths, voice from heaven, word made flesh, your word shapes, guides, claims, and saves us.

Prayer

Open our hearts to encounter your word with fresh ears and clear eyes, that our lives might be renewed to serve you with thankful hearts. Amen.

God's word has the power to create, curtail, refine, shape, challenge, build, and plant. The power of God's word has been described over and over in scripture, yet we can forget to leverage its strength in our efforts to transform our lives and our communities. As we read this week's scripture readings, let us consider the ways that God's word could create, refine, strengthen, and replant our lives in a way that enlivens the Spirit, pleases God, and makes the reign of God more visible for all who seek hope in a hurting world.

Reflection

Luke 4:21–30 This week's gospel continues directly from the one read last week and reveals the power of God's word to convict God's people. The passage is framed by verses 22 and 28 where we hear a reversal in how the community perceives and receives Jesus. Verse 22 tells that "All spoke well of [Jesus] and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth."

By verse 28, those listening to Jesus speak in the synagogue were filled with rage. What is the message that Jesus offers that leads to such a pivot in public opinion? Jesus announces that the help and healing he has offered to others will not necessarily be provided to everyone. He communicates this indirectly. The fact that it was outsiders with whom Jesus initially worked maddened the crowd – they felt robbed and betrayed. Their furore increased when Jesus cited the works of their own prophets Elijah and Elisha who brought healing to Gentiles when many Israelites were suffering. The ethics of Jesus' time required a person to take care of family first, then their hometown, and, only then, to care for foreigners. Jesus offers the prophetic word that God's power to help and heal extends to the most vulnerable in a community.

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC 3rd Sunday.

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

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays.

Prayer Team: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

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

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

Moore Creek Pot Luck Dinner & Discussion: 6:30-9pm 1st Wed.

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, using our spiritual gifts to serve each other and our community.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 1 Feb—Peel Valley Congregations are encouraged to attend the NENW Presbytery Seminars with Rev Bill Loader at Tamworth Southside (please let the office know you are coming.)

Sun, 3 Feb—11am West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan.

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

Sun, 10 Feb—8:30am Gowrie Services resume. 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Rev Henry Swindon.

Thu, 14 Feb—2:30pm Study Group at West Tamworth.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

Our Goal "To be transformed communities, experiencing & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

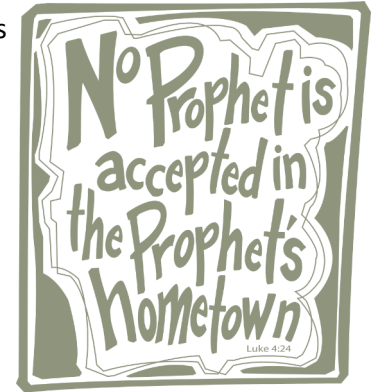
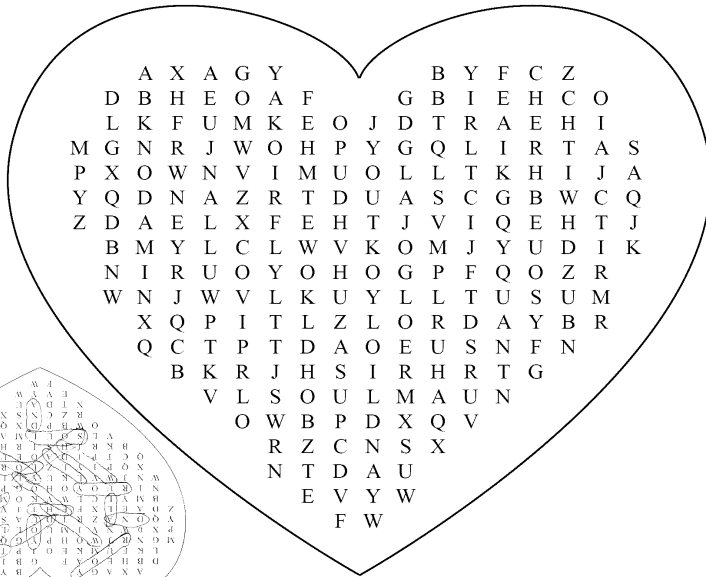
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Word Find

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

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Some might have been thinking that if Jesus is going to help and heal it should be the people in his own hometown. The people had expectations, and Jesus did not meet them. Despite the anger of the people of Nazareth, Jesus is not intimidated. Nor does Jesus soften his message. It must have been tempting to want to appease the crowd by telling them what they wanted to hear, but Jesus does not waver; he merely passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Luke 4:21–30 tells us that God’s word has the power to help, heal, confront expectations, and change relationships. It reminds us that not all God’s words are words of comfort. The word of God has the power to create and shape, but also the power to disrupt, curtail, pluck up, and destroy.

Jeremiah 1:4–10 serves as Jeremiah’s call narrative. Jeremiah’s call to ministry comes with the assurance that God will be with him and will give him the words.

Psalms 71:1–6 offers a clear example of petition and praise. Confident in God’s omnipotence, the writer petitions God for help and attempts to speak God into action on the writer’s behalf. To strengthen the appeal, the writer praises God’s faithfulness since before birth. These six verses reveal the power of words to shape reality. The psalmist creates a compelling image of God as rescuer that moulds the listeners’ understanding of God and seeks to influence the actions of God.

It takes multiple visions to see life’s paths, to understand its wisdom and to recognize our own calls. Paul maintains in **1 Corinthians 13:1–13** that the ways of love, faith, and hope are interwoven and serve as signs for followers of the Christ.



In this week’s Bible readings, we encounter God’s word reforming expectations, moulding lives, reshaping communities, and strengthening the church. These passages should remind us that God’s word is still scratching, kneading, pruning, and forming our lives and our communities. Knowing the power of God’s word, we also must reconsider the modes and the frequency with which we engage it. To have our lives formed by the power of God’s word requires we immerse our lives in scripture and God’s word that is revealed in Creation.

Unscramble

Read Matthew 22:39 and unscramble this commandment.

U Y O A S L H L O E V L
 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 3	Psalm 71:7-24	Fri 8	1 Corinthians 15:1-12
Mon 4	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)*	Sat 9	Luke 5:1-11*
Tue 5	1 Corinthians 14:1-12	Sun 10	Psalm 138*
Wed 6	1 Corinthians 14:13-25	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 7	1 Corinthians 14:26-40		

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 3 February

Epiphany 4 Covenant Service & Holy Communion Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

With Love to the World

A daily Bible Reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary are now available. Those who ordered a copy can collect them. Books are \$20 for 12 months. If you'd like to take up a subscription please see Nicolette in the office.

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 looking at helping farmer's children get ready to go back to school.

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. Recommencing Monday, 4 February.

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. Next Monday, 4 February.

One Door Mental Health Support Group

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

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Maintenance Items

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.

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.

Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Phone 1300 881 826.

Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (or co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).

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.

Venture Christian Bookshop– Quirindi

108 George Street, Quirindi 6746 1065. Serving Christ in the community since 1985. Cards for every occasion, bibles, music CD's, DVD's, adult and children's books, giftware also available. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

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).

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.

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Diary Dates to Note

- 27th Rainbow Cottage Management Committee.
- 1st Craft, Lunch & DVD
- 5th Shrove Tuesday; 6th Ash Wednesday

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, ordained ministry, councils of the church, those who deliver and receive home community today. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Ireland and the United Kingdom in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the C3 Church, Scripture in Schools, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union Activities and St John's Anglican Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for rain. With dams now at their lowest in many years, we keep those struggling through the drought in our prayers. Our upcoming meeting on 23 February in Glen Innes.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda, Alison and Dave. 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. In recess now until 2019. Donations still gratefully received.

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 or Rev Chris Wright 0427 633 657.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 5:30pm– 8pm Mondays and 6pm-9:30pm on Wednesdays. Recommencing 4 February.

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.

Adult Fellowship

Our first gathering for 2019 will be on 5 February from 9:30am for a cuppa in the St Andrew's Room. The monthly meeting will follow. Please bring along a plate to share for lunch after the meeting. New members always welcome.

Tamworth City Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 February from 4:30pm.

Friends of Nioka

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

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.

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 6 February from 4pm.

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

Having kids is a wonderful blessing, but it's also hard work! You're on the go 24/7 and often we forget to make time for ourselves. 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 (our new home). Or at Tamworth Southside on Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

Yoga Group

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

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.

Senior Communion

Our Monthly Senior Communion will recommence at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 9 February with Rev Chris Wright. Please contact Barbara McLean for transport 6766 4039.

KOWNE—Meeting & Reunion

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

Emmaus Trivia Night

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 9 February from 4pm-9pm.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 10 February

Epiphany Wk5 Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: M Duns, D: W Fegans, B Mills, H McKenzie, PP J Phillips, O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next monthly Kitchen Roster for Meal on Wheels is Tuesday, 12 February from 8am. We are looking for a new coordinator. Talk to Rev Chris.

Compassionate Friends

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

Church Council Meeting

Our first Church Council meeting for 2019 will be held on Thursday, 14 February from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

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.

Rev Chris Wright Leave

Rev Chris will be taking leave from 16 February until 4 March. We pray for him a restful time. Thank you to Rev Henry Swindon, who will cover pastoral and worship on 17 February. Also to our lay preachers, Peter Battle and Barry Gillett, helping with other services.

Worship on Sunday, 17 February

Epiphany Wk6 Worship service with Rev Henry Swindon at 9am. Elder: E Fairall, D: M Cupitt, S Herdin, F Kerr, PP J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Rev Henry Swindon will take the service at West Tamworth at 11am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Our first get-together for 2019 will be on Tuesday, 19 February from 2pm in the Community Hall at St Andrew's Village. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Glen Innes Uniting Church will host the NENW Presbytery meeting on Saturday, 23 February. PRC will meet on the Friday evening.

Worship on Sunday, 24 February

Epiphany Wk7 Worship service with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Elder: L Johnston, D: B Johnston, W Purss, PP J McClelland, O: R Greer. Note NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.