

Diary Dates

Sun, 4 Tamworth City Worship, Covenant & HC with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn

Mon, 5 4-5am Wheely Bean JH

9:30-3pm Kairos SewingJH

10am-4pm Op Shop M-F

10am-12noon One Door

Carer Support Dunn Hall

1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St

4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall

Tue, 6 9am-2pm Office T-F

9:30am Adult Fellowship in St A Room

10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper

5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

7pm Friends of Nioka in St A Room

Wed, 7 9am Op Shop Working Bee

6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

Thu, 8 9:30-11:30am Yoga DH

4:30pm Worship Music

7:30pm Church Council

Meeting in St Andrew's Rm

Fri, 9 8:30-10:30am WW in DH

10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village

Sat, 10 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall

9am-12noon Op Shop

Sun, 11 Tamworth City Worship and baptisms with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 11 February

9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright Baptisms E: J Archbold, D: S Perkins, S Hardin, W Purss, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips

9am Hallsville

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am West Tamworth Service

5pm Tamworth Southside



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Welcome to Tamworth

City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship, Covenant Service and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Seasons of the Spirit

Called to Healing

Prayer

God of our beginnings and endings and every transition in between, help us to recognize our need for healing and to understand the ways we are formed by its process, even when a resolution is never in our sight. Amen.

Focus scripture

Mark 1:29–39. Additional scriptures Isaiah 40:21–31, Psalm 147:1–11, 20c, and 1 Corinthians 9:16–23.

Healing takes many forms. The scriptures give accounts of healing in body, in spirit, in mental health, in community, and in nations. With so many ways, God tends to God's people; we see that healing is a process and always in process for those who seek God and are known by God's love.

Mark 1:29–39 speaks of particular healings that happen after Jesus teaches in the synagogue. It is significant that these happen in a home and to a woman. While we must question the social demands that require a woman to be whole in order to serve others, we can honour the significance of Simon's mother-in-law as Jesus honours her and her right to be free of her fever and restored to her strength. We can also honour the choice of her action upon being well. As the gospel says "and she began to serve others." While no social system is without obligation, we can hope that with strength restored, the woman made a choice beyond coercion. The choice to serve others even under duress is a choice Jesus makes in life and in death, returning to the search for restoration for the whole rather than resting in the illusions of privilege on the broken backs of others. Jesus leaves the synagogue to heal this woman in her home and then takes to the streets casting out many demons. Demons wound people by subjugating their bodies, spirits, or minds. Jesus frees people by "casting out" what unhealthy

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 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

Tue, 6 Feb—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth.

Sun, 11 Feb—9am Hallsville HC
Service and 11am West Tamworth
HC Service with TBA.

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

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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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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

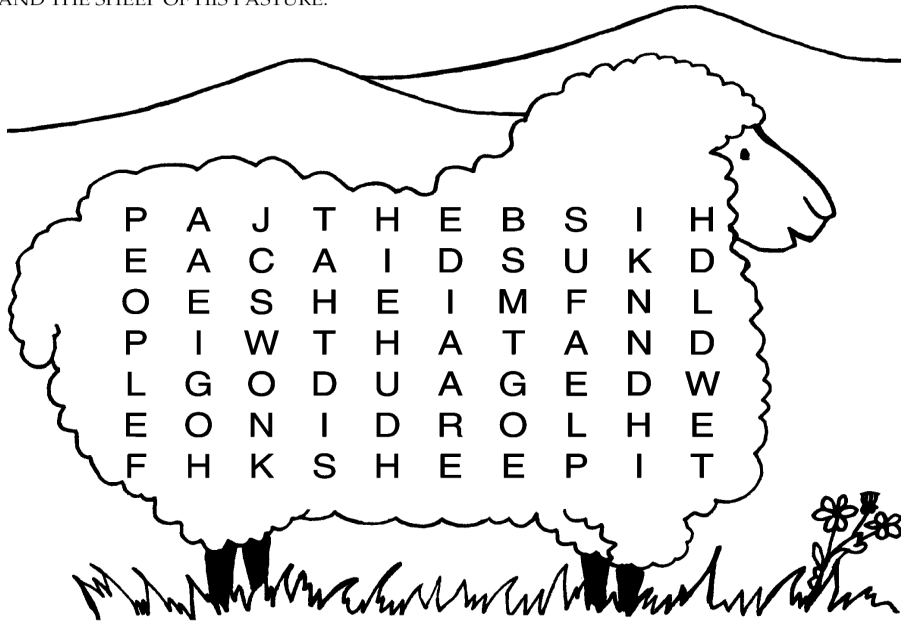


K I D S ' C L I P S

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 = □
i = ○
o = ▢

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| 2. F _ nc _ | 5. Tr _ _ s | |
| 3. W _ t _ r | 6. B _ rds | |

Answers:
Shepherd
Trees
Flowers
Water
Fence
Grass

Lectionary Readings

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| Sun 4 | Psalm 147:1-11, 20c* | Fri 9 | 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 |
| Mon 5 | 1 Kings 19:9-18 | Sat 10 | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6* |
| Tue 6 | 2 Kings 2:1-12* | Sun 11 | Psalm 50:1-6* |
| Wed 7 | Mark 9:2-9* | * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings | |
| Thu 8 | Daniel 7:9-14 | | |

patterns of being or unbalanced bodily systems bully them. Jesus moves from sacred space to domestic sphere to public forum and affirms that his religion is one that is not only beyond institutional belief but for personal practice and social order. The way of Jesus is for our daily lives, honoured in how we treat ourselves at home and how we interact with others in the streets.

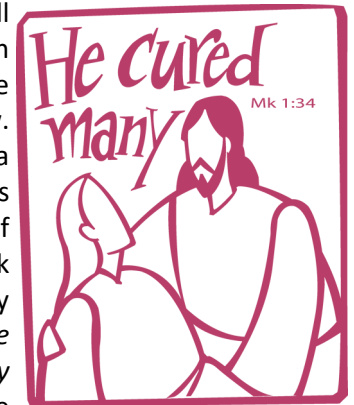
In **1 Corinthians 9:16–23** we see the speaker wrestle with the paradox of being set free by the gospel in order to choose to serve again. To live in the gospel of Jesus Christ is to be loosed from the binds of a hierarchical social order that mediates relationships by unwritten codes and legal discipline. It invites us back into those relationships in a mutually dependent and equitable way of living and understanding life, as a shared reality.

God “gathers the outcasts” and “heals the broken-hearted.” **Psalm 147:1–11, 20** is unapologetic in the abundance of God’s healing power. Healing is not merely a grand call to tend to the masses of the underserved. For the power that numbers the stars, grows each blade of grass, and feeds every raven, healing is the intimate touch of God on individuals and the intentional divine whisper of their names.

“Consider the grasshopper, thriving under the tent of heaven,” says the prophet in chapter **Isaiah 40:21–31**. “Who created these?” Isaiah asks what it says about the Creator that “not one is missing.” The everlasting God is unsearchable, and yet the process of healing is infinite for those who wait on this Creator.

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We don’t have to be perfect to be a healer. We can have faith that healing is the desire of Jesus by seeing how well Jesus performs the healing miracles, but we can also have faith in our own strength to serve through the witness of Simon’s mother-in-law. Henri Nouwen offered the image of Jesus as a wounded healer and invites us into this paradigm for our service. “The great illusion of leadership” writes Henri Nouwen, “is to think that [one] can be led out of the desert by someone who has never been there” (*The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society*). What is our role in proclaiming the gospel and in becoming healers in our time and circumstance?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 4 February 2018

Worship service, Holy Communion and Covenant Service with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: M Hobson, A Ashworth, J Carthew, P Battle, Door: E Gevert, B Mills, M Partridge, AV: A Winter, Organ: R Greer.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship and then the Jubilee Kitchen for lunch. Joining us for Christmas Day worship.

Do you Know Some Going to University in Sydney?

Christian Students Uniting is the Uniting Church University contact providing bible studies, social event, justice activities and pastoral care. Take a handout from the back of the church. Or website www.scu.org.au.

Water! Water! NO Water!

All water will need to be accessed from the St Andrew's Room for Vestry.

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).

One Door Mental Health

Carer Support Group meeting Dunn Hall Monday, 5 February at 10am.

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.

Key Audit

We are doing an audit of keys to the buildings here at Tamworth City. Please check with the office about your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need any longer.

Library

We have a library of books/DVDs in the Vestry. Do you have any you no longer require of a religious nature to donate to our Library? Maybe you'd like to borrow a book. Talk to Peter Battle 6766 7455.

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.

Stamp Collecting News

Keep in mind that the stamps you receive today, our customers are anxious to buy tomorrow at the Synod Stamp Committee sales. Keep them coming in. Leave them at the church office for trimming and sorting.

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

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.

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Ireland and the United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, the Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church and the Community Presbyterian Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Pray for upcoming events including the Presbytery Meeting in Narrabri on 24th February—for safe travel and inspired discussion.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing the lead classes in our high schools this year. 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.

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.

Maintenance Items

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. In recess during the holidays.

Hospital Visit

Are you scheduled to go into hospital? If so, you need to let us know if you want visitors (your Pastoral Partner, an Elder, or the Office). The current system at the Hospitals does not allow us access to this information easily.

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).

KYB Study Group

Recommencing 29 January. 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.

Church Office

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

Adult Fellowship

The Adult Fellowship are starting up again on Tuesday, 6 February meeting in the St Andrew's Room 9:30am for a cuppa and then 10am meeting. We would love to see more members this year. We are a friendly social group, so come along and join in the fellowship. All welcome.

Presbytery Bookkeeper

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

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 6 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! Morning tea in the Office. All helpers welcome.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in our Jubilee Hall on Mondays 5:30pm-8pm and Wednesdays 6-9:30pm. Commencing Wednesday, 7 February.

Yoga Group

Meeting in our Dunn Hall on Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am. Commencing Thursday, 8 February.

Worship Music Team

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

Church Council Meeting

Our bi-monthly Church Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 8 February from 7:30pm. Note change to second Thursdays.

Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior's Communion is held in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on the second Friday each month. The next one is on Friday, 9 February from 10am with Rev Chris Wright.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 11 February 2018

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright including two baptisms (A Ashworth/ M Hobson). Morning Tea to follow. Elder: J Archbold, Door: S Perkins, S Hardin, W Purse, AV: J Phillips, Organ: R Richardson.

Meals on Wheels

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

Compassionate Friends

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

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 February.

Kairos Meeting & Reunion

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 17 February from 9am-3pm.



Worship on Sunday, 18 February 2018

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. 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.

Association of Independent Retirees

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

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.

Presbytery PRC

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 23 February from 3pm.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

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

Worship on Sunday, 25 February 2018

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: R Hely, Door: J Shottek, J Crosling, W Feggans, AV: J McClelland, Organ: R Richardson.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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