

Diary Dates

Sun, 28	Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Light Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn	Sat, 3	8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop 9:30am Preaching W'shop at Southside
Mon, 29	4-5am Wheely Bean JH 9:30-3pm Kairos SewingJH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 2pm Funeral for R Green 4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall	Sun, 4	Tamworth City Worship, Covenant & HC with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn
Tue, 30	9am-2pm Office T-F 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall	Mon, 5	10am-12noon One Door Carer Support Dunn Hall
Wed, 31	9am Op Shop WorkingB 4pm Worship Ctee St A R	Tue, 6	9:30am Adult Fellowship in St A Room 7pm Friends of Nioka in St A Room
Thu, 1	9:30am MSSC St A Room 4:30pm Property St A R 4:30pm Worship Music	Wed, 7	New Vogue in Jubilee Hall
Fri, 2	8:30-10:30am WW in DH 9:30am Preaching W'shop at Southside 10am Craft Group in St A R 12noon Lunch & DVD StAR	Thu, 8	Yoga Group in Dunn Hall
		Fri, 9	10am Senior Communion at

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 4 February

8:30am	Gowrie Service
9am	Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright Covenant & HC E: E Sheppard, R & M Duns, J Carthew, P Battle, D: E Gevert, B Mills, M Partridge, O: R Greer, PP A Winter
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. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Jesus taught them in the synagogue.

Mark 1:21

Seasons of the Spirit

Called to Truthful Love

Prayer

We know who you are, Holy One of God, and yet the idea of recognizing your authority in our lives often remains deep within us. Yet, you are more about peace than power, love than leading. May your calling grow deeper within as your Spirit equips and inspires us in faithful living. Amen.

Focus scripture

Mark 1:21–28. Additional scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15–20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1–13.

From politics to business, churches to classrooms, we are drawn to authority. Is it because we want someone to make our choices, solve our problems, or offer us the “truth”? Scripture reveals the reality we long for comes in God’s hope for justice, Jesus’ teachings about love, and faith communities practicing inclusion.

As tempting as it is, this passage is not really about a miracle which Jesus performs. We know nothing about this man, where he comes from, or if he has any faith or not. While it is the very first miracle in Mark’s gospel, it is clear that the healing is not what is important.

Rather, we are told at the outset that Jesus has come to town to teach. And whatever it was that he said, for which we are not given any details, it is so different and unexpected that he is seen as one “having authority.”



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

Sun, 28 Jan—11am West Tamworth
Service with John Nash.

Fri, 2 Feb—6pm Hallsville Family
Church with John Nash.

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

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

Fri, 9 Feb—6pm Hallsville Family
Church with TBA.

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

Note: Peel Valley Congregations in
recess from 31 December until 21
January for 7am Hallsville Gospel
Breakfast. All welcome.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

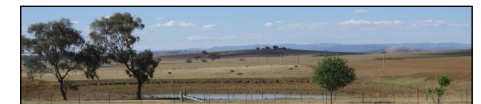
*Our Goal "To be transformed communities,
experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of
the friendship of Jesus."*

Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337
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Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Peel Valley UC, Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School, Monbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, Baptist Church and C3 Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Pray for upcoming events including the MSSC Meeting on 1st, Preaching Workshop 2nd/3rd, and Presbytery Meeting in Narrabri on 24th February.

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

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.

Lectionary Readings

Sun	28	Psalm 111*	Fri	2	1 Corinthians 9:16-23*
Mon	29	Job 7:1-7	Sat	3	1 Timothy 6:3-11
Tue	30	Isaiah 40:21-31*	Sun	4	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c*
Wed	31	Mark 1:29-39*			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings
Thu	1	1 Corinthians 9:1-15			

This itinerant preacher speaks and impacts people in ways that take them completely by surprise.

Then comes this seemingly insignificant encounter between Jesus and the spirit-dominated man. While again it is not the man who is important, we can see the implication by Mark that Jesus comes to stand against anything that would keep us from realizing our full potential in the life offered to us by God.

And the people see this not as a medical miracle, but a new wisdom that is being offered, a new truth being spoken. With authority, Jesus makes it clear that he is called to bring hope, life, grace, and love to everyone. With a new way of speaking, of community, of leading, Jesus begins his ministry.

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 is part of the section in the book where Moses begins to authorize a series of leadership roles which are intended to help the people of Israel retain their identity and relationship with God when they enter into the promised land. Nearing the end of his life. Moses assures the people that God will raise up new prophets who will speak with God's authority just as Moses has.

Psalm 111 proclaims God's active involvement in the life of the people. God's authority comes not so much through might as by feeding the people, instituting justice, and being righteous in every moment – not just to a select few.

1 Corinthians 8:1–13 is a reminder that sometimes the way we can live in community with others is by our willingness to sacrifice something that means so much to us because it simply is an annoyance, a hindrance to our sisters and brothers.



It would be easy to give into the temptation to simply let someone else take over for us, to tell us how to make every decision – in fact, just tell us what the decisions should be! But we are called to struggle not only with the question of where true authority might lie but how that authority offers us truth. How does living the truthful love and acceptance revealed by Jesus offer hope and healing to others?

Preparing for Covenant Sunday

Next Sunday we will be having our annual covenant and commissioning service as we launch into our activities for another year. For us this services provides for:

- the renewal of our personal commitment to God
 - commitment to our roles within the Tamworth City congregation commitment to Tamworth City congregational goals.
- You are encouraged to make prior personal spiritual preparation for this service. To assist you in this the following are provided:

The words of the Covenant Prayer. From the wording of the prayer is an act of self-abandonment to the will of God and thus should not be entered upon lightly.

***I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you or laid aside for you;
exalted for you or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty;
let me have all things, let me have nothing;
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
To your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours,
to the glory and praise of your name. Amen.***

The Tamworth City goals as expressed in our Church Profile approved by the Congregation prior to Rev Chris Wright joining us.

Overall, our intention is to retain the four areas of ministry and mission to provide both direction and continuity, namely:

- Building up the body of Christ (our Tamworth City congregation);
- Sharing the faith and caring of Christ in the Tamworth community;
- Exercising a responsive/responsible role within the NENW Presbytery and the local region;

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.

Worship on Sunday, 11 February 2018

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. 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.

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.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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

Lunch & DVD

Our monthly Lunch & DVD will be on Friday, 2 February from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Do you Know Some Going to Uni 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.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 4 February 2018

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

One Door Mental Health

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

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.

Friends of Nioka

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

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.

Contributing to the wider work of the Uniting Church and the wider Christian Church in its mission to NSW, Australia and overseas

And to do this through the management structure we have established over time (with minor adjustments), pragmatically working within the confines of our continually changing resources – spiritual, human, financial and physical.

More specifically,

1. To continue to provide for the spiritual growth of Tamworth City Congregation through worship, education, fellowship, pastoral care, service opportunities and support programs and outreach/faith sharing.
2. To continue and extend where possible, our local community mission projects, especially Opportunity Shop, Youth Homelessness projects, Youth Vision support areas, support for Rainbow Cottage and St Andrew's Village, Christmas Appeal and assisting local groups through the use of our facilities.
3. To continue our support of Australian and overseas mission projects through Lent Event, Christmas Bowl, Mission Envelopes, Frontier Services and strengthening our relationships with the Philippines Peace Community through our contact with Joy Balazo.
4. To maintain the central role of our Church Office in our church life and its connection with the NENW Presbytery.



To continually re-examine our resources and their use and to work more co-operatively with other local Uniting Church congregations in looking to the future of the Uniting Church in Tamworth and district.

The covenant service goes back to that service John Wesley compiled for Methodist societies in 1755 and revised in 1922. This service forms the basis for the current Covenant Service adopted and slightly adapted by the Uniting Church.

Barry Gillett, Chair of Church Council

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 28 January 2018

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: R Duns, Door: J Crosling, M Duns, AV: J McClelland, Organ: R Richardson.

Korean Reborn Church

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

With Love to the World

New With Love to the World available today.

Water! Water! NO Water!

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

Christmas Bowl

This is the last Sunday for Christmas Bowl Envelopes in the offering plate.

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

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.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Dr Robert Green. His funeral will be held on Monday, 29 February at 2pm in our church.

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*.

Presbytery Office

Regular Presbytery office 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.

Worship Committee

Meeting on Wednesday, 31 January from 4pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Presbytery MSSC Meeting

Meeting on Thursday, 1 February in the St Andrew's Room 9:30am-3:30pm.

Property Committee

Meeting on Thursday, 1 February from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Worship Music Team

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

Presbytery Preaching Workshop

2/3 February NENW Presbytery Preaching Workshop at Southside.

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, 2 February.