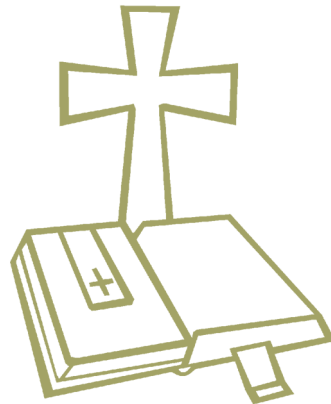


## Diary Dates

- Sun, 14 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, with Mr Peter Battle. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.**  
11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch
- Mon, 15 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH**  
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
10am-2pm UNITING St AR
- Tue, 16 9am-2pm T-F Church Office**  
9am AIR—Dunn Hall  
9:30am LLine Dancers JH  
10am-1pm Pres Bkeep  
11:30am MacGillivray Funeral and Lunch  
2pm Senior's Getting Together Fellowship
- Wed, 17 9am Op Shop Sorting—V**  
4:30pm Elder's Fellowship in St Andrew's Room  
6-9:30pm New Vogue JH
- Thu, 18 8:30am Early Risers Prayer**  
9:30am Yoga in St AR  
4:30pm Church Music &
- Fri, 19 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH**  
10am Craft Group in StAR  
Set-up in Jubilee Hall for Young Mums Support Day
- Sat, 20 9am-12noon Op Shop**  
9am Young Mums Support Day in Jubilee Hall
- Sun, 21 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, with Rev Chris Wright. Occasional Choir. Morning Tea.**  
11am West Tamworth  
11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 21 July—Pentecost 6

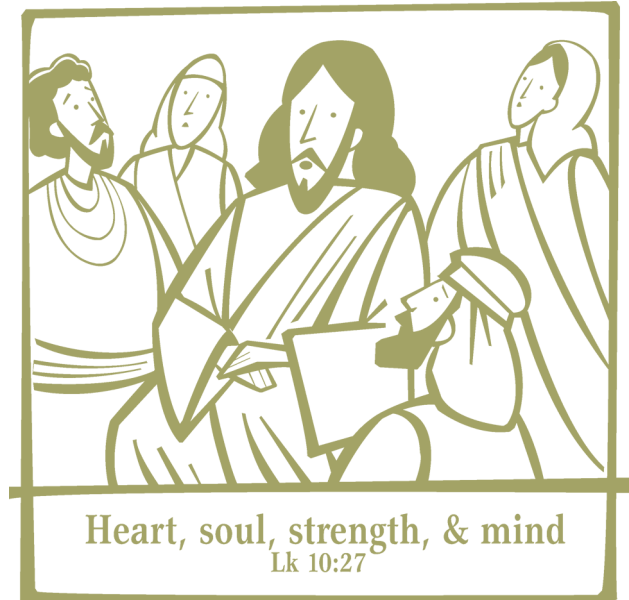
- 9am Tamworth City Service—Rev Chris Wright E:E Sheppard; D:C Sheppard, D & M Miles; PP: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Singing Group. Sunday School.
- 9:30 Tamworth Southside Service—Mr Rob Wood—HC
- 11am West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright
- 5:30pm Tamworth Southside Service—Mr Rob Wood—HC Dinner



*Sunday, 14 July 2019*

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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



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## Seasons of the Spirit

### Compassionate Neighbours

#### Readings

Amos 7:7–17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1–14; and Luke 10:25–37.

#### Prayer

O God of justice and mercy, implant within us hearts of faithfulness, hearts that lead our hands in works of compassion. From your great love for us, inspire us to love our neighbours, that all might come to know your plan for our world. Amen.

#### Reflection

This week's readings invite us to consider how love and compassion are the essences of living faithfully. They call us to shape our lives according to God's justice and mercy, striving for relationships that enable community. God's word has ultimate authority and responding to God's call for justice and compassion is everything.

#### Biblical Background

Amos 7:7–17 The priest of Bethel, presumably with the authority of the king, attempts to persuade Amos to take his prophecy of destruction to some other place. Amos, however, has no regard for those in positions of human authority and prestige who ignore God. Status is nothing; responding to God with faithfulness is everything. Picking up on the idea of compassion for others, Psalm 82 emphasizes how God cares for and defends the disadvantaged or those in need.

God's most essential concern is with justice and compassion.

Luke 10:25–37 The gospel of Luke emphasizes that people on the edges of the society in which the gospel was written – the outcasts, the lonely, the sick, women, children – are included in God's reign. Indeed, the reign of God is open to all who know the love of God and respond to it.

To make this point, the gospel writer chooses subversive stories such as this one, the one often referred to as The Good Samaritan.

Here, Jesus criticizes religious leaders. Some readers today might imply

## Southside Scene

**Worship:** 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.  
Dinner Church 2nd Sunday. HC 3rd Sunday. Family Service 4th Sunday.

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

**Stepping Stones:** 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

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

**Prayer Team:** 3pm Tuesdays.

**Lectionary Study & Worship**

**Preparation:** 4pm Tuesdays.

**Motor Bike Ride:** 9:30am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

## Peel Valley Congregations

**Sun, 14 July**—8:30am Gowrie and 11am West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan.

**Tue, 16 July**—10:am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

**Thu, 18 July**—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth.

**Fri, 19 July**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

**Sun, 21 July**—11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright.  
Trading Table.



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

**Bible Discussion:** 2-3pm Thursdays.

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

**Men's Bowls:** 9:45am 2nd & 4th North Tamworth Bowling Club

**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30am on 1st Saturday each month.

**High Tea:** Saturday, 31 August 1pm.

**Website:** [www.tsuc.org.au](http://www.tsuc.org.au) or

**Facebook:** Tamworth Southside UC

### 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"*

Pastor Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 0408 660 025

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

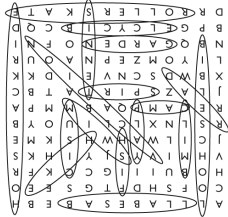
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



# Summer Activities

Here are some summer time activities. Can you find them in the puzzle? Make your own list of things you would like to do.

- Camp
- Swim
- Baseball
- Bible School
- Horseback Ride
- Tennis
- Trips
- Vacation
- Play
- Fish
- Hike
- Climb
- Roller Skate
- Music
- Read
- Garden
- Bicycle



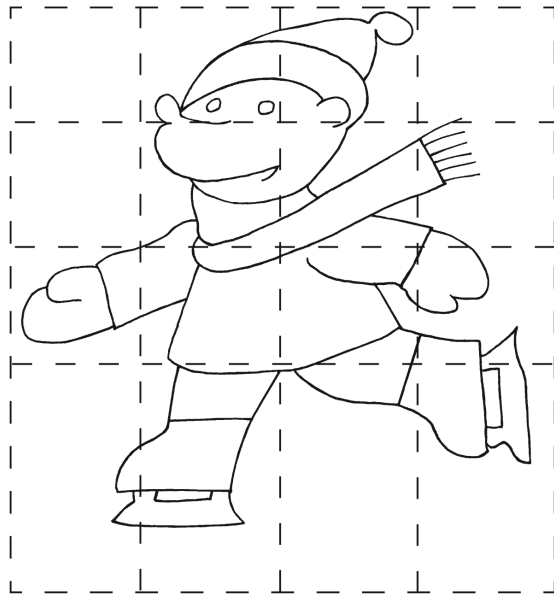
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# Winter Fun

It might be cold in some parts of the world in July. Where could it be?

Colour the ice skater. Cut the picture apart and then put it back together.

Cut on the dotted lines.



# Lectionary Readings

Sun	14	Psalm 82*	Fri	19	Colossians 1:24-29
Mon	15	Amos 8:1-12*	Sat	20	Luke 10:38-42*
Tue	16	Amos 9:5-15	Sun	21	Psalm 52*
Wed	17	Psalm 15	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	18	Colossians 1:15-23			

that these leaders were putting purity laws and temple practices above the call of the law to love God and neighbour, but the text doesn't tell us why these individuals did not stop and help.

The writer of the gospel of Luke portrays Jesus as a prophet. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the prophets were continually calling leaders and those who maintain structures of power to turn from religious distortions back to the heart of faithfulness – justice, love, mercy, and compassion.

In this story, Jesus issues the prophetic call through an unlikely character – a Samaritan. In doing so, Jesus challenges national stereotypes held by both the Jewish and Samaritan peoples. Both the Jews and the Samaritans followed practices and beliefs of Judaism as defined in the Hebrew Scriptures. However, the Jews centred their faith lives in the temple at Jerusalem, and the Samaritans focused theirs at Mount Gerizim. There were deep, historical rifts between these two groups. The Jewish audience of this gospel would have considered the Samaritans to be unclean. Yet in this story, the Samaritan is the one who responds most faithfully.

The gospel of justice and compassion is bearing fruit and growing in the members of the church in the city of Colossae. In Colossians 1:1–14, the author describes the world as a place of shadows and of light. The Colossian believers have been brought from the shadows into light by God's grace. It is that grace growing in their lives that produces the fruit of good works and wisdom that is a "marker of the community."

### Questions

We are called to live into the reign of God, where every human being is treated with love and justice. As compassionate disciples, we love God with all our hearts and our neighbours as ourselves. What acts of justice and kindness – given and received – have accompanied your faith journey? In what ways do members of your church strive for relationships that enable community to flourish?



## *Today's Information*

### **Worship on Sunday, 14 July**

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

### **Korean Reborn Church**

11:30am Sundays for worship. Jubilee Kitchen & Dunn Hall for lunch.

### **TODAY: Special Congregational Meeting**

The meeting will have one item of business "To deal with matters arising from the announcement on 16th June 2019 of the retirement of the Reverend Chris Wright, including the provision of any necessary support for the well-being of Chris and his family during this time of transition and a report from the Church Council."

### **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Hazel MacGillivray who passed away this week. Hazel's funeral will be held at 11:30am on Tuesday, 16 July here.

Also we keep Bill and Joan Standen in our prayers following the death of their son last week.

### **Celebration**

A new granddaughter for Dot & Malcolm Miles, a daughter for Alastair & Dania, and sister for Flynn.

### **Retirement Rev Chris Wright**

Rev Chris Wright will be retiring. His last service will be on Sunday, 21 July. He will then take leave until the end of August. A Closure of Ministry Service has been planned for Saturday, 3 August at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. We give thanks for Chris' ministry amongst us over the past two years and wish him God's rich blessings in his retirement. *If you would like to make a donation towards a gift please leave at the office. Thank you.*

### **Doing It For Our Farmers**

We continue to support our local farmers with drought relief packages, vouchers and prayers. There is always someone in need during this long period of drought.

### **Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches**

We keep the activities of Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School, St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church in our prayers.

### **Presbytery Prayer Points**

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery. We give thanks for God's provision, healing and blessing. Our AGM is coming up in August.

### **Scripture in Schools**

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. 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 all 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.

## *Maintenance Items*

### **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.*

### **Stamp Collecting News**

*Demand for \$1 stamps far exceeds supply at present. Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. 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/sorting.*

### **Reverse Parking**

*We've had a couple of near-misses recently. Would everyone using the car park please reverse park into parking spaces. This will mean that when it gets full it will be easier to get out and pedestrians will be safer. Thanks.*

### **Catherine Hamlyn Winter Movie Afternoon**

On again at Forum6 at 2:30pm, \$16.50. A lovely relaxing Sunday afternoon with a good movie, good friends and a good cause + afternoon tea. 4th August "All Saints". A new pastor with orders to shut down the little church. But God had other plans.

### **Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 4 August from 3pm.

### **Diary Dates to Note**

- 6th 9:30am Adult Fellowship; 10am One Door Mental Health; 4:30pm City Property Committee; 7pm Friends of Nioka
- 7th 4pm Worship Committee
- 8th 7pm Church Council Meeting
- 9th 10am Senior Communion
- 10th 9am Kairos Board & Gathering; 9am 'Pray' Retreat

### **Christian Women's Conference**

New Life Conference 2019 will be held on 6/7 September. A bible teaching conference organised by the Anglican Diocese of Armidale for women of the NENW, glorifying God by introducing people to Jesus and helping them home to heaven. Weekend includes interviews, book reviews, excellent music and warm fellowship across the weekend. Early bird registrations close 3 August. Pick up a brochure (talk to Elaine Fairall or Margaret Cupitt).

### **High Tea @ Southside**

It's on again after last year's very successful High Tea. Ladies, keep your diary free for Saturday, 31 August from 1pm. More details to come.

## *Prayers*

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin Committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Calendar**

Keep the people of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama in your prayers this week.

## *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.

### **Church Office**

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *Nicolette*.

### **Association of Independent Retirees**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 16 July from 9am.

### **Locomotive Line Dancing**

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing.

### **Hazel MacGillivray Service of Thanksgiving**

Tuesday, 16th July from 11:30am in the Tamworth City Uniting Church.

### **Senior's Getting Together Fellowship**

Monthly get together will be on Tuesday, 16 July from 2pm in the UNITING St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

### **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.

### **Elder's Fellowship**

Quarterly get together will be on Wednesday, 17 July from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **New Vogue Dance Group**

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

### **Early Risers Prayer Group**

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am.

### **Yoga Group**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursdays from 10 June 9:30am.

### **Occasional Singing Group**

We are preparing a piece for 21 July. All singers are welcome to join us for practices on Thursday, 18 July in the Church from 4:30pm.

### **Social Craft Group**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Fridays from 8:30-11am.

### **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, 19 July.

### **Early Childhood—Mums Mental Health Day**

Our young families worker is part of this mental health and well-being workshop on Saturday, 20 July in the Jubilee Hall.

## *Next Week & Beyond*

### **Worship on Sunday, 21 July**

9am Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Occasional Singing Group. Mission Envelopes. Elder: E Sheppard, D: C Sheppard, M & D Miles; PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth.

### **Meditation Service**

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area. During School Terms. Next 24th.

### **Stepping Stones Play Group**

In recess during the school holidays. Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon. Resuming 25 July.

### **Worship on Sunday, 28 July**

9am Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Elder: W Standen, D: S Hardin, R Barclay, B Mills; PP: J McClelland; O: R Greer. Sunday School resumes. Morning Tea.

### **Safe Church Workshop**

Sunday, 28th 12noon Safe Church Workshop at Tamworth City (new venue). All Church Councillors, Elders and Pastoral Partners, and any congregation members are welcome to attend. You must register with the office to attend this workshop (books to be ordered/and catering).

### **Family Worker Support Group**

NENW Presbytery support group will meet with Sarah on Tuesday, 30 July from 4pm in the Wesley 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, 2 August.

### **Lunch and Chatter**

The first Friday of each month we have a lunch and we're going to keep chatting after lunch instead of falling asleep while trying to watch the DVD. Everyone's welcome to join us. Gold coin donation for lunch.

### **Closure of Ministry Service**

Saturday, 3 August from 2pm in the Tamworth City Uniting Church a service of closure for Rev Chris Wright. Afternoon tea will follow the service.

### **Worship on Sunday, 4 August**

9am Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett HC. Elder: M Hobson, P Turner, R Hely, M Weick, P Battle, D: J Phillips, R & P Pryor; PP: M Miles; O: R Greer. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.