

Diary Dates

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

Mon, 22 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
10am-2pm UNITING St AR

Tue, 23 9am-2pm T-F Church Office
9:30am LLine Dancers JH
10am-1pm Pres Bkeep

Wed, 24 9am Op Shop Sorting—Ves
6pm Meditation Service
6-9:30pm New Vogue JH

Thu, 25 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall
9:30am Yoga in St AR
4:30pm Church Music

Fri, 26 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH
6:30pm New Vogue Dance in

Jubilee Hall
Sat, 27 9am-12noon Op Shop

Sun, 28 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch
12noon Safe Church Workshop at Tamworth City



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 28 July—Pentecost 7

8:30am Gowrie Service
9am Tamworth City Service—Mr Barry Gillett E:W Standen; D:S Hardin, R Barclay, B Mills; PP: J McClelland, O: R Greer. Sunday School.
9am Hallsville—Baptism with Meg Mangan
9:30 Tamworth Southside Service
11am West Tamworth Service
5:30pm Tamworth Southside Service

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Sunday, 21 July 2019

*Welcome to Tamworth City
Uniting Church*

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright and will be leading our service.

Please stay for a chat and morning tea.

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Seasons of the Spirit

Faithful Listeners

Readings

Amos 8:1–12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15–28; and Luke 10:38–42.

Prayer

God of all wisdom, grant us courage and clarity of purpose as we seek to follow your way. We live in thankfulness for Christ, who holds all things together. Amen.

Reflection

The call to take up the role of discipleship encompasses a call to ground our daily living in the word of God. Each day, there are opportunities to hear and follow God's word, if only we pause and listen. The action of faithful discipleship is informed by reflection on Christ and the way of God's realm.

Biblical Background

Amos 8:1–12 shows the compelling story of God intervening in the everyday dishonesty of wealthy merchants, anxiously awaiting the start of a new week when they take advantage of the poor. God will have no part in this and declares that one day the people will yearn to hear the word of God.

The wisdom of trusting in God's word is described in Psalm 52. Regardless of how "mighty" people might be, those who place their trust in the wrong things will not last. The one who trusts in God is like the olive tree, one of the longest living trees.

Luke 10:38–42 is positioned as the "second panel of a triptych" of teaching about what is central to the life of discipleship. This series of three stories started in Luke 10:25, with the story of the Samaritan neighbour. The focus of this passage is Jesus' teaching about the importance of grounding our lives in faith.

Martha and Mary are important to Jesus. Jesus and the disciples come to their village and are welcomed, invited into their home, and provided with food and fellowship.

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

Fri, 19 July—No Friday Church.

Sun, 21 July—9am Hallsville (Baptism) with Meg Mangan and 11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright. Trading Table.

Sun, 28 July—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan

Fri, 2 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

Sun, 4 Aug—11am West Tamworth Service with lunch afterwards.

Tue, 6 Aug—10am Memory Lane.



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 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"

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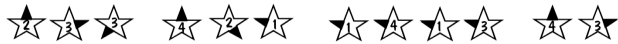
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



Star Code

Use the star code to figure out the Bible verse. The shaded area is the same as the point on the numbered star.



Ecclesiastes 11:7

Answer: Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Unscramble

Read Psalm 104:1, 19a and unscramble the words below. Then connect the dots to reveal the mystery picture.

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o l s u o r l o d y m o d g

o y u r e a r v y e

t g a r e u o y h v e a

d e a m h e t o m n o o t

m r a k t e h

s s o e n a s . Psalm 104:1, 19a

Answer: Bless the Lord O my soul. O Lord God, you are very great. You have made the moon to mark the seasons.

Lectionary Readings

Sun	21	Psalm 52*	Fri	26	Colossians 2:16-23
Mon	22	Hosea 1:2-10*	Sat	27	Luke 11:1-13*
Tue	23	Hosea 2:16-23	Sun	28	Psalm 85*
Wed	24	Colossians 2:1-5	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	25	Colossians 2:6-15			

In a surprising turn of expectations, Mary – rather than taking the culturally assigned role of providing the physical necessities of hospitality – places herself at the feet of Jesus. This is the traditional place for the disciples of a teacher. Jesus affirms Mary's choice to learn from him.

To a casual observer, Jesus might look and sound like an ordinary rabbi or teacher with disciples at his feet. To those who perceive God at work in Jesus, however, there is much more going on. Jesus is the promised Messiah of the Jews and the Gentiles who will preside over God's never-ending realm (Luke 1:32–33; 2:29–32). Mary's insight into Jesus' mission opens her to embrace the "one thing" that is needful for a disciple of Jesus – hearing and responding to the word of God.

It is not too difficult for us to imagine Martha's reaction to Mary's choice. In this instance, the role of host distracts Martha from the importance of learning from Jesus. Jesus calls Martha to account for this, while still honouring the choice she makes. (In John 11:17–27, we learn of Martha's trust in what Jesus has taught the disciples about God's purpose for the Messiah.)

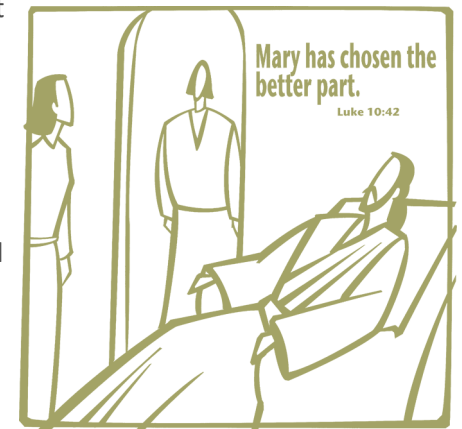
Many Christian women who have been told to express their faith through acts of serving have heard this text as Jesus' criticism of who they are and what they do. Others have heard it as an admonition to balance contemplation and service – to "do it all." For all men and women who feel guilty for not contemplating more or not serving more, this text proclaims that Jesus is "the better part."

Colossians 1:15–28 puts Christ at the centre of everything. The universe came into being because of the action of God in Christ. The world is being reconciled to God through Christ. Christ changes all priorities, cutting through our distracting customs.

Questions

What priorities, ways of doing things, and fears do we have that hinder our response to the gracious call of Christ in our lives?

What in our lives might we need to let go as we travel the way of discipleship?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 21 July

9am Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Occasional Singing Group.
Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea.
11am West Tamworth.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Retirement Rev Chris Wright

Today will be the last service with Rev Chris Wright. He is taking 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. A new location for the pantry is being sought.

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).



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

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.

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.

Key Audit

Please check your need for keys to the various buildings here at Tamworth City. Take the opportunity to return a key you no longer need.

Housekeeping Item

Please report all incidents/accidents to the office, even if there is no further action. We need to keep a record for our insurance. Thank you.

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.

Worship on Sunday, 11 August

9am Worship service with Mr Paul Turner. Elder: A Ashworth, D: J Bennett, H Fergus, S Perkins; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Insights Magazine. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- 14th 10am Compassionate Friends
- 16th 10am Craft Group

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 Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Young Families worker and activities, Mission Outreach and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Church on the Way, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic Churches, the Father's House, Trinity Church, the Uniting Churches—Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley in our prayers.

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*.

Locomotive Line Dancing

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

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.

Meditation Service

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

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.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon. Resuming 25 July after a school holiday break.

Social Craft Group

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

New Vogue Dance Group

Extra dance on Friday, 26 July from 6:30pm.

Next Week & Beyond

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 and Holy Communion 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.



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".

Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group

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

Adult Fellowship

Our next get together will be on Tuesday, 6 August from 9:30am for morning tea followed by our meeting. Everyone's welcome to join us.

City Property Committee

Meeting on Tuesday, 6 August from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room,

Friends of Nioka

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

Worship Committee

Meeting on Wednesday, 7 August from 4pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Church Council Meeting

Our bi-monthly Church Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 8 August from 7pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Senior's Communion

Our Monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 9 August from 10am in the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall.

Kairos Outside

Board meeting & Gathering Saturday, 10 Aug from 9am in St Andrew's Rm.

Retreat "Pray"

Retreat Christian Ministries are running their next Retreat with the Theme "Pray" 9am-3pm on Saturday, 10 August. Has your prayer life as a Christian been an adventure or a struggle? A privilege or a burden? Do you feel guilty about how little time you actually spend praying? During this retreat we will be exploring many different forms of prayer, as well as providing ample opportunities for you to try out some new ways to pray. Register with the Penrose's 6743 2556.