

Diary Dates

Sun, 28	9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea.		9:30am Yoga in St AR
	11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch	Fri, 2	4:30pm Church Music
	12noon Safe Church Workshop at Tamworth City		8:30am Social Craft Grp DH
Mon, 29	9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH		10am Craft Group in StAR
	10am-4pm Op Shop M-F	Sat, 3	12noon Lunch & Chat StAR
	10am-2pm UNITING St AR		9am-12noon Op Shop
Tue, 30	9am-2pm T-F Church Office		2pm Service of Closure for Rev Chris Wright in Church & Jubilee Hall
	9:30am LLine Dancers JH	Sun, 4	9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service and HC, with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
	10am-1pm Pres Bkeep		11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch
	4pm Young Families Worker Support Group		2:30pm Catherine Hamlyn Movie at Forum 6
Wed, 31	9am Op Shop Sorting—Ves		3pm Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group
	1:30pm JNC in St A Room		
	5:30pm The Fathering Project at WTLC		
	6pm Meditation Service		
	6-9:30pm New Vogue JH		
Thu, 1	9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall		

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 4 August—Pentecost 8 HC

9am	Tamworth City Service—Mr Barry Gillett HC E:M Hobson, P Turner, R Hely, M Weick P Battle; D:J Phillips, R & P Pryor;; PP: M Miles, O: R Greer. Sunday School.
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Barry Gillett and will be leading our service.
Please stay for a chat and morning tea.

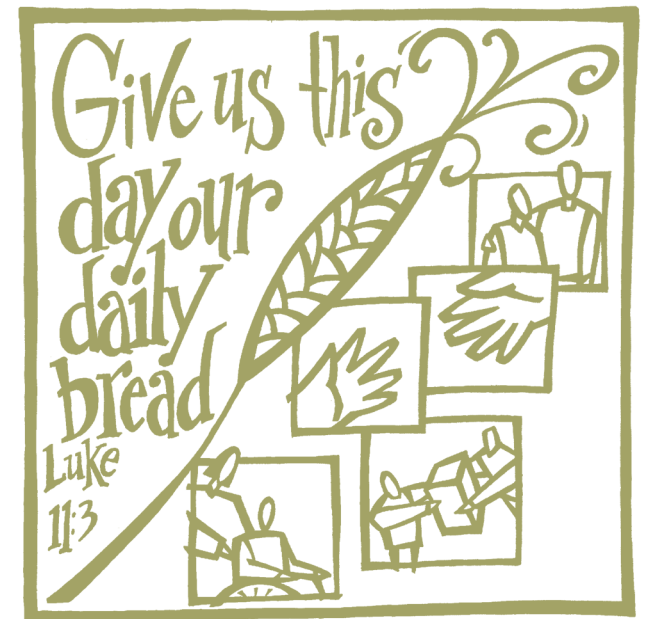
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Seasons of the Spirit

Prayerful Disciples

Readings

Hosea 1:2–10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19); Luke 11:1–13.

Prayer

Hear our prayer, O God. Increase our faith and open us to trust your intentions for our lives. Through Christ, shape us to live more persistently in your ways. Amen.

Reflection

Prayer is at the heart of discipleship. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God. The readings for today lift up God's nature of love and compassion; they assure us of God's readiness to hear and attend to our prayers. As we pray, we know God more fully, and as we know God more fully we pray confidently and with persistence.

Biblical Background

Hosea 1:2–10 describes God's nature of love and compassion emerging, even at bleak moments. This is a time when the people of Israel treat God abominably, when the prophet utters a devastating word from God, "you are not my people." Even at such a time, all is not lost. God's love and compassion break forth, promising that the people will be called "children of the living God."

The writer of Psalm 85 knows God's deep desire for a covenant relationship with Israel and is confident that God's favour and pardon will prevail. The psalmist declares that the answer to the nation's lament, "Will you be angry with us forever?" is a resounding "no"!

Luke 11:1–13 Religious teachers in the time of Jesus, taught formulaic prayers to their followers. In this passage, Jesus also teaches his followers a model prayer. Christians have come to know this prayer as The Lord's Prayer, Jesus' Prayer, or The Prayer Jesus Taught. Some scholars believe Luke's rendition to be an earlier version of the prayer, as this version is shorter than the one in the gospel of Matthew.

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, 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.

Sun, 11 Aug—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service

Thu, 15 Aug—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth



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"

Pastor Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

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



Word Fun

Circle the word in each square that does not belong.

chair table heart	friend run walk	flower love tree	speech pen pencil	car gracious truck	valley mountain king
2	6	1	4	3	5

In the blanks below, write the word you have circled from each box, matching the numbers.

Those who _____ a pure _____ and are _____

in _____ will have the _____ as a _____.

Proverbs 22:11

Answers: love, heart, gracious, speech, king, friend



Loving Ways

Read the first word in Group A. Then look for a word in Group B that is the exact opposite attitude.

1. Draw a line to connect these two words.
2. Circle the word that describes the attitude that is most loving.
3. Cross out the word that is not loving. (The first one is done for you.)

Group A

- ~~rude~~
- selfish
- humble
- bored
- kind
- forgiving
- deceitful
- lazy
- cheerful
- annoyed
- stubborn

Group B

- mean
- patient
- honest
- resentful
- grumpy
- flexible
- generous
- respectful
- prideful
- helpful
- interested

Answers:
stubborn - flexible
annoyed - patient
cheerful - grumpy
lazy - helpful
deceitful - honest
forgiving - resentful
kind - mean
bored - interested
humble - prideful
selfish - generous
rude - respectful

Lectionary Readings

Sun 28	Psalm 85*	Thu 1	Colossians 3:1-11
Mon 29	Hosea 11:1-11*	Fri 2	Colossians 4:1-18
Tue 30	Hosea 12:2-6	Sat 3	Luke 12:13-21*
Wed 31	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Sun 4	Psalm 107:1-9, 43*

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

This account forms the "third panel of the triptych" of Jesus' teaching about living as disciples. The Good Samaritan is the first panel, and the visit to Martha and Mary is the second panel.

The first two statements in the prayer establish its foundation and orientation. God is addressed and described as holy or hallowed, that is, "set apart from the world." The words of prayer then proclaim a great hope: that God's way of being and God's desire will be present in the world. The third, fourth, and fifth statements ask God to provide for three basic needs – sustaining of the world by the provision of food, restoration of individuals and communities by forgiveness, and protection of the world. We can imagine that if these three things are fully achieved, then God's reign will have come indeed.

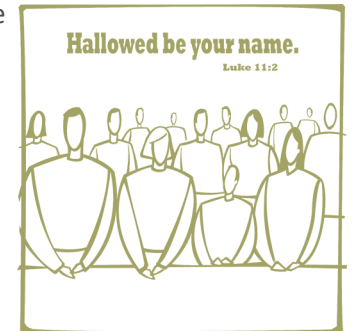
Jesus sets this prayer in context by describing further to whom we are praying. Jesus employs two striking images to underline the certainty of God's response to our prayer. The first image is of a neighbour who refuses to provide hospitality. This would have seemed absurd to the story's first hearers because of hospitality customs in first-century Middle Eastern cultures. Reception was a social requirement, and often essential to sustaining health and wholeness for one another in community. The bizarre image of a parent who gives a child snakes and scorpions assumes that even the least suitable of parents will provide basic care for a child.

The message to the disciples and to all hearers of this text, including us, is that God is good. God will always hear and respond – not because we are worthy, not because we have the right formula, but because it is in God's nature to be generous and loving.

Like the other passages for today, Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19) places the substance of our relationship with God squarely in the nature of God, not in the rituals we observe or the prayers we pray. Our relationship with God is possible not because of what we do but because of who God is and what God has done for us.

Thoughts

Our understanding of the nature of God informs our life of prayer. We believe that God is loving, compassionate, reliable, and responsive, as these passages assert. How then shall we pray?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 28 July

9am Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Frontier Services Newsletter

OUT NOW! Taking a look at some of their recent projects including Moree. They are now taking Christmas Card orders too.

Retirement Rev Chris Wright

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 he and Robyn God's rich blessings.

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).

UNITING Support Group

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of The Caribbean in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church and C3 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

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.



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, 16 August.

Worship on Sunday, 18 August

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: P Turner; D: D Cole, H McKenzie, M Partridge, PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth.

Diary Dates to Note

- 20th 9am AIR, LifeQuip at AgQuip, 2pm Senior's Getting Together.
- 21st Op Shop Anniversary 42yrs, LifeQuip at AgQuip.
- 22nd LifeQuip at AgQuip.
- 23rd 9am Ethical Ministry, NENW Pres PRC.
- 24th 9am NENW Pres meeting

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

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.

Family Worker Support Group

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

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.

JNC Meeting

Wednesday, 31 July from 1:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

The Fathering Project

You are invited to attend the launch of the Tamworth Regional Fathering Project (conversations about fathering) on Wednesday, 21 July from 5:30pm -7:30pm in the Chillingsworth Room at the WTLC. RSVP to Paul Briscoe 0404 063 475.

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.

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. One year old! What a great outreach to the young families in our local community.

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, 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.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

Funeral

The Funeral Service for Mrs Coral King, Monday, 5 August from 10:30am.

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.

Nursing Home Service

9:30am on Thursday, 8 August at Cottage Homes.

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 "Pray" 9am-3pm on Saturday, 10 August. Has your prayer life as a Christian been an adventure or a struggle? 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.

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. Congregational Meeting following worship (financials & profile only). Morning Tea.

Congregational Meeting

Our next congregational meeting will be on Sunday, 11 August following worship. The purpose for the meeting is to receive the financial figures and budget along with the congregational profile to call a new minister.

Compassionate Friends

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