

Diary Dates

- Sun, 7 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, with Rev Chris Wright. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.**
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch
 3pm Bec's Emmaus Group
- Mon, 8 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH**
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
 10am-2pm UNITING St AR
 11am OMNI Men's Shed at Connexions Cafe
- Tue, 9 9am-2pm T-F Church Office**
 9:30am LLine Dancers JH
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep
- Wed, 10 9am Op Shop Sorting**
 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH
- Thu, 11 8:30am Early Risers Prayer**
 9:30am Stepping Stones DH
 9:30am Yoga in St AR
 9:30 Cottage Homes Service
 4:30pm Church Music & Singing Group
- Fri, 12 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH**
 9:30am Stepping Stones Holiday Day
 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village Hall
- Sat, 13 9am-12noon Op Shop**
- Sun, 14 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, with Mr Peter Battle. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.**
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 14 July—Pentecost 5

- 8:30am Gowrie Service—Mrs Meg Mangan
- 9am Tamworth City Service—Mr Peter Battle E:J Archbold; D:E Gevert, W Townsend, Kathy; PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson. Congregational Meeting.
- 9:30 Tamworth Southside Service—Mr John Nash
- 11am West Tamworth Service—HC—Mrs Meg Mangan
- 5:30pm Tamworth Southside Service—Mr John Nash



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*Welcome to Tamworth City
Uniting Church*

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright and will be leading our service including the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



The harvest is plentiful.
Lk 10:2

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Seasons of the Spirit

Take Up the Story

Readings

2 Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1–6), 7–16; Luke 10:1–11, 16–20.

Prayer

God, you speak to us in surprising ways, through unexpected prophets. Help us to listen for your voice in our everyday lives. Teach us to serve others in acts of kindness and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who sends us out to love and to serve. Amen.

Reflection

Help comes to Naaman from an unexpected source – a young Israelite serving girl. Naaman hopes for a dramatic healing of his leprosy. However, God's healing and restoration come through unforeseen prophets. As the other readings affirm, God's presence is revealed through perseverance and faithful witness.

Biblical Background

2 Kings 5:1–14 The kingdoms of Israel and Syria (Aram) have existed in an uneasy peace for some years. Naaman commands Aram's army so successfully that it is said that Yahweh is with him. Naaman has a debilitating skin disease, which likely carries with it social shame and isolation. His wife has a young servant girl captured from Israel. "If only Naaman could go to Samaria," the girl says, "there is a prophet there who could cure him."

Naaman takes the words of the young girl seriously, though she is an unlikely prophet. Observing proper diplomatic protocol, Naaman visits the king of Aram, who sends him off with letters of reference and lavish gifts to the king of Israel. Naaman must have been desperate to make such a long and dangerous journey to a land suspicious of foreign powers.

The king of Israel is dismayed. He knows that he cannot cure anyone of leprosy. He wonders: is the king of Aram trying to pick a fight with him? But Elisha hears of this and tells the king to send Naaman. Naaman arrives with servants and chariots, but Elisha doesn't even come out of the house to greet him. Is this because Naaman is a Gentile? Is it because Naaman has leprosy? Is Elisha testing Naaman's faith?

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, 7 July—11am West Tamworth Service with Sue Budden. Lunch.

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. TT.



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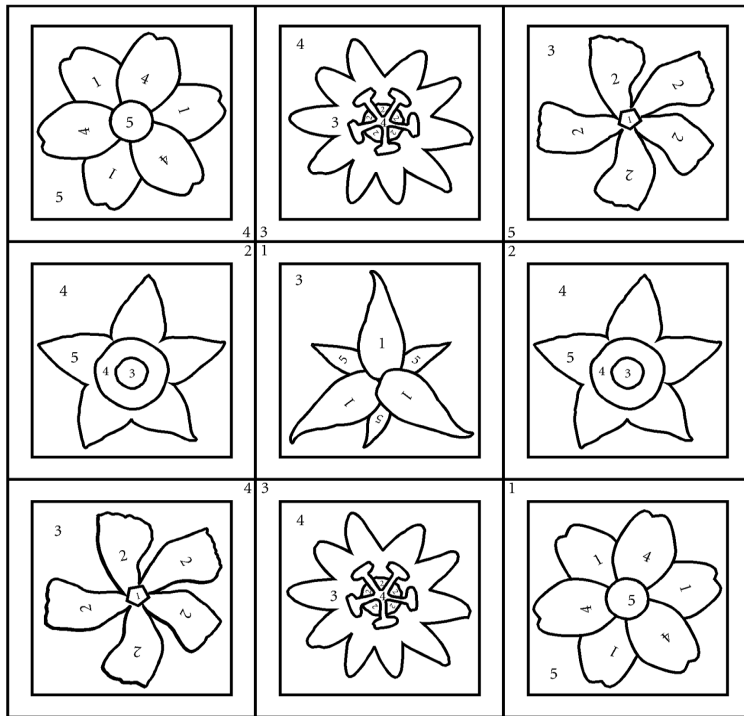
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



A Warm Quilt

A warm quilt would be a nice thing to give someone who is in need. Color the areas in the quilt with the color numbers listed below.

- 1 – orange
- 2 – blue
- 3 – purple
- 4 – yellow
- 5 – green



Something's Missing

Find out what's missing in this reading from Acts 2:44-45.

Use the Key below and fill in the missing letters. The first one is done for you.

KEY		
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All who believe d were to lether and hal all thinls
 in common; they woll sell their lossessions anl
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Answer: All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Lectionary Readings

Sun 7	Psalm 30*	Fri 12	Colossians 1:9-14
Mon 8	Amos 5:14-24	Sat 13	Luke 10:25-37*
Tue 9	Amos 6:1-8	Sun 14	Psalm 82*
Wed 10	Amos 7:7-17*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 11	Colossians 1:1-8		

By a messenger, Elisha tells Naaman to go and wash in the Jordan, another journey over mountainous land. In spite of his wish for healing, Naaman is outraged. He has come a long way. Naaman is expecting an acknowledgement of his status and a dramatic cure. He could have stayed at home and washed in the rivers there. But God is making a simple request, asking for obedience.

Naaman's servants persuade him to do as the prophet asks. Again, it is servants – those without power and status – who bring God's message. Naaman washes in the Jordan and is healed. In the remainder of the chapter, we read that this healing leads Naaman to accept the truth of Elisha's words. Naaman affirms his belief that the God of Israel is the God over all. God's power to heal, to bring new life, is not just for Israel, but for all people.

The psalmist sings a song of thanksgiving after recovery from illness in Psalm 30. God has turned weeping into dancing. This was the experience of Naaman and is our experience also; God deserves our praise.

Jesus teaches that faithfulness to God's word is more important than showy deeds of power. In Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, Jesus sends out 70 followers, perhaps recalling the story of Moses choosing 70 elders in Numbers 11:16. Jesus tells them how to behave as they spread the gospel to other towns. God reaches out to all people with a message of peace.

In Galatians 6:1-16, Paul speaks to the Galatians about the importance of caring for others, especially those within the family of faith. We are to bear one another's burdens. Verse three reminds us of Naaman's story. We must not boast of our own strength, but only in the cross of Jesus Christ. Peace will be upon those who follow in this way.

Questions

Within the Christian tradition, there are many examples of people who have worked alone or joined with others to spread the good news of God's reign of justice and peace – to make a difference for good. We are sent to spread the good news of God's reign of justice and peace to those we meet every day. What supplies do we need for our journey and ministry?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 7 July

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Bec's Emmaus Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 7 July from 3pm.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Anne Bartlett and Hazel Goodchild, who passed away last week. We keep you in our prayers.

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. Completing his time with us on 31 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.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, 14 July at 10am. 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."

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.



Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Phone 1300 881 826.

Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (or co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).

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.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs in South Africa

Please save your bread tags—they can be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Now collecting in Australia too! Leave in the office.

Venture Christian Bookshop— Quirindi

108 George Street, Quirindi 6746 1065. Serving Christ in the community since 1985. Cards for every occasion, bibles, music CD's, DVD's, adult and children's books, giftware also available. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

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).

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.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday mornings from 10am.

Line Dancing

The Locomotive Line Dancers will be hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union Holiday Camps, St John's Anglican Church, Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain and St Paul's Anglican 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

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.

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.

OMNI Recreation Men's Shed

Invite you to a combined lunch with Niagara National Health, and Connexions Café on Monday, 8 July from 11am at Connexions Café. Cost \$10 light lunch. RSVP 1 July to Jim 6766 4269.

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.

Compassionate Friends

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

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.

Cottage Homes Service

Rev Chris Wright will be leading the Cottage Homes Service on Thursday, 11 July from 9:30am. Helpers and singers most welcome.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Stepping Stones have had a busy term ending with Fun Fitness for Littlies on 2nd & 4th July. Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

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, 11 and 18 July in the Church from 4pm.

Emmaus Women's Walk

11-14 July at PLC in Armidale. We keep the leaders and pilgrims in our prayers.

Social Craft Group

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

Stepping Stones—School Holiday Day

Meeting in Jubilee Hall from 9:30am.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 12 July from 10am in the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall with Rev Henry Swindon.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 14 July

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: J Archbold, D: E Gevert, Townsend & Kathy; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

Association of Independent Retirees

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

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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.

Elder's Fellowship

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

Worship on Sunday, 21 July

9am Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Occasional Singing Group. Mission Envelopes. Elder: E Sheppeard, D: C Sheppeard, 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.

Safe Church Workshop

Sunday, 28th 12noon Safe Church Workshop at Tamworth Southside. All Church Councillors, Elders and Pastoral Partners, and any congregation members are welcome to attend. Register with the office.

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. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- 30th 4pm Young Family Worker Support Group
- 2nd 10am Craft Group, 12noon Lunch & DVD
- 3rd 2pm Service of Closure of Ministry, Rev Chris Wright

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