

Diary Dates

<p>Sun, 1 9am Tamworth City Worship and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Sausage Sizzle Morning Tea. Food Hamper Sunday. 11:30am Korean Reborn 2:30pm Catherine Hamlyn Movie Afternoon at Forum6</p> <p>Mon, 2 4-5am Wheely BeanJH M-F 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am OneDoor Carer Spt DH 1:30pm KYB 26 Upper St 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH</p> <p>Tue, 3 8am Meals on Wheels 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri 9:30am Adult Fellowship 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 12noon Soup & Damper Frontier Services St A Rm 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall 7pm Friends of Nioka StAR</p>	<p>Wed, 4 9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Friends of Nioka Bereavement Spt St A R 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 6pm Meditation Service in the Church Chapel</p> <p>Thu, 5 8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Yoga in Dunn H 4:30pm Worship Music</p> <p>Fri, 6 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall 10am Craft Group in StAR 12noon Lunch & DVD StAR</p> <p>Sat, 7 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop</p> <p>Sun, 8 9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn</p>
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 8 July 2018

9am	Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright	E: R Duns, D: M Duns, S Perkins, W Townsend, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips.
9:30am	Tamworth Southside	
11am	West Tamworth with John Nash	
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 and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and sausage sizzle morning tea afterwards.



DO NOT FEAR, ONLY BELIEVE.

Seasons of the Spirit

Brushing Up Against Grace

Focus scripture

Mark 5:21–43; 2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27; Psalm 130 and 2 Corinthians 8:7–15.

Prayer

For the sake of others and the sake of ourselves: we approach you, God. Whether we come boldly or tentatively, we are looking for your accepting grace. We seek a touch that brings healing. We seek the strength to do good. We seek a meaningful life. We seek you. Hear us. Touch us. Heal us. Be with us as we live. Amen.

Introduction

God is with us in all the circumstances of our lives. Sometimes we know it instantly; at other times it is only with hindsight that we notice it. Today we see God's grace impact the lives of people who have experienced loss, and a community wrestling with what a Christ-centred life looks like.

Reflection on Mark 5:21–43

The placement of today's reading within the gospel of Mark is interesting. It comes after Jesus has stilled the storm on the Lake of Galilee and healed a man from demons, so when the gospel adds the healing of the haemorrhaging woman and the restoration of Jairus' daughter to life into the mix, it's like the writer is *really* trying to do our heads in. It's as if Mark *wants* us to be bothered by and to brood over the question: who *is* this Jesus? Jesus is human, yet a word from him calms a storm and raises the dead. Mark heightens our awareness of mystery, a deep something within Jesus that connects him with the forces of creation, and yet it is not a remote something; while it can calm a storm, it is so intimate it can also feel the brush of a woman's hand on the edge of a coat.

The women themselves are important. Jairus' daughter, twelve years old and on the threshold of adulthood, is born into privilege. Her father is a leader in the synagogue. She has a powerful advocate who uses all the influence he has to save his daughter. The other woman has no advocate.

Whereas Jairus comes with a crowd to support him, the woman comes

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 3rd Sunday.

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

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays.

Prayer Team: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

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

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

Moore Creek Monthly: 7-9pm 4th
Friday.

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.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 29 June—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church.

Sun, 1 July—11am West Tamworth
Service with lunch to follow.

Tue, 3 July—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church.

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

Sun, 15 July—11am West Tamworth
Service with Mr Peter Battle. Trading
Table After.

Tue, 17 July—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church.

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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Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

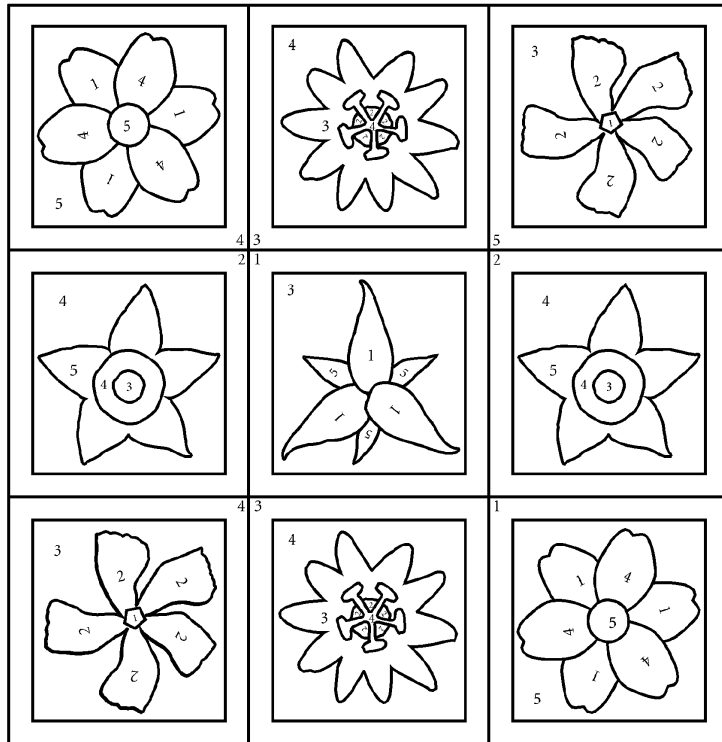
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
Bruce Jarrett, Barbara Murray, Doss Wark



A Warm Quilt

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

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



Something's Missing

The sentence below is from Acts 2:44-45. Some of the letters in the words are missing. Use the parts of the words from the key at right to fill in the missing parts.

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Acts 2:44-45

Key

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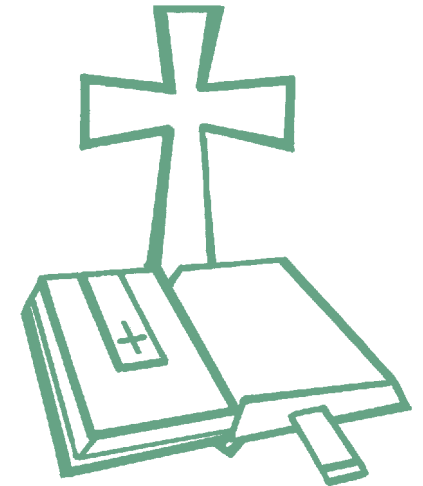
Answers: All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as they had need. They continued to live together in harmony and fellowship.

Lectionary Readings

Sun 1	Psalm 130*	Fri 6	2 Corinthians 13:5-14
Mon 2	2 Samuel 4:1-12	Sat 7	Mark 6:1-13*
Tue 3	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10*	Sun 8	Psalm 48*
Wed 4	2 Corinthians 11:16-33	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 5	2 Corinthians 12:2-10*		

alone and acts boldly on her own behalf. It is only after this woman is fully restored to her place as a daughter of Abraham that Jairus' daughter is restored to life. Is this deliberate? Curiously, Jesus "strictly ordered them that no one should know" about the girl, but publicly praised the woman for her faith?

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27 is David's heartfelt lament on hearing of the deaths of Saul and Jonathan. We might expect the great outpouring of grief David feels for Jonathan: he loved him deeply, and Jonathan loved David "as his own soul" (1 Samuel 18:1, 3). But David also gives full voice to his lament for Saul, even though Saul had been David's enemy and had consistently plotted to kill David. Saul was the anointed King of Israel and David does not dismiss or belittle his reign and legacy.



Paul is in tricky territory as he writes to the Corinthians about money (2 Corinthians 8:7–15). There's a sense in which he would like to make generous giving compulsory as an indication of a Christ-centred life, a sign of compassion and justice. The passage reads like a finely held back criticism as if he is hoping his reticence to condemn will nudge the community to find their own way into generosity.

The writer of Psalm 130 calls out to God from a place of deep suffering, he is demanding to be heard, and at the same time certain of being heard by God whose love is steadfast and mercy is sure.

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Application

The emotion in today's readings gives an opportunity to explore how we respond to God's grace in our lives. we will live out all the seasons of life – loss, sickness, wealth, anger, joy, foolishness...the list goes on. The woman who suffered from haemorrhages was convinced that if she "but touched" Jesus' clothes she would be well. It was a bold act, as was that of Jairus, who went against all the rules and the ridicule of his friends in order to save his daughter. Do we reach out to brush up against God's grace, or do we restrict God according to our approach?

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 1 July

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle after church. Food Hamper Sunday.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship and then the Jubilee Kitchen for lunch.

Catherine Hamlyn Movie Afternoon

You are invited to come to the Forum 6 Cinemas from 2:30pm for a fund raising afternoon watching the movie "God's Not Dead 3." *Note change of movie.* Afternoon tea and a speaker. Tickets from Forum 6 \$16.50 each.

Young Families Worker—Stepping Stones

Sarah is looking for some assistance with morning tea, read a book, sing, all sorts and helpers for her group that will meet here at Tamworth City on Thursday mornings 10am-12noon. Commencing 26 July. Sign-up sheet available at Morning Tea.

Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone. We are continuing to put together some Care Packages for local farmers. If you would like to donate some personal/toiletry items, please leave them at the church office this week.

Assembly Meeting—40 Days of Prayer & Action

The Uniting Church Assembly (National) meeting is coming up in July in Melbourne with the theme "Abundant Grace, Liberating Hope". We offer these prayers to recognising that there will be many words flooding over us all as we prepare to go on his journey together. Prayer themes this week include: One Body, Many Members; Share the Love; See the Miracle; For UnitingCare Australia; Stand and Shine; Live to the Lord; and Tell them Your Name.

Jan Alblas 90th Birthday

Many of you will remember Rev Jan Alblas. He is celebrating his 90th birthday on 11 July. If you would like to sent a message, contact daughter Marianne Dunn, 7 Symbol Close, BELMONT NORTH 2280 Ph 02 4945 1579.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Key Audit

We are doing an audit of keys to the buildings here at Tamworth City. Please check with the office about your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need any longer.

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.

Stamp Collecting News

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 and sorting.

Worship on Sunday, 22 July

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. Elder: J Archbold, Door: H McKenzie, S Hardin, F Kerr, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Richardson.

Diary Dates

- 5 August—Recognition Service for Rev Chris Wright
- 6 September—Adult Fellowship Rally at Tamworth City
- 20 October—Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

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 Bolivia, Chile and Peru in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, C3 Church, Scripture in Schools, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church and the Cornerstone Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Assembly meeting in Melbourne 8-14 July; and Presbytery AGM 25 August.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing to lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda, Alison and Dave. 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.

This Week's Events

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).

One Door Mental Health—Carer Support

Meeting on Monday, 2 July from 10am in the Dunn Hall.

KYB Study Group

Our KYB Study Group meet at 1:30pm on Mondays in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891. All welcome.

Meals on Wheels—Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be, Tuesday, 3 July from 8am.

Church Office

Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All hall bookings through the office please. Thank you, *Nicolette*.

City Adult Fellowship

Monthly morning tea and meeting on Tuesday, 3 July from 9:30am in the St Andrew's Room. We are hosting a Soup & Damper Fundraiser lunch for Frontier Service at 12noon in the St Andrew's Room with the Senior Getting Together Fellowship. Our Guest Speaker will be Heather Bartusch on her experiences with YWAM. Please come and support our lunch.

Friends of Nioka

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

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.

Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 4 July from 10am.

Meditation Service

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm (new time) in the Church Chapel area. You're most welcome.

Early Risers Prayer Group

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am 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, 6 July.

Lunch & DVD

Monthly Lunch & DVD will be held on Friday, 6 July from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch. Stay and enjoy a DVD together. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

End School Term 2

Friday, 6 July.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 8 July

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. Elder: R Duns, Door: M Duns, S Perkins, W Townsend, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

ISCF Leadership Conference

9-13 July at Tamworth. Register at www.sunsw.org.au/iscf/c

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 11 July at 10am.

Occasional Choir

Come along and join us at practice on Thursday, 12 July at 4:30pm to sing "Steal Away" on Sunday, 15 July.



Emmaus Walks

Men's and Women's Emmaus Walks will be held on 12-15 July. Rev Chris will be attending as Spiritual Director.

Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 13 July at 10.

Private Function

Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 14 July from 5pm.

Worship on Sunday, 15 July

Worship service with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Occasional Choir. Morning Tea. Elder: W Standen, Door: R & P Pryor, E Gevert, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart.

11am West Tamworth—Mr Peter Battle.

One Door Mental Health Course

Three consecutive Mondays, 16, 23 and 30 July in the St Andrew's Room from 8:30am-12:30pm.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 17 July from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 17 July from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

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, 20 July.

Tamworth Christian Men's Dinner

Meeting on a Friday, every second month. Fellowship and dinner \$25/head. Inspirational speaker each time.. Next Friday, 20 July from 6:30pm at Gregory's Restaurant, 191 Goonoo Goonoo Road. Speaker will be John Seaton. RSVP by 13 July to Tony on 0401 418 864.