

## Diary Dates

- Sun, 15 9am Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Mr Peter Battle. Occasional Choir. Morning Tea.**  
 11am West Tamworth—Mr Peter Battle  
 11:30am Korean Reborn
- Mon, 16 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F**  
 8:30am-12:30pm One Door Mental Health in St A Room  
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
- Tue, 17 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri**  
 9am AI Retirees in St A Room  
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
 2pm Getting Together Fellowship at the Village Community Hall  
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
- Wed, 18 9am Op Shop Sorting**  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH  
 6pm Meditation Service in the Church Chapel
- Thu, 19 8:30am Early Risers Prayer**  
 4:30pm Worship Music  
 7:30pm Prayers for Rain in the Tamworth Town Hall
- Fri, 20 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall**  
 10am Craft Group in the St Andrew's Room  
 6:30pm Christian Men's Dinner at Gregory's on GG
- Sat, 21 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall**  
 9am-12noon Op Shop
- Sun, 22 9am Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.**  
 11:30am Korean Reborn



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 22 July 2018

- 8:30am Gowrie & Hallsville Markets  
 9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, E: J Archbold, D: H McKenzie, S Hardin, F Kerr, O: R Richardson, PP J McClellan  
 9:30am Tamworth Southside  
 11am West Tamworth  
 5pm Tamworth Southside



15 July 2018

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Peter Battle will be leading Worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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### Other Useful Local

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Because I live, you also will live.

## *Seasons of the Spirit*

### *Who Does God Say We Are?*

#### **Focus scripture**

Ephesians 1:3–14, 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19, Psalm 24 and Mark 6:14–29.

#### **Prayer**

God of blessing, help us hear again, as if for the first time, that we are holy, blameless, blessed. May we be the blessing you hope we will be, witnesses to your joy and love. Amen.

#### **Introduction**

Who are we? Many voices compete in answer to that question. When we still all else and hear God speak, we are blessed; what joy may then overflow!

#### **Reflection: Ephesians 1:3–14**

We will focus on the letter to the Ephesians in coming weeks, a letter whose author is said to be Paul but may not have been Paul after all. The lectionary omits verses 1–2, but these are important words in a first-century letter. As with any letter, it matters from whom the letter is sent; there is an authority to claim and establish so that its message will be effectively communicated and appropriately received.

Many will know of or remember the practice of reading messages and telegrams at wedding receptions from guests not able to be there in person. A collective sigh of recognition and understanding emanates from the crowd when the message is read, and the sender is named. A message is better understood in its relational context.

We do not know by whom the letter to the Ephesians was composed, so what do we make of that as we receive the letter today? For the original audience, the relationship between Paul and the church was chosen as the context and authority of the letter. We know Paul did have such a relationship. For us, knowing the letter is not from Paul himself but from a co-worker(s) tells us about the collaborative style of the ministry of Paul. The relationship between Paul and the churches is perhaps better

## *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](http://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*

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

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

**Thu, 19 July**—2:30pm Study Group at  
West Tamworth.

**Fri, 20 July**—Hallsville No Service.

**Sun, 22 July**—8:30am Hallsville  
Markets, 8:30am Gowrie and 11am  
West Tamworth Service with Meg  
Mangan.

**Sun, 29 July**—PV Church on a bus  
enjoying worship at West Tamworth

then on to a mystery lunch  
destination.

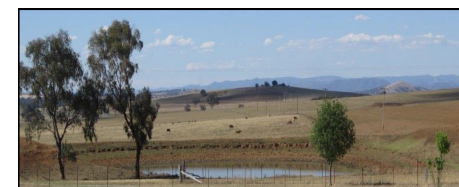
**Fri, 3 Aug**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday  
Family Church.

#### **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





## Family (and friends) Dream Game

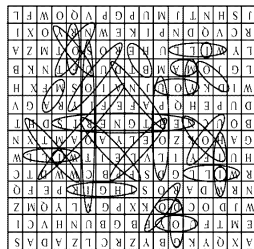
Here's a game for around the fire on a cold winter night or out on the lawn on a warm summer eve. A question is asked. Everyone thinks how they would answer. You can write your answer on a slip of paper if you wish. Then everyone tries to guess how each person answered. You can keep track of who guesses the most answers if you want to.

Here are some ideas for questions.

1. What unusual food would you like to try?
2. What musical instrument do you wish you could play?
3. What sport would you like to be good at?
4. What living person would you like to meet?
5. Name a person no longer living that you would have liked to meet?
6. What famous person would you like to spend a day with?
7. What place would you like to visit?
8. Where would you like to go on your next vacation?

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## Lectionary Readings

Sun	15	Psalm 24*	Fri	20	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Mon	16	2 Samuel 7:1-14a*	Sat	21	Mark 6:30-34, 53-36*
Tue	17	2 Samuel 9:1-13	Sun	22	Psalm 98:20-37*
Wed	18	Ephesians 2:1-10	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	19	Ephesians 2:11-22*			

understood as a relationship between communities rather than individuals. "Paul" stands in the authentic and pseudo-Pauline letters. Greetings often come from others alongside those of Paul. Paul talks of his co-workers in many ways. Who is the letter from? It is from, as so many of the New Testament letters, the Pauline community of gospel workers. In this instance, likely not including the man whose name is invoked.

This week, we consider who God thinks we are, and we find that we are blessed, holy, and blameless.

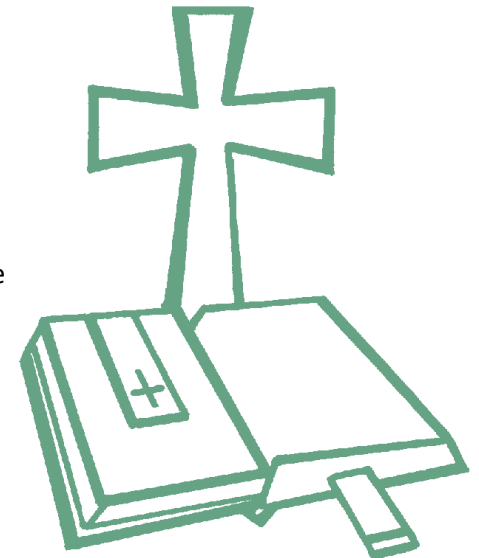
In **Mark 6:14–29**, the people are asking who Jesus is, linking him to John the baptizer. In a flashback scene, we recall John's challenge to Herod and his wife. "Who do you think you are?" he asks, and it seems Herod's wife at least, not liking what she sees, seeks to remove the one holding up the mirror.

The psalmist, in **Psalms 24**, offers an affirmation of who God is, the owner and overseer of all creation. Who are we? We, along with all that lives, are God's.

The story from **Samuel 6:1–5. 12b–19** picks up the anticipated identity change the people of Israel requested; they wanted to be a people with a king. David is understood to be blessed by God, and in his joyful receipt of that blessing, David dances (as the story continues).



As we listen to Ephesians, and its affirmation that we are all who accept the invitation to be God's people, blessed with every blessing, will our response be to shrink in the revelation of who we are, or will it be as David's and the psalmist's, a dance and a song of joyful abandon?



# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 15 July

Worship service with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Occasional Choir. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Mr Peter Battle.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## Emmaus Walks

Men's and Women's Emmaus Walks conclude today. Keep those who attended in your prayers and for their safe travel home.

## 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—oh that's right I need to sign up at morning tea TODAY!

## Morning Tea

Thank you everyone. Our surplus funds \$100 have been donated to the Farmer's Care Packages.

## 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 has been happening all week in Melbourne. Events: Welcoming our new President, Deidre Palmer; encouraging engagement by the church in areas of interest including Walking together as first and second peoples, Working for Justice, Multicultural Church, The Next Generations, Growing Faith, Breaking Common Ground, and Transforming Worship. Standing strong against domestic violence statement, receiving reports, hearing proposals, discerning the Holy Spirit with Grace and Hope. We give thanks for passionate discussion working together to discern the way ahead.

# Maintenance Items

## Stamp Collecting News

*Did you know that since Oct 1977 the Stamp Committee have raised over 760,000 through the sale of stamps. In 2017 \$19,518 was raised. 140 congregations across NSW & ACT are engaged. Demand for \$1 stamps far exceeds supply at present. Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. Projects such as Frontier Services and local Congregational projects like Resources for Community Kitchens, Health Breakfast, Reflective Garden, English Learners, Emergency Food, Children's Resources, Birthing Kits, etc. 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.*

## Morning Tea Support

*We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (and get 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.*

## 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.*

## 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.*

## Diary Dates

- 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 Children's Ministry including Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday Schools, Families and Youth, Mission Outreach, Rainbow Cottage, Young Families Worker and activities. 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.

### Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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

### Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Presbytery AGM 25 August and Makes You Wonder Workshop.

### 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.

### 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.



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## *This Week's Events*

### One Door Mental Health Course

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

### 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).

### Church Office

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

### 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.

### 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

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

### Early Risers Prayer Group

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room.

### Occasional Choir

Come along and join us at practice on Thursday, 19th and 26th at 4:30pm to prepare an item for Sunday, 5 August—Rev Chris Recognition Service.



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### **Prayers for Rain**

The Minister's Fraternal warmly invite you all to attend the Prayers of Rain on Thursday, 19 July from 7:30-8:30pm in the Tamworth Town Hall. We will focus on asking God to give us rain and asking God for strength for farmers and their families. Please join us.

### **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.

## *Next Week & Beyond*

### **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.

### **KYB Study Group**

In recess during the school holidays and returning on Monday, 23 July. 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.

### **Elder's Fellowship**

Our first get together after the election of elders. Welcome our new elders at our fellowship meeting on Wednesday, 25 July from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **Stepping Stones**

Weekly young families group meeting in the Jubilee Hall with our Young Families Worker, Sarah. 9:30am for morning tea. See Sarah if you'd like to come along.

### **Study Leave**

Rev Chris will be in Sydney completing some study 28-29 July.

### **Worship on Sunday, 29 July**

Worship service with Barry Gillett at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: M Weick, Door: M Honeyman, D Cole, J Crosling, AV: M Akioka, Org: R Greer. Morning Tea.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Our next kitchen rostered day will be Tuesday, 31 July from 8am.

### **Aged Care Services**

Rev Chris Wright will be leading the Aged Care Services at McKay House and Alblas Lodge on Wednesday, 1 August from 10:15am. All singers and helpers most welcome.

### **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, 3 August.

### **Lunch and DVD**

Monthly Lunch and DVD will be on Friday, 3 August at 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch. All welcome.

### **Private Function**

1-4pm on Saturday, 4 August in the St Andrew's Room.

### **Worship on Sunday, 5 August**

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright and Rev Bill Fischer at 9am. Special Recognition Service with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Elder: A Ashworth, Door: R & P Pryor, B Mills, R Barclay, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer. Morning Tea.

### **Catherine Hamlyn Movie**

Monthly fund raiser on Sunday, 5 August from 2:30pm at the Forum 6 cinemas featuring "Paul—Apostle of Christ". Afternoon tea and a speaker will follow.