

Diary Dates

Sun, 16 9am Worship Service with City Elders. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch	5pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall
Mon, 17 4-5am Wheely Bean— Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri	Wed, 19 9am Op Shop Working Bee in Vestry 6pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall
9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee H	Thu, 20 9:30am Vision Radio Meeting in St Andrew's Rm 10am Yoga in Dunn Hall 4pm Church Music Team
10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays	Fri, 21 8:30am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room
10:30am Lockwood Funeral	Sat, 22 8am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Opportunity Shop
4pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall	Sun, 23 9am Worship Service with Mr Les Rae. Sunday School Resumes. Morning Tea. 2:30am Catherine Hamlyn Fundraiser Movie 'The Case for Christ' at Forum 6
5:30pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall	
Tue, 18 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday 9am Assn Independent Retirees in St Andrew's Rm 9am School Term Starts 10am Presbytery Bookkeep 2pm Senior's Getting Together at Village Hall	

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 23 July 2017

- 8am Hallsville—Markets
- 8:30am Gowrie Service with Mrs Meg Mangan
- 9am Tamworth City—Dr Les Rae—E:A Ashworth D: R & P Pryor, H Fergus AV: J McClelland, O: R Richardson
- 9:30am Southside with Rev Simon Hansford HC
- 11am West Tamworth Service with Mrs Meg Mangan
- 5pm Southside with Rev Simon Hansford HC



Sunday, 16 July 2017

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

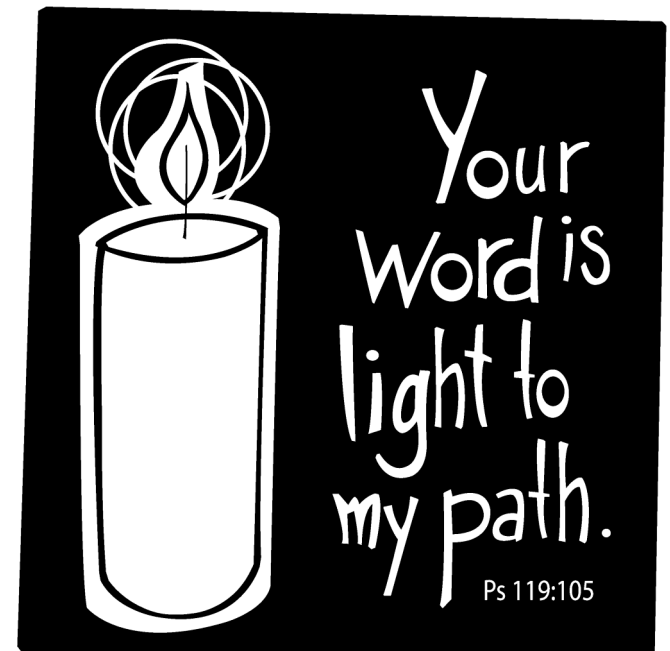
We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Our Elders will be leading Worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea after worship.

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Seasons of the Spirit

Divided...

Focus scriptures:

Genesis 25:19–34, Psalm 119:105–112, Romans 8:1–11, Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Prayer:

Gracious God, you never turn away from us. In all that we are and all that we do, even the things that are our failures and our flaws, we are your beloved. Knowing that we are your beloved is our guide. Amen.

Biblical Background:

We might recall words of Jesus when he claims that “a house divided will not stand” (Mark 3:25 and Matthew 12:25), yet from such a house God creates the people of Israel. The house doesn’t stand, not really. Generations of animosity will exist between the descendants of Jacob and Esau but God’s love stands steadfast. We are reminded that nothing, not even family jealousy and resentment and selfishness can separate us from the love of God.

Genesis 25:19–34

We continue the saga of Abraham’s line and the stories of flawed personalities that populate it. For God’s promise to Abraham to come true, Rebekah has to have a child. She, like Sarah, has been barren but at this point in the narrative God hears Isaac’s prayer and Rebekah conceives – with twins. The twins are antagonists from the time of their conception. When Rebekah prays that the unrest in her womb might cease, God answers that these children will always be “divided” and that “the elder shall serve the younger.”

For the Hebrews in exile, this story of the reversal of societal norms reassured them that God is with the underling not the powerful. Yet Jacob could hardly be considered an underling. When it comes down to it, he takes

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 4th Sunday.

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

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

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

Men’s Choir: 5:30pm on Thursdays.

Musicians & Media Set-up: 5:30pm
Fridays.

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.*

Mission Statements: *To build up individuals and teams, empowered by the Holy Spirit, using our spiritual gifts to serve each other and our community.*

Peel Valley Congregations

Tue, 18 July—10am Memory Lane
Morning Tea at West Tamworth
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet
new friends, singalong, activities, &
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month
10am-11:30.

Fri, 21 July—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Rev Simon
Hansford.

Sun, 23 July—8am Hallsville Markets.
8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am
West Tamworth Service with Mrs
Meg Mangan.

Fri, 28 July—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with TBA.

Sun, 30 July—10am Peel Valley
Church on a bus “West of the Line”,
with Meg Mangan.

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, Marie Meyer, Barbara
Murray & Doss Wark.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Children’s Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Families and Youth, Mission Outreach and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Calrossy School, St Peter’s Anglican Church, St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church, NorthWest Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, The Church on the Way and the Salvation Army.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers upcoming Presbytery events including Closure Service for Rev Simon Hansford (30th), MSSC Meeting (3rd) Induction Service for Rev Chris Wright (12th), PRC Meeting (25th) and Presbytery Meeting at Tamworth City (26th).

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Scripture in Schools

Keep in your prayers the Tamworth Secondary Christian Education Teachers from around our High Schools (Andrew Wilcher & Ross Fotheringham—Farrer volunteers, Belinda Gonsalves—Oxley 3 days, Alison Holder—Peel/Manilla 2 days, and Dave Tankard—Tamworth 2 days).



Lectionary Readings

Sun 16	Psalm 119:105-112*	Fri 21	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-
Mon 17	Isaiah 44:6-8		43*
Tue 18	Genesis 28:10-19a*	Sat 22	Psalm 139:1-12
Wed 19	Genesis 29:1-14	Sun 23	Psalm 139:13-24
Thu 20	Romans 8:12-25*		<i>* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)</i>

full advantage of Esau’s weakness in order to gain Esau’s birthright. This is just the beginning of a series of incidents in which Jacob manipulates circumstances and people for personal gain.

This is another very human story. The people and incidences are so messy and so real – the favouritism of parents for one child over another, the uneasy relationship between siblings, poor decision-making and lack of insight/ long-sight, opportunism for self-gain. In all this, there is God – always present. The word of God is what guides the life of the writer of **Psalm 119:105–112**.

The path walked has not been easy (an echo of what we have learned of the path of the disciples in previous weeks), but the psalmist vows to continue to observe God’s “law” and to recognize a dependence on the continuing blessings of God.

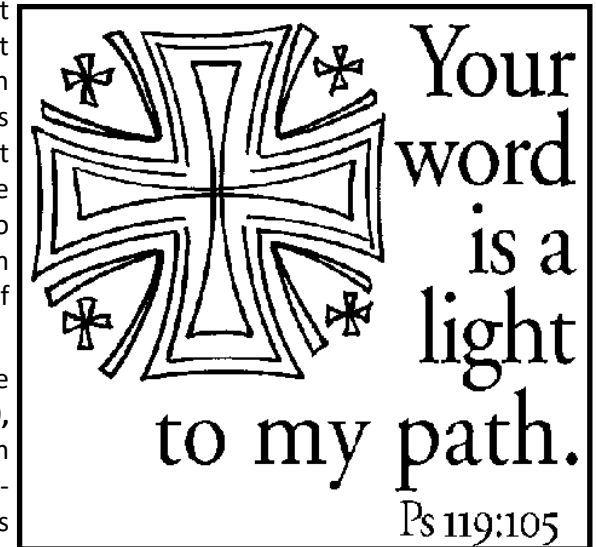
In the parable of the sower in **Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**, Jesus once again illustrates the over-generosity, wastefulness really, of the love of God for

us. The sower walks up and down the field not careful with the valuable seed. Rather it is scattered in good, passable, and adverse conditions alike.

In **Romans 8:1–11**, Paul also teaches about God’s generosity. God forgives us and frees us from our past mistakes. We are called to a new way of living – one focused on God’s ways, not on the ways of the material world.



How do we, the people who hold dear the idea of oneness, live in a divided world? Perhaps the mindset we would do well to adopt is that of the sower, that God’s generosity and kindness is constant and available to all, fully aware that God is eternally of the mind that normal, imperfect people will change the world.





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.

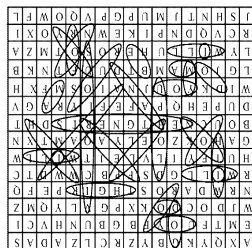
Here are some ideas for questions.

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?

Word Find

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DO NOT FEAR FOR I AM WITH YOU
DO NOT BE AFRAID FOR I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU
I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY VICTORIOUS RIGHT HAND



Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 9 August from 10am.

Senior's Communion Service

Our monthly Senior's Communion Service will be held on Friday, 11 August from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Rev Mark Armstrong from the Presbyterian Church will be leading. For transport contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Shine Women's Conference

August 11 and 12 in the Tamworth Town Hall. This year's theme 'Here as in Heaven'. Cost \$50 . Friday 7-9:30pm, Saturday 9am-4:30pm. All welcome. Register at shineconference.com.au .

Induction Service—Rev Chris Wright

Come one, come all to the Service of Induction for Rev Chris Wright at Tamworth City Uniting Church on Saturday, 12 August 2pm. A time of celebration for our congregation. Afternoon tea will follow. Let the fellowship team know if you can bring along a slice/cake.

Worship on Sunday, 13 August 2017

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 15-17th August LifeQuip at AgQuip in Gunnedah.
- 26th August 9am NENW Presbytery Meeting at Tamworth City.
- 3rd September—Father's Day.

Prayer

We keep Chris and his wife Robyn in our prayers as they have a break before joining us at Tamworth City as our Minister from 1 August. Induction Service will be held on Saturday, 12 August at 2pm. Afternoon tea to follow.



MSSC Meeting

The Presbytery MSSC will be meeting in the St Andrews Room on Thursday, 3 August from 9:30am.

City Property Committee

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 3 August at 4:30pm.

Craft Group

The Craft Group is held on the first and third Friday each month. Bring along your craft and we'll share in some chit chat, morning tea, and get a bit of craft done too. Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891. Next on 4 August.

Lunch & DVD

Our next monthly Lunch & DVD will be held on Friday, 4 August at 12noon. All welcome. Gold coin donation for lunch then watch a DVD together. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

LifeQuip Team Commissioning

LifeQuip at AgQuip is the church's outreach to the farming fraternity, providing entertainment, refreshments and a friendly ear. The team commissioning will be on Saturday, 5 August from 7pm in the Gunnedah Uniting Church.

Worship on Sunday, 6 August 2017

Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle & Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

One Door Mental Health

One Door Mental Health will be running a workshop in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays 7, 14 and 21 August from 9:30am-12:30pm. Thank you to the KYB group for meeting in the vestry for these three mornings.

Tamworth City Church Council Meeting

Our bimonthly Church Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8 August from 7:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 16 July 2017

Worship service with our Elders. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Lockwood (wife of Ken, and sister of Edna Sheppard) who passed away this week. Dot's funeral will be held on Monday at 10:30am here.

This Week's Events

KYB Study Groups

In recess 17 July. Resuming 24 July. Two groups meeting on Mondays, one at 10am in the Vestry (contact Betty keys 6766 6624), one at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891).

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 Furze (0401 762 463) or Judy Phillips (0418 662 081).

Church Office

Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All property bookings through the office please. *Nicolette*

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 18 July from 9am.

School Term 3

Commences Tuesday, 18 July for students.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 18 July from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Op Shop Working Bee

Help each Wednesday in the Vestry. All helpers welcome. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Come and join us.

Vision Radio

Tamworth Clergy will be meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 20 July with Mr Phil Edwards from Vision Radio. Sharing recent findings in the Faith and Belief survey conducted by McCrindle. 9:30am-11:30am.

Craft Group

The Craft Group is held on the first and third Friday each month. Bring along your craft and we'll share in some chit chat, morning tea, and get a bit of craft done too. Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891. Next on 21 July.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 23 July 2017

Worship service with Mr Les Rae. Sunday School resumes for Term 3. Morning tea to follow.

Catherine Hamlyn Fundraiser

Forum 6 Cinemas will run "The Case for Christ" on Sunday, 23 July at 2:30pm as a fundraiser. Cost \$16.50 each including afternoon tea.

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Rural Home Nursing

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 25 July from 9am.

Elder's Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 25 July from 4:30pm.

Operation Christmas Child

Saturday, 29 July at the Tamworth Community Centre from 2:30pm. A free afternoon tea. Come along and be inspired about the gospel potential of simple gift-filled shoeboxes. Be encouraged by wonderful DVD footage of last year's OCC distributions. Contact Kate kate.occtamworth@gmail.com.

Worship on Sunday, 30 July 2017

Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Quick morning tea to follow.

Service of Closure for Rev Simon Hansford

Sunday 30 July, 10:30am Closure Service for Rev Simon Hansford at Tamworth Southside, BYO finger food lunch to follow (maybe sandwiches and slice for Tamworth City folk coming straight from church).

Meals on Wheels

Our next kitchen rostered day will be Tuesday, 1 August from 8am.

City Adult Fellowship

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, 1 August from 9:30am with a cuppa followed by our meeting in the St Andrew's Room.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 1 August from 7pm.

Tamworth Minister's Fraternal

Meeting on Wednesday, 2 August from 10am-12noon at Liberty Church to hear Ian Shelton from 'One Heart' and 'National Gathering'.

Aged Care Services at McKay & Alblas

Our next Aged Care Services will be on Wednesday, 2 August from 10:15am. Mr Barry Gillett would be most appreciative of helpers and singers. We are now taking communion on both these services. Thanks everyone.