

Diary Dates

Sun, 2	9am Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Tony Winter. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch		10am Home Mission Morning at Salvation Army 5pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall 7pm Friends of Nioka in St Andrew's Room
Mon, 3	4-5am Wheely Bean— Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri 9am-3pm Kairos Sewing Group—Jubilee Hall 10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays 4pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall	Wed, 5	9am Op Shop Working Bee in Vestry 6pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall 6pm Pathways Project Meeting in St Andrew's Rm
	5:30pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall	Thu, 6	10am Yoga in Dunn Hall 4pm Church Music Team
Tue, 4	8am Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday 9:30am Adult Fellowship in St Andrew's Room 10am Presbytery Bookkeeping	Fri, 7	8:30am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room 12noon Lunch & DVD in St Andrew's Room
		Sat, 8	8am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Opportunity Shop

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 9 July 2017

- 9am Tamworth City—Mr Barry Gillett—E:B McLean D: M Cupitt, N & J Dezius AV: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.
- 9am Hallsville HC Service with Mrs Meg Mangan.
- 9:30am Southside with Rev Simon Hansford.
- 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Mrs Meg Mangan..
- 5pm Southside with Rev Simon Hansford.



Sunday, 2 July 2017

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Tony Winter will be leading Worship and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea after worship.

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Seasons of the Spirit

... *Even a cup of cold water*

Gracious God, you hold your grace open to us; it is offered to us like a cool cup of water on the hottest day. May we take it with thanks, and pass it further on to all who thirst for your love and goodness. Amen.

Today's focus reading is something of a contrast to last week's passage. Here, Jesus speaks of welcome rather than fractured relationships. Modern relationships and hospitality are often limited by the rules of kinship, profit, gain and convenience. However, God's hospitality blows such rules apart. The simple act of offering a stranger a cup of cool water on a hot day brings us into relationship with Jesus. As we are welcomed, so we are called to offer welcome to all we encounter.

Focus scripture: Matthew 10:40–42

The geography of the Middle East plays a strong role in setting the context of today's reading. This is arid land and historically survival depended on finding and sharing water. There were (and still are) strict social conventions regarding hospitality in the traditions of all the people of this region. A household was obliged to offer any visitor or traveller, known or a stranger, food and water, the opportunity to wash, shelter, and even protection. Not to offer hospitality was dishonourable for it was more than likely that at some, time any host would be in need of reciprocal hospitality.

A messenger or servant was to be treated with the same hospitality as the person(s) who sent them, and one welcomed not just an individual, but implicitly, the community from which they came. In essence, a host became integrally bound with those they welcomed. This is the world into which



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

Fri, 30 June—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Mr David Bissett.

Sun, 2 July—8:30am Gowrie Service
and 11am West Tamworth Service
with David Bissett. Lunch to follow.

Tue, 4 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, 7 July—Hallsville NO service.

Sun, 9 July—9am Hallsville & 11am
West Tamworth HC Services with Mrs
Meg Mangan.

Fri, 14 July—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with TBA.

Sun, 16 July—8:30am Gowrie Service
with Evelyn Keane, 11am West
Tamworth Service with Peter Battle.
Trading Table.

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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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).

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. They are happy to order in special requirements. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

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.

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.

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.

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.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	2	Psalm 13*	Thu	6	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-
Mon	3	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*			30*
			Fri	7	Song of Solomon 2:8-17
Tue	4	Romans 7:7-14	Sat	8	Psalm 45:1-9
Wed	5	Romans 7:15-25a*	Sun	9	Psalm 45:10-17*

Jesus is sending his disciples, and while Matthew is promoting the idea that those who welcome a disciple also welcome Jesus and God, he prepares them for the possibility that they will not be welcome.

The disciples are numbered among the prophets, the righteous, and the vulnerable "little ones." It is not clear whether Matthew is referring to distinct roles within the community, or whether these are simply alternative ways of describing those sent out as missionaries, but it implies that times are still perilous for Christians. Their reliance on the hospitality of the people they encounter and the welcome they receive is, in a sense, the key to the success of their mission.

In **Genesis 22:1–14** God asks a parent to prove their faith by sacrificing their child. It is a problematic yet important story within our scriptures: It doesn't seem to reflect the concept of a loving and compassionate God. It comes from a time when the practice of human sacrifice existed, and its telling sits in the context of the Israelites living in exile. It envisions the need for obedience in order to survive and the idea that God will always keep covenant with the Hebrew people. Once again, we see the intimate relationship that exists and the personal conversations that are between God and Abraham, and it raises the question of whether the closeness of the relationship brings about a change in God's intention.

The writer of **Psalms 13** dares to question and demand answers from God in a time of suffering and lament. It offers a view that there is no right way to pray, but rather that God is "big" enough to hear all the thoughts of our hearts and to journey with us through all the moments of our lives, not just the good moments.

Paul continues to remind his readers that through their baptism their lives have been changed. In **Romans 6:12–23** he uses the analogy of slavery, through baptism they are freed from sin and have become servants of God. God's free gift for those who choose God's way is eternal life.



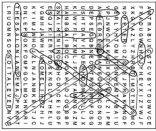
Images of compassion, received and given, invite us to trust God's providence and grace. They urge us to welcome and tend to others. They beckon us to open ourselves to receive gifts of compassion brought by others. How do you practice giving – and receiving – such offerings of compassion? When have you encountered Christ in your relationship with others?



Books, Books, Books!

Find the books of the New Testament in this word find puzzle. (For books with more than one part, such as 1 and 2 Timothy, you will find Timothy listed only once.)

Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
Ephesians	2 John
Philippians	3 John
Colossians	Jude
1 Thessalonians	Revelation
2 Thessalonians	



Answers

A M T R A B U X C S T C V B Y T D U W V C E
 F X A D U G W N H O J Y H E V X I Z Y W J F
 X K G T A Z L Y Z H R B T I M O T H Y S M C
 N D P E T E R I O Z S I E J P R A K N N Q F
 G E R L Y H T O M I T S N H E M T A B A I U
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 T H E S S A L O N I A N S E M A J P N K N T
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Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Baptist Church, C3 Church, School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, the Cornerstone Church and Scripture Unions Activities.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers our New England North West Presbytery as we seek God's wisdom and guidance for leadership & support for our congregations.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Angola and Mozambique 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). Funding is solely from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAI, BSB 032 621, Acc 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 7777.

Maintenance Items

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.

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.



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

Worship on Sunday, 23 July 2017

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

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.

Worship on Sunday, 30 July 2017

Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Quick morning tea to follow. 10:30am Closure Service for Rev Simon Hansford at Tamworth Southside, finger food lunch to follow.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 31st July 10:30am Closure Service for Rev Simon Hansford at Tamworth Southside, finger food lunch to follow.
- 12th August 2pm Induction Service for Rev Chris Wright at Tamworth City, afternoon tea to follow.
- 26th August 9am NENW Presbytery Meeting at Tamworth City.

Prayers

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.

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.



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 2 July 2017

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Tony Winter. Food Hamper Sunday. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Korean Reborn Church

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

This Week's Events

KYB Study Groups

In recess 3, 10 and 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 closed 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).

Meals on Wheels

Our next kitchen rostered day is Tuesday, 4 July from 8am.

Church Office

Reopening Tuesday, 4 July. Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All property bookings through the office please. *Nicolette*

City Adult Fellowship

Monthly get together 9:30am for morning tea in the St Andrew's Room Followed by our meeting on Tuesday, 4 July. All welcome.

Home League Missionary Morning

The Salvation Army are hosting the Home League Missionary Morning at 10am on Tuesday, 4 July. Major Isabel Beckett will be sharing about her

missionary work and experiences in Latvia. Morning tea and trading table.
Cost \$8. All welcome. RSVP 6762 3930.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 7pm on Tuesday, 4 July.

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.

Aged Care Services

A change to our routine. We will now be taking the Aged Care Services at McKay & Alblas on the first Wednesday each month, including holy communion. Our first in the new roster will be on Wednesday, 5 July from 10:15am. All singers and helpers most welcome.

Synod Pathways Projects Workshop

Congregation leadership (elders/church councillors/others interested) are invited to attend the Synod Pathways Projects Workshop on Wednesday, 6 July from 6pm in the St Andrew's Room. All congregations in and around Tamworth are encouraged to attend. More details next week.

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 7 July.

Lunch & DVD

Our monthly Lunch & DVD will be on Friday, 7 July from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 9 July 2017

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 10am on Wednesday, 12 July.

One Door Mental Health

One Door Mental Health Workshop being held in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday 12 July from 2-3pm.

Emmaus Walks

This year's Emmaus Walks are coming up quickly on 13-16 July in Armidale. Talk to someone who's been (The Duns', The Furze's, etc) they would be most happy to help get you involved.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 14 July from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Barb McLean 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 16 July 2017

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

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.

Vision Radio

Clergy meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 20 July with Mr Phil Edwards from Vision Radio.

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.