

Diary Dates

**Sun, 22 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn**

**Mon, 23 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F
8:30am-12:30pm One Door Mental Health in St A Room
9:30am Kairos Sewing JHall
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH**

**Tue, 24 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

**Wed, 25 9am Op Shop Sorting
4:30pm Elder's Fellowship in the St Andrew's Room
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
6pm Meditation Service in the Church Chapel**

**Thu, 26 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
10am Stepping Stones
Playgroup in Jubilee Hall**

4:30pm Worship Music

Fri, 27 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall

**Sat, 28 Rev Chris on Study Leave
8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Op Shop**

**Sun, 29 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Mr Barry Gillett. Morning Tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn
Rev Chris on Study Leave**



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 29 July 2018

9am Tamworth City with Mr Barry Gillett, E: M Weick, D: M Honeyman, D Cole, J Crosling, O: R Cathcart, PP M Akioka

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am Peel Valley Church on a bus at West Tamworth

5pm Tamworth Southside



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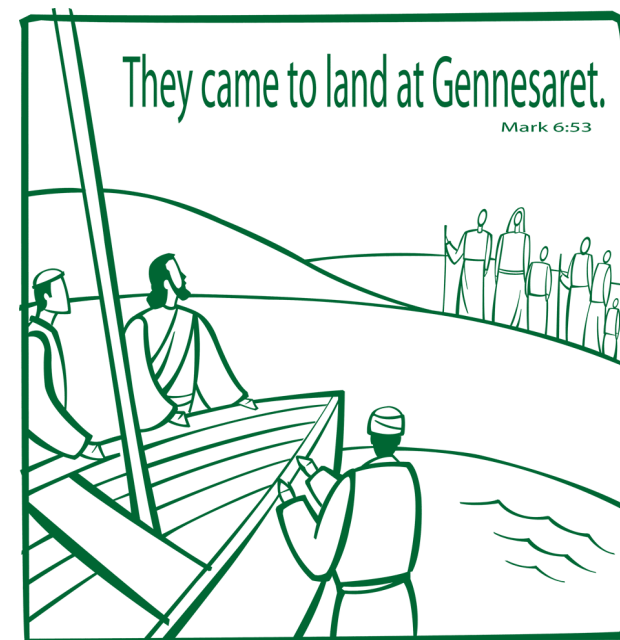
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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Seasons of the Spirit

Household of God

Focus scriptures

Ephesians 2:11–22, 2 Samuel 7:1–14a, Psalm 89:20–37 and Mark 6:30–34, 53–56.

Prayer

Reconciling God, in Christ we are no longer divided. Forgive us for the times when we have put borders between ourselves. May we, in you, become a united family, living in ways that your love and grace are visible to the world. Amen.

Introduction

This week's readings celebrate God's loving vision for healing, wholeness, and unity. In this Season after Pentecost, we are invited into deeper reflection on what this vision means for the life of the church.

Focus scripture: Ephesians 2:11–22

In Ephesians 1, we read words of blessing and thanksgiving for God's glory made known through the love of Christ – a love that unites all creation. Ephesians 2 begins with a reminder of God's unconditional grace. This reminder sets up today's reading – a discussion on why Jews and Gentiles are reconciled in Christ. The writer likens both Jews and Gentiles to equal members of a divine household – together forming a dwelling place for God.

The message of this letter suggests some of the Jews and Gentiles in the churches who are the recipients of this letter did not embrace reconciliation with one another. In fact, there is animosity between them. In Ephesians 2:11, the writer uses a derisive term used by Jewish people to describe Gentiles: "the uncircumcised." This wasn't just a physical descriptor, but a statement implying that the Gentiles did not quite measure up to being a part of God's chosen people. Judaism taught that circumcision was a necessary act to show one was a part of God's covenant.

The writer claims that while once Gentiles were "strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world" (2:12), Christ's sacrifice has brought them into the "commonwealth of Israel" (2:12). This political language creates an important contrast for the ancient hearer between the commonwealth created by the Roman Empire, which promised peace through sacrifice to Caesar, and the commonwealth of God, which promises peace because of the sacrifice of Jesus.

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

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.

Sun, 5 Aug—11am West Tamworth
Service and Lunch to follow.

Tue, 7 Aug—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"

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Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

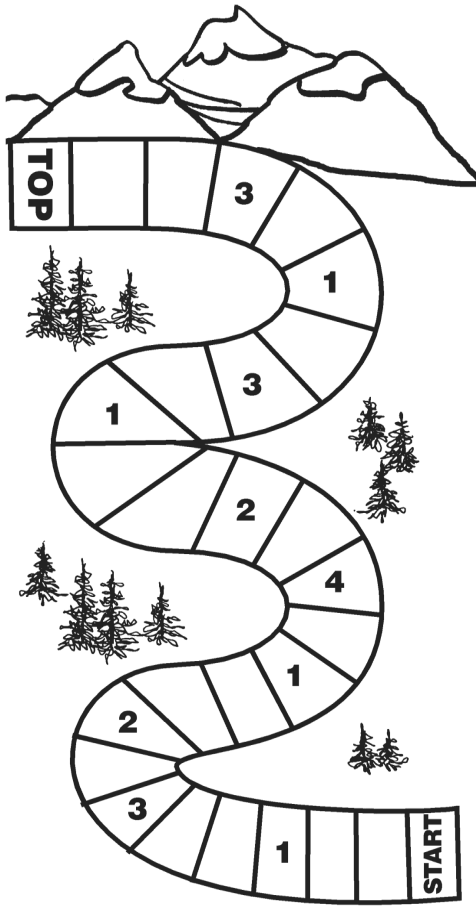
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



Climb the Mountain

Each player has a button as a marker. Take turns tossing a coin. **Heads:** Move 1 space. **Tails:** Move 2 spaces. If you land on a number, move ahead that many spaces. First to reach the top wins.



Word Puzzle

In the spaces below, letters are represented by codes. Using the key at right, fill in the spaces to figure out what these letters are. (Hint: each letter is represented by two codes, the intersection of the row and the column.) The first letter is done for you.

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Phil. 4:13

Answer: I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me.

Make a List

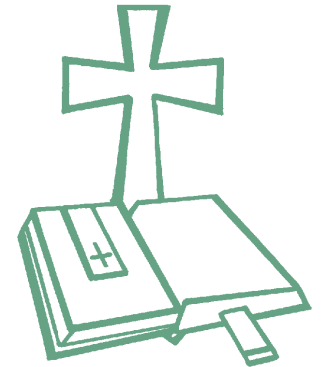
Make a list of things that are hard for you that Jesus could help you do. (Example: Share my toys with my little brother.)



Lectionary Readings

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| Sun 22 | Psalm 98:20-37* | Fri 27 | 2 Kings 4:42-44 |
| Mon 23 | 2 Samuel 11:1-15* | Sat 28 | John 6:1-21* |
| Tue 24 | 2 Samuel 11:16-25 | Sun 29 | Psalm 14* |
| Wed 25 | Ephesians 3:1-13 | * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings | |
| Thu 26 | Ephesians 3:14-21* | | |

In a culture where sacrifice served as currency for appeasement of ruling powers and gods, the writer makes a transformational claim in stating that the death of Jesus could draw Jews and Gentiles into one community and end the racial, cultural, and religious animosity between the two groups – these were radical ideas, indeed. In the same way that it takes more than changes in law to address the underlying causes of social, political, and cultural discord today, the Christian community to whom the letter was written needed more than a legal justification for breaking down walls between them; they needed to experience a spiritual transformation to overcome their differences.



Such a transformation can be possible through the faithful breaking down and rebuilding of community. Just as the dividing wall between them is broken down, the writer calls these “citizens with the saints” (2:19) to build up the household of God on the foundation of the very prophets that foretold the deliverance of the Jewish people, the apostles who proclaimed Christ’s redeeming love, and the reconciling cornerstone of Jesus himself. Together, they are called to become a holy temple, a spiritual home for God.

2 Samuel 7:1–14a describes the promise that God’s reign will be established by and filled with David’s descendants – a family that Ephesians broadens by welcoming Gentiles into the family, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

In **Psalm 89:20–37** we find celebration of the covenant, the foundation of God’s house and family of Israel. As crowds rush to Jesus to be healed in **Mark 6:30–34, 53–56**, we have another picture of the house and family of God extending to include all.



The church is called to be an extraordinary place, a place of inclusion and reconciliation, where divisions are demolished, strangers become family, aliens become citizens, a place where the excluded and disenfranchised are welcome.

That’s a tough call, but through the redeeming love of Christ and the powerful reconciling spirit of God, it is possible.

Where do you see the weaving of differences that is leading toward balance and wholeness?

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 22 July

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Young Families Worker—Stepping Stones Playgroup

Commencing 26 July—oh that's right I need to sign up at morning tea TODAY! Keeping our new project in your prayers especially this week. It's going to be a lot of fun engaging in our new mission.

Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone. You and the community have been very generous. We are working on getting out to the farming community everything donated.

Assembly Meeting

The Uniting Church Assembly (National) meeting has concluded. Items of discussion are available on <https://uniting.church/news/>. Lots of news including the Unconfirmed Minutes on Marriage and Same Gender Relationships; Pastoral Letter from the President on Marriage; Assembly Wraps Up; Reflections on the Marriage Decision; We all stand on Common Ground; Freedom on Decide on Marriage; Working and Prayer for Peace in Korea; Weaving the Kingdom of God; Uniting Church Recognises First Peoples' Sovereignty; Standing Committee Elected; What a Beautiful Church we have; Seeing People as Jesus Sees Them; Sharon Hollis named as UCA President-Elect; Raising our Voices for Justice; Rev Dr Ken Carter's Cato Lecture; Sustained by God's Abundant Grace; All of this is Us on a Platter; UC President Expresses Condolences; Sovereignty Matters; President Hosts Young Adult Dinner; Out of Brokenness comes Relationship; A Vital Connection to the Outback; The Call to Holiness and Justice; Restoring a Shattered Trust; All voices should be heard; UC can provide Moral Leadership on Sovereignty; Liturgy Resources Available; Growing in Circles; Hope in Times of Crisis; Standing Committee Reports to Assembly; UC Takes Strong Stance Against Domestic Violence; Stuart McMillan and the Heart of the Church; Immediate Past President's Hearts on Fire Report; Abundant Grace, Liberating Hope Installation Sermon. So much in just one week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Salvation Army, Roman Catholic Churches, the Father House, Trinity Church, Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley Uniting Churches 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 with Rev Dr Ian Robinson on 20 October.

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.

Maintenance Items

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.

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.



Shine Women's Conference

Friday, 10 and Saturday, 11 August. This year's theme is "Breath—Rest". We know the busy lives women live. Shine is a place where women from all over Australia can come and Breath and Rest in the presence of God and be empowered by amazing and inspirational guest speakers, be loved by the team and leave feeling refilled! For more information check out www.northwestchurch.com.au.

Dick Franklin Memorial Lecture

Friday, 10 August from 6pm in St Mary's Anglican Church, Rusden Street, Armidale. Topic "Some Clues to the Social Status of the Earliest Christians." Presenter: Rev Dr Greg Stanton. All welcome.

Operation Christmas Child Launch

Saturday, 11 August 2:30pm at Tamworth Southside.

Worship on Sunday, 12 August

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: P Turner, Door: J Carthew, B Johnston, M Partridge, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates

- 14/15 August – Rev Chris Study Leave
- 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 Pastoral Partners, Elders, UNITING St Andrew's Village, the Fellowship Committee and activities, hospital visitation and opportunity shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico in your prayers this week.

This Week's Events

One Door Mental Health Course

Three consecutive Mondays, 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).

KYB Study Group

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. Starting on Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. All welcome.

Church Office

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

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.

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.

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.



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.

Occasional Choir

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

Study Leave

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

Next Week & Beyond

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.

Presbytery MSSC Meeting

Thursday, 2 August from 9:30am at Tamworth Southside Church.

Family Worker Support Group

Meeting in the Wesley Room on Thursday, 2 August from 4pm.

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". \$16.50/ticket includes afternoon tea and a speaker will follow. Proceeds to Catherine Hamlyn's work in Ethiopia.

City Adult Fellowship

Monthly meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 7 August from 9:30am for morning tea.

Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 7 August from 4:30pm.

Friends of Nioka

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

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 8 August from 10am.

Church Council Meeting

Bi-monthly Church Council meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 7pm on Thursday, 9 August.

Monthly Senior's Communion

Friday, 10 August from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall with Rev Chris Wright. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.