

# Diary Dates

<b>Sun, 23</b>	<b>9am Worship Service with Dr Les Rae. Sunday School Resumes. Morning Tea.</b> 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch 2:30am Catherine Hamlyn Fundraiser Movie 'The Case for Christ' at Forum 6		4:30pm Elders Fellowship in St Andrew's Room 5pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall
<b>Mon, 24</b>	4-5am Wheely Bean—Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee H 10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays 10am KYB in St Andrew's Rm 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 4pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall 5:30pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall	<b>Wed, 26</b>	9am Op Shop Working Bee in Vestry 6pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall
		<b>Thu, 27</b>	10am Homeless Connect at TRECC 10am Yoga in Dunn Hall 4pm Church Music Team
<b>Tue, 25</b>	9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday 9am Rural Home Nursing in Dunn Hall 9am Assn Ind. Retirees in St Andrew's Room 10am Presbytery Bookkeep	<b>Fri, 28</b>	8:30am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall Church Office Closed
		<b>Sat, 29</b>	8am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Opportunity Shop 2:30pm Operation Christmas Child at Community Centre
		<b>Sun, 30</b>	<b>9am Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Morning Tea.</b> 10:30am Service of Closure for Rev Simon Hansford at Tamworth Southside, lunch to follow.

# Preaching Plan

## Sunday, 30 July 2017

- 9am Tamworth City—Mr Peter Battle—E:M Tester D: W Purss, H McKenzie, B Feggans AV: M Akioka, O: R Greer
- 10:30am Tamworth Southside with Rev Simon Hansford Service of Closure followed by lunch
- 11am Peel Valley Church on a Bus 'west of the line' with Meg Mangan



**Sunday, 23 July 2017**

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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

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### Other Useful Local Contacts:

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- **Peel Valley:** Contact Margaret Crowell Mb 0408 660 025
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From Rev Simon Hansford

## *The Whole Story...*

I had a goodly number of reasons to be frustrated in the last week, and almost none of them was my fault. Some of them are insignificant and some less so. There were also several occasions of graciousness and blessing offered to me, and in this season of my life I am holding them close.

I have tried to not let those kinds of events – helpful and otherwise - define my sense of myself, or my understanding of the world. Hard moments are precisely that, and there are some which make us gasp, lost for words. But they are not the whole story.

There are moments, perhaps even tiny in the scale of human history, which give our hearts cause to beat joyfully. I saw a photograph of a friend holding a newborn baby which he had helped deliver in a Mosul refugee camp this week, life's new wonder on his face. This is not the whole story.

We are caught in creation's heartbeat, and have been since God first said yes to light and life. We are creatures of dust and breath and love, inherent to the world around us, in its wonder and its frailty. We are tempted to believe that we are entirely responsible, that our efforts address the brokenness and celebrate the wonders. This way leads to frustration and despair.

*How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!*

## 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](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.*

**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, 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. 10:30am Service  
of Closure for Rev Simon Hansford at  
Southside, lunch to follow.

**Tue, 1 Aug**—10am Memory Lane

Morning Tea at West Tamworth  
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet  
new friends, singalong, activities, &  
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly.

### **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 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,  
Bruce Jarrett, Marie Meyer, Barbara  
Murray & Doss Wark.

### 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, 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

### 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.



## Lectionary Readings

Sun	23	Psalm 139:13-24	Fri	28	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-
Mon	24	Psalm 128			52*
Tue	25	Genesis 29:15-28*	Sat	29	Matthew 14:1-12
Wed	26	Genesis 29:28-30:22	Sun	30	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Thu	27	Romans 8:26-39*			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)

*I try to count them - they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end - I am still with you.*

We are not the whole story, and it is not in our hands. This is, and has forever been, in the hands of God.

How else do we face the trials, trivial and otherwise, which confront us? How else are we able to receive the blessings bestowed?

Listen for Paul's Roman symphony; in the midst of the appalling exigencies confronting the Roman church, Paul tells us there is more



– more glory, more justice, more hope. The struggles we face, with war and environmental disaster and diverse human cruelty, are not the whole story.

Paul is not naïve, writing in some sheltered theological workshop; he is writing to a church confronted by the empire's fist. God has more for us, and the entire creation, in the hope of Jesus Christ.

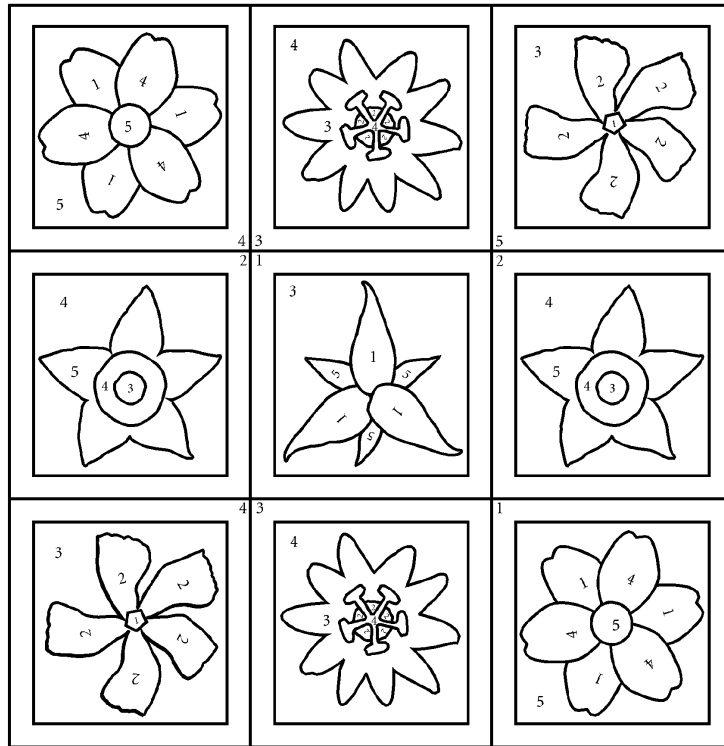
As the world groans in what seems an interminable labour, the promise of new birth is grounded in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. It's not up to us, we are only invited to live the story out in every way we can.

We forgive and serve and hope, because of Jesus. We act and proclaim because of Jesus. And we hope, entirely, because of Jesus Christ, who is the whole story, forever.

# 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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pro _____	_____nd	_____nd
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an _____	ha _____	

Acts 2:44-45  
 Answer: 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 any had need.

## 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.

# 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 Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. 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 Roman Catholic Churches and Schools, The Father's House Church, Trinity Church, Tamworth City Uniting Church, Tamworth Southside Uniting Church and Peel Valley Uniting Churches and Hope of Glory Church.

### Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers upcoming Presbytery events including Closure Service for Rev Simon Hansford (30th), Pathways Project meetings 1-4 August around the presbytery, 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 Canada & USA in your prayers this week.

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.

### **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](http://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.

# Today's Information

## **Worship on Sunday, 23 July 2017**

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

## **Korean Reborn Church**

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

## **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.

# This Week's Events

## **KYB Study Groups**

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**

Note Office Closed this Friday, 28th. 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, 25 July from 9am-12noon.

## **Rural Home Nursing**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Tuesday, 25 July from 9am-4pm.

### **Elder's Fellowship**

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

### **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.

### **Homeless Connect Expo**

Information day on Thursday, 27 July from 10am-3pm at TRECC.

### **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](mailto:kate.occtamworth@gmail.com).

## Next Week & Beyond

### **Worship on Sunday, 30 July 2017**

Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Quick morning tea to follow. Then head over to Southside for Simon's Farewell.

### **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. We are then going to host a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon for the Senior's Getting Together Fellowship in the St Andrew's Room. All welcome.

### **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.

### **Synod Pathways Project**

Next information/workshop meeting for the Tamworth Cluster will be on Wednesday, 2 August from 6:30pm at Tamworth Southside Church. All Church Councillors and anyone interested are invited to attend.

### **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,