

Diary Dates

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

Mon, 30 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F
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, 31 8am Meals on Wheels
Kitchen Roster
9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

Wed, 1 9am Op Shop Sorting
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
6pm Meditation Service in
the Church Chapel

Thu, 2 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
9:30am MSC at Southside
9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall
10am Stepping Stones

Fri, 3

Sat, 4

Sun, 5

Playgroup in St A's Room
4pm Family Worker support
group in Wesley Room
4:30pm Worship Music
8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
10am Craft Group in StARm
12noon Lunch & DVD StAR
8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Op Shop
1-4pm Private Function in St
Andrew's Room

**9am Tamworth City
Worship, Holy Communion
and Recognition of Rev
Chris Wright with Rev Bill
Fischer and Rev Will
Pearson. Morning Tea.**
11:30am Korean Reborn
2:30pm Catherine Hamlin
Movie Afternoon



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 5 August 2018

8:30am Gowrie

9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, Rev Bill Fischer & Rev Will
Pearson HC, E: A Ashworth, N & J Dezius, E Sheppard, P Battle, D:
R & P Pryor, B Mills, R Barclay, O: R Greer, PP A Winter

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am West Tamworth

5pm Tamworth Southside

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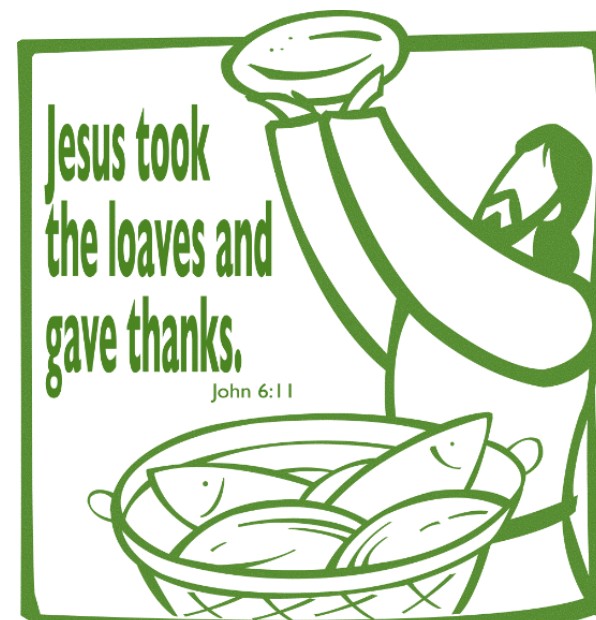
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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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



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Seasons of the Spirit

Into the Land of Faith

Focus scripture

John 6:1–21, 2 Samuel 11:1–15, Psalm 14 and Ephesians 3:14–21.

Prayer

Take a quiet moment to pray St. Patrick's Breastplate:

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me. Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

Introduction

It is easy to spend time focusing on the miracles that are the headline stories of today's gospel reading, but perhaps in doing so we miss an important revelation. Today's focus reading invites us to examine, once again, who the person of Jesus was and what he revealed about the reign of God, its welcome, generosity, and dependability as we journey further into the land of faith.

Focus scripture: John 6:1–21

The feeding of the five thousand reminds us that God is generous beyond measure, and the story of Jesus walking on water has us wonder about Jesus' connection with and understanding of his oneness with all creation. Both stories invite us to stop and to think deeply as we ask, "Who is this Jesus?" The gospel writer has cleverly opened up the opportunity to move on to answer this question in the "I am sayings," I am the ...bread of life (6:35), ...light of the world (8:12), ...good shepherd (10:11), ...resurrection and the life (11:25), ...way, truth and life (14:6), ...true vine (15:1).

Biblical scholar, William Loader, writes: "John consistently takes stories from the tradition about Jesus and moulds them so that they now make statements about who Jesus is for us. Using images of daily necessity, like bread, water, light, life, which were earlier used of Torah, God's Law, John is declaring that our deepest needs are to be found in him" ("First Thoughts on

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, 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.

Sun, 12 Aug—9am Hallsville Service
and 11am West Tamworth Service.

Thu, 16 Aug—2:30pm Peel Valley
Study Group at West Tamworth.

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



Today's Information

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. NO Sunday School—Kids Packs Available. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Young Families Worker—Stepping Stones Playgroup

We had a great time last Thursday with a number of new mums and bubs. Come along and get involved! Thanks Sarah.

Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone. You and the community have been very generous. There is a packing day at the old Carpet Court building today after church if you have time to drop in and give a hand.

This Week's Events

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

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.

Meals on Wheels

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



Maintenance Items

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.

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.

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.

Library

We have a library of books/DVDs in the Vestry. Do you have any you no longer require of a religious nature to donate to our Library? Maybe you'd like to borrow a book. Talk to Peter Battle 6766 7455.

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

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. 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.

Diary Dates

- 21-23 August—Lifequip at Agquip
- 25 August—Presbytery Meeting at Narrabri
- 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 encouraging your individual commitment to prayer and service.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, C3 Church and School Scripture 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, 6 September Adult Fellowship Rally at Tamworth City 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.



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.

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.

Presbytery MSSC Meeting

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

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.

Family Worker Support Group

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

Occasional Choir

Come along and join us at practice on Thursday, 2nd at 4:30pm to prepare an item for Sunday, 5 August—Rev Chris Recognition Service.

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.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

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.

One Door Mental Health Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 13 August from 10am.

Study Leave

Rev Chris will be in Sydney completing some study 14/15 August.

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, 17 August.

Worship on Sunday, 19 August

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: N Dezius, Door: J Dezius, D Limes. M Miles, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Morning Tea. 11am Rev Chris at West Tamworth.

Rev Chris on Leave

After 12 months ministry with us Rev Chris will be taking a well earned break, taking leave from 20 August until Tuesday, 11 September.

