

# Diary Dates

**Sun, 30** 9am **Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**

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

11:30am *Korean Reborn Church service & lunch*

**Mon, 31** 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 DHall

5:30pm New Vogue Dance JHall

**Tue, 1** Rev Chris Wright commences 8am Meals on Wheels Kitchen

9am-2pm Church Office

Tuesday-Friday

9:30am Adult Fellowship in St Andrew's Room

10am Presbytery Bookkeep

10am 40th Ann meeting in Lyall

**Wed, 2**

Green Room

12noon Soup & Sandwich St AR

4:30pm Property Committee in St Andrew's Room

5pm Weight Watchers in DHall

7pm Friends of Nioka in St Andrew's Room

Andrew's Room

9am Op Shop Working Bee in Vestry

10:15am Aged Care Services at McKay House & Alblas Lodge

6pm New Vogue Dance JHall

6:30pm Pathways Project Meeting at Southside

**Thu, 3**

9:30am MSSC in St Andrew's R

10am Yoga in Dunn Hall

4pm Church Music Team

**Fri, 4**

8:30am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall

10am Craft Group in St ARoom

12noon Lunch & DVD St A Rm

**Sat, 5**

8am Weight Watchers in DHall

9am-12noon Opportunity Shop

**Sun, 6**

**9am Worship Service & Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle & Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**

# Preaching Plan

**Sunday, 6 August 2017**

8:30am Gowrie—Mrs Meg Mangan

9am Tamworth City—Mr Peter Battle & Mr Barry Gillett—HC—E:M & R Duns, M Weick, R Hely—D: M Cupitt, J Shottek, W Standen—AV: A Winter, O: R Greer

9:30am Tamworth Southside—TBA

11am West Tamworth—Mrs Meg Mangan—Lunch to follow

5pm Tamworth Southside—TBA



**Sunday, 30 July 2017**

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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

### Contact Details:

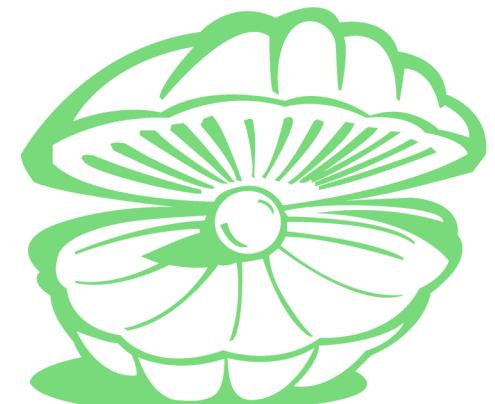
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The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls.  
Matt 13:45



## From Rev Simon Hansford

# Striving - & Limping

*Holy God – in this precious hour, we pause  
and gather to hear your word –  
to do so, we break from our work responsibilities  
and from our play fantasies  
we move from our fears that overwhelm  
and from our ambitions that are too strong.  
Free us in these moments from every distraction,  
that we may focus to listen,  
that we may hear, that we may change. Amen.*

- Walter Brueggemann

In these last few weeks, I have been inclined towards reflection. I have pondered change and its consequences; I have thought about what call means, in terms of our discipleship. I have considered some of its costs.

Slivers of beloved poetry and prose have found their way from my memory, about journey, new paths and change. I am hopeful that this new call in ministry will offer me opportunities to serve God in new ways and to bring my particular gifts to bear in the life of God's church.

There is also cause for sadness, as with almost every ending.

I have loved serving in ministry at Southside.

I have loved sharing in worship and care and small groups and thinking things through and watching people grow and welcoming new folk and sharing meals and coffee and art and shovelling mulch and curly questions and decorating the sanctuary and planning for the future (even when it kept stalling and changing direction) and breaking bread and sharing wine and praying with and for people and working out our faith in Jesus Christ as a cluster of disciples.

Also working in our wider church family across the Presbytery over the years. Thank you for our time together.

Jacob's story has held some fascination for me since college; it is the story about his wrestle in the dark (with God) which holds me most firmly.

## 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, 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.

**Fri, 4 Aug**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday  
Family Church with Meg Mangan

**Sun, 6 Aug**—8:30am Gowrie HC  
Service and 11am West Tamworth  
Service with Meg Mangan. Lunch to  
follow West Service.

### **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.

### 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). And celebrate with Armidale as Rev Joanne Smallville will fill their placement from 1 November.

### Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of New Zealand & Australia 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, 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.

### 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	30	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Fri	4	Romans 9:14-26
Mon	31	Genesis 31:43-32:2	Sat	5	Matthew 14:13-21*
Tue	1	Genesis 32:22-31*	Sun	6	Psalm 17:1-7, 15*
Wed	2	Romans 9:1-5*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)		
Thu	3	Romans 9:6-13			

The agile trickster plays his last cards in this event and remains marked forever. The story ends with Jacob, freshly named and no longer agile, as he limps into his new future of reconciliation with his brother, Esau.

Discipleship marks us, sometimes even wounds us. This is not a palatable idea, as we live in a world where we have striven for comfort and security, where our lives are more comfortable than ever before.

In one breath we proclaim our ancestors in faith who served and died as witnesses to Jesus; in our next breath, we eschew any call to discipleship which may discomfort us.

We translate 'cost' into dollars and cents, while whittling our sense of call so it fits into the appropriately shaped hole. I'm confident it has ever been thus, which is why Jesus keeps talking about it.

I am confident that Jacob's limp is inherent to his blessing by God, even though it is not the one which Jacob expected when he asked.

Once Jacob was blessed in this way, his sidestep was not so prominent and he needed to face things properly.

He also needed to trust God more and his craftiness (dodgy dealing?) less.

Leaving Southside is costly for me, but the grief of leaving is a blessing for the ministry I have ahead of me - shared service, shared hope, shared lives.

I also believe it is an opportunity for Southside in new areas of ministry. This is a time of possibility for Southside, exploring new lay ministries, like Suzanne's, as well as calling a new minister to placement. There is the creation of a new team, with Rev. Chris Wright at City, and - hopefully - a Young Families Worker and Chaplain at UNITING St Andrew's Village alongside the placements at City & Southside.

*Grace and peace for the wrestling ahead, my sisters and brothers!*

*Simon*





### **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.

### **Worship on Sunday, 13 August 2017**

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

### **Congregational Meeting**

Please note that there will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, 13 August. There are two items on the agenda: Financial Report 2016/7 & Budget for 2017/18 and the second item is the extension of tenure for Elders for 1 year.



## Today's Information

### **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).

### **Korean Reborn Church**

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

### **Out Now**

Our quarterly News & Views magazine OUT NOW. Only \$4 a copy.

## This Week's Events

### **KYB Study Groups**

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).

### **Rev Chris Wright Commences**

Rev Chris Wright will commence his time with Tamworth City Congregation from Tuesday, 1 August. He will have a settling in time of two weeks before his Induction. We extend a warm welcome to Rev Chris Wright and his wife Robyn as they join us this week.



### **Meals on Wheels**

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

### **Church Office**

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

### **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 are welcome to join us.

### **40th Anniversary Follow Up Meeting**

Tuesday, 1 August at 10am in the Lyall Green Room.

### **City Property Committee**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 1 August at 4:30pm.

### **Friends of Nioka**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## Next Week & Beyond

### **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.