

## Diary Dates

- Sun, 8 9am Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.**  
 11:30am Korean Reborn
- Mon, 9 4-5am Wheely Bean** JH M-F  
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
- Tue, 10 9am-2pm Office** Tue-Fri  
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
- Wed, 11 9am Op Shop** Sorting  
 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Rm  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH  
 6pm Meditation Service in the Church Chapel
- Thu, 12 8:30am Early Risers** Prayer  
 4:30pm Worship Music  
 Emmaus Weekend in Armidale—Sunday
- Fri, 13 8:30am WW** in Dunn Hall  
 10am Senior's Communion at St Andrew's Village Hall

with Rev Henry Swindon  
**Sat, 14 8-11am WW** in Dunn Hall  
 9am-12noon Op Shop  
 5pm Private Function in Jubilee Hall

**Sun, 15 9am Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Mr Peter Battle. Occasional Choir. Morning Tea.**  
 11am West Tamworth—Mr Peter Battle  
 11:30am Korean Reborn



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 15 July 2018

- 9am Tamworth City with Mr Peter Battle, Occasional Choir, E: W Standen, D: R & P Pryor, E Gevert, O: R Cathcart, PP J Carthew.
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside
- 11am West Tamworth with Mr Peter Battle. Trading Table.
- 5pm Tamworth Southside



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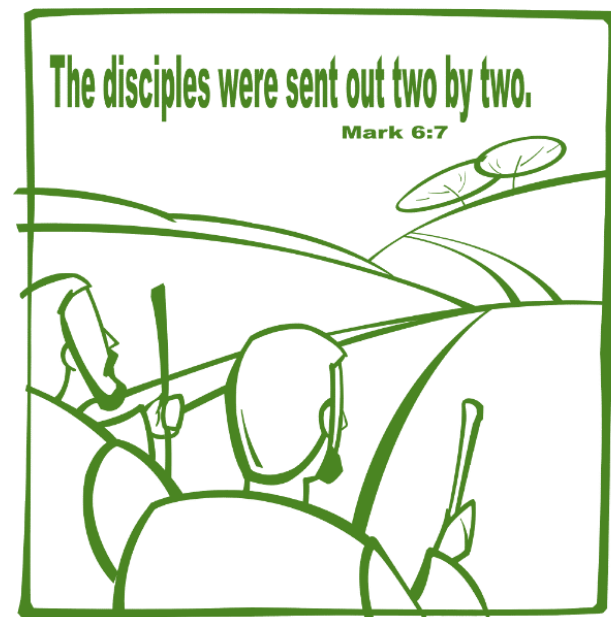
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## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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

## Brush Away the Dust

### Focus scripture

Mark 6:1–13, 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10, Psalm 48, and 2 Corinthians 12:2–10.

### Prayer

Lead us, O God, into relationships that give strength. May we find in your presence the discovery of our call and empowerment for its practice. Amen.

### Introduction

The unwelcome reception that Jesus received in his hometown and his instruction on how to leave an inhospitable place, illustrate how we can miss out on something special if we aren't open to God's spirit. For the spirit dwells and moves in ways that do not always conform to our own expectations and conventions.

### Reflection: Mark 6:1–13

Matthew and Luke aren't quite as direct as Mark as they recount the story of Jesus' homecoming, but in each account, there is no doubt that this was not a happy event. Those gathered in the synagogue were astounded and then furious at Jesus' teaching. As their offence grew, they set about putting the local lad, whom they saw as a pretender, in his place. Crowds had been flocking to meet Jesus, hear him, and see the healing deeds, yet it appears this was too hard for those who had known Jesus since childhood to comprehend.

Even Jesus' family has trouble accepting him, despite the incredible ministry that he has demonstrated.

Is it coincidental that this story of division and rejection sits just before the mission of the twelve? If the disciples were sitting in the synagogue that day they would have seen and heard it all, and witnessed the kind of reception they may encounter as they are sent into the local villages – be prepared to be rejected seems an underlying theme.

The choice of twelve is reflective of the twelve tribes of Israel, who descended from the sons of Jacob. At the time of writing, the primary audience for the gospel were the Jews.

The writer of Mark's gospel is pointing the way to Jesus as Messiah.

# 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](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.*



# Peel Valley Congregations

**Sun, 8 July**—8:30am Gowrie Service  
and 11am West Tamworth Service.

**Sun, 15 July**—11am West Tamworth  
Service with Mr Peter Battle. Trading  
Table After.

**Tue, 17 July**—10am Memory Lane at  
West Tamworth Church.

**Thu, 19 July**—2:30pm Study Group at  
West Tamworth.

**Fri, 20 July**—Hallsville No Service.

**Sun, 22 July**—8:30am Hallsville  
Markets, 8:30am Gowrie, and 11am  
West Tamworth Service .

**Sun, 29 July**—PV Church on a bus.

## 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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Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



# 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 - modest  
 bored - interested  
 kind - unkind  
 forgiving - unforgiving  
 deceitful - honest  
 lazy - helpful  
 cheerful - grumpy  
 annoyed - patient  
 stubborn - flexible

# Word Fun

Circle the word in each square that does not belong.

chair table heart	friend run walk	flower love tree	speech pen pencil	car gracious truck	valley mountain king
2	6	1	4	3	5

In the blanks below, write the word you have circled from each box, matching the numbers.

Those who \_\_\_\_\_ a pure \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_ will have the \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 22:11

Answers: love, heart, gracious, speech, king, friend

# Lectionary Readings

Sun 8	Psalm 48*	Fri 13	Amos 7:7-15
Mon 9	Psalm 85:8-13	Sat 14	Mark 6:14-29*
Tue 10	2 Samuel 6:1-11	Sun 15	Psalm 24*
Wed 11	2 Samuel 6:12-19	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 12	Ephesians 1:1-14*		

However, there were not just twelve followers of Jesus. The twelve are called apostles (ones who were sent out), but there were many more who were disciples (ones who followed). Mark sets up a lifestyle for those who follow Jesus, calling them to live as Jesus lived – simply, as bearers of good news to the poor, bringers of healing, and agents of liberation; a lifestyle that was, and continues to be, at odds with the values of a society that admires power and wealth, and overlooks the poor.



Biblical scholars point out that today's Hebrew Scripture, 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10, offers the view that the transition of power from Saul to David was seamless. But this was not the case; it is with hindsight that the people saw God's hand in the events that led to a unified Israel. David's succession was brutal, bloody, long, and difficult, but God was there in the midst. Paul speaks of the same phenomena, of God's grace apparent in the midst of hardship as he writes to the church in Corinth (2 Corinthians 12:2–10), "Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong" (v. 10).

Psalm 48 expresses a strong sense of place and great confidence in God and God's purposes as the writer presents a vision to encourage worshippers to live towards the world God holds for them.



Jesus' words, "shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them," invites us to be cautious about our interactions with others. Is there malice or anger in Jesus' words, or are we being shown that there are circumstances when the need to move on is greater than the need to stay? We might remember the early church felt an urgency to offer salvation to all, and perhaps Mark illustrates that it was not imperative to linger with those who were not open to grace. There was much to be done and many places go to. When grace has been offered, it never goes away; perhaps we are called to trust this.

# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 8 July

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. National Assembly Commences Today in Melbourne.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## Young Families Worker—Stepping Stones

Sarah is looking for some assistance with morning tea, read a book, sing, all sorts and helpers for her group that will meet here at Tamworth City on Thursday mornings 10am-12noon. Commencing 26 July—oh that's right I need to sign up at morning tea TODAY!

## Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone. We are continuing to put together some Care Packages for local farmers. If you would like to donate some personal/toiletry items, please leave them at the church office this week.

## Assembly Meeting—40 Days of Prayer & Action

The Uniting Church Assembly (National) meeting is coming up in July in Melbourne with the theme "Abundant Grace, Liberating Hope". We offer these prayers to recognising that there will be many words flooding over us all as we prepare to go on his journey together. Prayer themes this week include: Feel Forgiven, What is Your Soul Longing For?, See the Stars, Be Yourself, For our Bush Chaplains, Reach Out, and Remember Jesus.

# 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).



## 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.

## Stamp Collecting News

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 and sorting.

## 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.

## Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (and get co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

## 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.



## **Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches**

We keep the activities of Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church, the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church and Harvest Church in our prayers.

### **Presbytery Prayer Points**

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Assembly meeting in Melbourne 8-14 July; and Presbytery AGM 25 August.

### **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*

### **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.*



## **KYB Study Group**

In recess during the school holidays and 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. 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.

### **Compassionate Friends**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 11 July at 10am.

### **Meditation Service**

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm (new time) in the Church Chapel area. You're most welcome.

### **Early Risers Prayer Group**

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room.

### **Occasional Choir**

Come along and join us at practice on Thursday, 12 July at 4:30pm to sing "Steal Away" on Sunday, 15 July.

### **Emmaus Walks**

Men's and Women's Emmaus Walks will be held on 12-15 July. Rev Chris will be attending as Spiritual Director.

### **Senior's Communion**

Monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 13 July at 10am. Contact Barb McLean 6766 4039.

### **Private Function**

Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 14 July from 5pm.



# Next Week & Beyond

## Worship on Sunday, 15 July

Worship service with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Occasional Choir. Morning Tea. Elder: W Standen, Door: R & P Pryor, E Gevert, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart.

11am West Tamworth—Mr Peter Battle.

## One Door Mental Health Course

Three consecutive Mondays, 16, 23 and 30 July in the St Andrew's Room from 8:30am-12:30pm.

## Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 17 July from 9am.

## Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 17 July from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

## 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, 20 July.

## Tamworth Christian Men's Dinner

Meeting on a Friday, every second month. Fellowship and dinner \$25/head. Inspirational speaker each time.. Next Friday, 20 July from 6:30pm at Gregory's Restaurant, 191 Goonoo Goonoo Road. Speaker will be John Seaton. RSVP by 13 July to Tony on 0401 418 864.

## Worship on Sunday, 22 July

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. Elder: J Archbold, Door: H McKenzie, S Hardin, F Kerr, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Richardson.



## 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.

## Stepping Stones

Weekly young families group meeting in the St Andrew's Room with our Young Families Worker, Sarah. 9:30am for morning tea. See Sarah if you'd like to come along.

## 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. Morning Tea. Sunday School. Elder: M Weick, Door: M Honeyman, D Cole, J Crosling, AV: M Akioka, Org: R Greer.

## Diary Dates

- 31 July—Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster
- 1 August—McKay House & Alblas HC Services—Rev Chris
- 3 August—Craft & Lunch DVD
- 5 August—Recognition Service for Rev Chris Wright
- 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 the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela in your prayers this week.