

Diary Dates

Sun, 9 9am Worship Service with Mr Barry Gillett. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch

Mon, 10 4-5am Wheely Bean— Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri
10:30am Glenda Slocombe Funeral & Morning Tea
10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays
4pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall
5:30pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall

Tue, 11 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday
10am Presbytery Bookkeeping
5pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall

Wed, 12 9am Op Shop Working Bee in Vestry
10am Compassionate

Friends in St Andrew's Room
2pm One Door Mental Health in St Andrew's Room
6pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall

Thu, 13 8:30 Ethics Course in Armidale
10am Yoga in Dunn Hall
4pm Church Music Team
Emmaus Walks commence in Armidale until Sunday

Fri, 14 8:30am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall
10am Senior Communion at UNITING St Andrew's Village

Sat, 15 8am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Opportunity Shop

Sun, 16 9am Worship Service with City Elders. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 16 July 2017

8:30am Gowrie Service with Evelyn Keane
9am Tamworth City—City Elders—E:M Hobson D: J Phillips, B Mills, S Perkins AV: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart.
9:30am Southside with Rev Simon Hansford.
11am West Tamworth Service with Mr Peter Battle
5pm Southside with Rev Simon Hansford.



Sunday, 9 July 2017

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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 after worship.



Seasons of the Spirit

Delight...

Breathe in deep. As the air fills your lungs, delight in this stuff that gives you life. Let go of your breath. Breathe in once more, and as you do remember your body enables you to move and live in the world. Think of all the delightful things you encounter. Breathe out and give thanks to God.

The Hebrew Scriptures are not afraid of human emotion, and in amongst all of them is delight. We are told that in the beginning Wisdom was God's daily delight (Proverbs 8:30) and today our readings from Genesis, the psalm and the alternative psalm from the Song of Solomon, all speak of delight. In each case this delight is that to be found within human relationships. Why would such stories be included in our scripture unless they had something to say about God and us?

Focus scripture: Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

In today's focus text, Sarah has died and Abraham is reaching the end of his life. He wants Isaac to marry within his family so those descendants who are to fulfil God's promise will be from Sarah's line. He sends his servant to Nahor's household to look for a suitable wife for Isaac. We are invited into the servant's narrative; and we see in this servant affection for Abraham, connection with God, and delight in encountering Rebekah.

The story goes to great lengths to sing Rebekah's praises – she must be seen to fulfill all the characteristics of one of Israel's great matriarchs. She is a virgin, good looking, friendly, generous and, importantly, faithful, obedient and from the right lineage. When Rebekah is asked if she will leave her family immediately, despite the desire of her mother and sisters to have her stay an additional ten days, her answer is, "I will." This recalls Abraham's response to God's call "Here I am" (22:1) and the blessing the women give her on her leave taking reinforces God's promise to make Abraham a great nation (12:2).

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 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

Tue, 11 July—12:30pm Christmas in
July lunch at Squareman Inn. \$10/
head to Meg or Evelyn on day.

Fri, 14 July—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with TBA.

Sun, 16 July—8:30am Gowrie Service
with Evelyn Keane, 11am West
Tamworth Service with Peter Battle.
Trading Table.

Tue, 18 July—10am Memory Lane
Morning Tea at West Tamworth
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet
new friends, singalong, activities, &
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month
10am-11:30.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.



Lectionary Readings

Sun 9	Psalm 45:10-17*	Fri 14	Matthew 13:1-17*
Mon 10	Isaiah 55:6-13	Sat 15	Matthew 13:18-23*
Tue 11	Genesis 25:19-34*	Sun 16	Psalm 119:105-112*
Wed 12	Genesis 26:1-6, 17-33	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)	
Thu 13	Romans 8:1-11*		

The union of Isaac and Rebekah is a great love story, we are told that Isaac loved Rebekah from the moment he saw her and, unlike the other patriarchs of Israel, he had no other wife but her.

Psalm 45 is a "love song" written for a royal wedding. It echoes several aspects of the Genesis passage (10–15). The beauty of the king and his bride is not just physical appearance but also reflects the things of divine beauty – equity, righteousness, gladness, truth, and wisdom.

Song of Solomon 2:8–13, the alternative to the reading from the book of Psalms, is also a love song that celebrates the goodness of God's creation and that speaks of how delight and joy are part of a faithful life lived in devotion to God.

In the gospel reading **Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**, Jesus appears pleased to be accepted as a friend of sinners; he delights in company and companionship. He rebukes the contrarians and their views that make it impossible for anyone to be close to God. Once again, we hear the compassion Jesus has for those burdened and forlorn; in him, he says, they will find rest.



In **Romans 7:15–25a** Paul speaks with great humility about the contradictory nature of being human: "The good that I want to do, I fail to do. The evil I do not want to do, *that* I end up doing."



What can we do to make sure our relationships and other endeavours turn out for the best? Nothing. We can't guarantee such an outcome. However, as we choose to live in relationship with God and journey in God's ways, we can be assured that God will be with us wherever life beckons. When have you sensed God journeying alongside you? In what ways do you – as an individual and as a church – express your chosen journey as one that is yoked with Christ?

Word Fun

Circle the word in each square that does not belong.

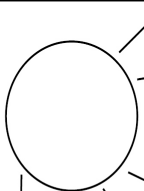
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2	6	1	4	3	5

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, friend, heart, gracious, speech, king, friend

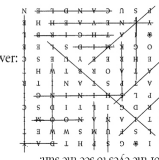


Word Find Plus

Find the words listed below in the puzzle. Cross off the words as you find them. Write the leftover letters on the blank lines.

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I	L	S	F	U	M	S	W	W	E	T	Candle	Heavenly	Spark
E	T	I	A	N	A	N	O	O	M	I	Day	Lamp	Star
N	R	D	G	I	L	T	I	D	S	C	Dim	Light	Sun
E	P	L	S	H	I	N	I	N	G	I	Electricity	Lightbulb	Window
E	A	T	P	S	T	A	N	I	T	R	Fire	Moon	
F	A	T	A	O	R	B	T	W	H	T			
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Answer:



for the eyes to see the sun.

Worship on Sunday, 6 August 2017

Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle & Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 12th August 2pm Induction Service for Rev Chris Wright at Tamworth City, afternoon tea to follow.
- 26th August 9am NENW Presbytery Meeting at Tamworth City.

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 the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin Committees. 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 St John's Anglican Church, the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, the Harvest Church and Liberty Church.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers our New England North West Presbytery as we seek God's wisdom and guidance for leadership & support for our congregations.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Brazil 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—

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.

Worship Committee

Will meet on Tuesday, 1 August from 4pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Friends of Nioka

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

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.

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.



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 9 July 2017

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

We hold those who are grieving in our prayers following recent deaths. The families and friends of Margaret Pryor, Shirley McLellan and Glenda Slocombe. Glenda's funeral is at 10:30am on Monday, 10th.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Galina Newcombe who is the new Pastoral Care Practitioner at the UNITING St Andrew's Village. Galina will be taking on a lot of Rev Chris Wright's duties at the village until a new Chaplain is called. Galina can be contacted on 0490 003 575.

This Week's Events

KYB Study Groups

In recess and 17 July. 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

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

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.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 10am on Wednesday, 12 July.

One Door Mental Health

One Door Mental Health Workshop being held in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday 12 July from 2-3pm.

Emmaus Walks

This year's Emmaus Walks are coming up quickly on 13-16 July in Armidale. Talk to someone who's been (The Duns', The Furze's, etc) they would be most happy to help get you involved.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 14 July with Rev Simon Hansford from 10am in the UNITING St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Barb McLean 6766 4039.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 16 July 2017

Worship service with our Elders. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 18 July from 9am.

School Term 3

Commences Tuesday, 18 July for students.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 18 July from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Vision Radio

Tamworth Clergy will be meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 20 July with Mr Phil Edwards from Vision Radio. Sharing recent findings in the Faith and Belief survey conducted by McCrindle. 9:30am-11:30am.

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 21 July.

Worship on Sunday, 23 July 2017

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

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.

Rural Home Nursing

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 25 July from 9am.

Elder's Fellowship

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

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 some wonderful DVD footage of last year's OCC distributions. Collect resources. Contact Kate kate.occtamworth@gmail.com.

Worship on Sunday, 30 July 2017

Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Quick morning tea to follow. 10:30am Closure Service for Rev Simon Hansford at Tamworth Southside, BYO finger food lunch to follow.