

DIARY DATES

Sun, 11 9am Trinity Worship Service with Rev Tony Winter. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am Korean Re-born church.

Mon, 12 Queen's Birthday Weekend
9am Probus Club in St Andrew's Room
4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall
5:30pm Dance Group in JH

Tue, 13 4-5am Wheely Bean JKitchen
9am-2pm Church Office Open Tue-Fri
10am Pres Bookkeeper
10am-4pm Op Shop Tue-Fri
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
7:30pm Church Council meeting in St Andrew's Room

Wed, 14 9am Op Shop Sorting
10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Room
10:15am Aged Care Services at McKay House & BUPA with Barry Gillett
6-11pm New Vogue Dance JH

Thu, 15 10am Yoga Group in DH
4:30pm Church Music Team
Fri, 16 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room

Sat, 17 8am-10:30am WW in Vestry
9am-12noon Op Shop
Sun, 18 9am Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am Korean Re-born church.
11am West Tamworth Peel Valley 40th Anniversary Service with Mr Peter Battle.



PREACHING PLAN

18 June 2017

9am Tamworth City—Mr Peter Battle (Eld: L Johnston, Dr: B Johnston, R Barclay, J Phillips; AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart)

9:30am Southside—Rev Simon Hansford

11am West Tamworth—Mr Peter Battle Peel Valley 40th Anniversary Service

5:30pm Southside—Rev Simon Hansford



TRINITY SUNDAY

11 JUNE 2017



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- **Peel Valley:** Contact Margaret Crowell Mb 0408 660 025
- **UNITING St Andrew's Village Chaplain** Rev Chris Wright Mb 0427 633 657
- **UNITING Rainbow Cottage** 6766 7655

WELCOME TO TAMWORTH CITY UNITING CHURCH

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Tony Winter will be leading worship this morning. Please stay for morning tea after worship.



FROM REV SIMON HANSFORD

LEARNING THE THREE-STEP...

Trinity Sunday. Eggs, oranges, kettles and ice cubes, complicated drawings of triangles with arrows in all directions; the children's talk almost no one wants to give and certainly not for a second time.

Dr Ben Myers, Lecturer in Theology at the Uniting Church College, has released a humorous series *Tweeting the Doctrine of the Trinity*. "How to combat Trinitarian heresy, #4: Have you come up with a really helpful analogy? Well done! Now please don't tell anyone about it, ever."

The Trinity seeks to describe God's extraordinary relationship as three in one and one in three, yet explaining it is almost always unhelpful in us understanding it at all.

The character of God has been described as a dance, as a movement of God – Creator, Son and Spirit – as each influences the other, leading and being led. It's an image of wonder and beauty. God as community; loving, dancing, creating, celebrating, moving ... and welcoming us into the community of God. Is this just theological playtime, or is there something more?

If we understand God as community, then our relationship with God is affected, at the same moment as God asks something of us. What does it mean to create and live in a community which reflects the character of our God?



SOUTHSIDE SCENE

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC 4th Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am 4th Tuesday each month.

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

Sheila's Home Group @ Lynn's: 2pm Wednesdays.

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 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 & teams, empowered by the Holy Spirit, using our spiritual gifts to serve each other & our community."



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATIONS

Sun, 11 June—9am Hallsville HC Service and 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Meg Mangan.

Fri, 16 June—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with Rev Simon Hansford.

Sun, 18 June—11am West Tamworth Combined Peel Valley 40th Anniversary Celebrations with Peter Battle. Trading Table.

Tue, 20 June—10am Memory Lane Morning tea at West Tamworth

Thu, 22 June—7pm UCA 40th Anniversary Celebrations in Tamworth Town Hall.

Fri, 23 June—6pm Carter & Carter Intimate Dinner \$40/bookings please.

Sat, 24 June—2pm Carter & Carter Concert @ Southside \$20/head

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"

www.ucapeelvalley.org.au

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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

MAINTENANCE ITEMS

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.

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 tunasardines, 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.

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).

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. They are happy to order in special requirements. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sun 11 Matthew 28:16-20*

Mon 12 Genesis 18:1-15*

Tue 13 Genesis 20

Wed 14 Romans 5:1-8*

Thu 15 Romans 5:9-17

Fri 16 Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sat 17 Matthew 10:9-23

Sun 18 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)

Watch the news, if you have the courage. There is an investment from those we support, and from those who seek our harm, to divide our world, into “us and them”. It’s almost as simple as that, and appeals to our baser instincts. An illustration: the media reports concerning the horror of the London and Manchester attacks obscured a larger scale horror in Kabul, and dissipated the widespread condemnation by international Muslim leaders of all these atrocities.

Us and Them.

Someone’s skin colour, someone’s name, are used as markers of divergence. How do we have a conversation about recognition of our Aboriginal sisters and brothers in our Constitution without defaulting into the same lazy, hurtful stereotypes?

The character of God has inherently different characteristics, and yet are all one. How do we, as disciples of the living, dancing God accept, welcome and celebrate our differences, not only as a reflection of this God, but of God’s deliberate intent?

Community is not easy, but it is necessary. We are citizens of God’s community, and the hope of that belonging enables and inspires us for the journey ahead.

Learning God’s dance takes time, effort and our deliberate intent. We need the imagination of God, the example of Jesus and the power of the Spirit that we may not lose our step.



All of this is us



**40 days of prayer from the
Assembly to mark our 40th
Anniversary
WEEK FOUR**

Sunday 11 June 2017 – Prayer for National Conferences

Today we pray for the life and mission of the 12 National Conferences in the Uniting Church; Tongan, Samoan, Fijian, Indonesian, Korean, Tamil, Chinese, South Sudanese, Filipino, Niuean, Vietnamese and Middle East. More than 1000 members of the Tongan National Conference, the UCA's first National Conference, are gathered in worship today as they continue their annual three-day conference in Kurrajong NSW.

Thank you to Convenor of the National Conferences Working Group Rev. Eseta Waqabaca - Meneilly for this prayer.

God of races, cultures and traditions, creator of languages, diversity and unity. Thank you for the Uniting Church in Australia, a multicultural Church that expresses its life rhythms in gatherings of National Conferences, its diversity in vibrant, colourful worships and liturgies and its unity in God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

We remember the Tongan National Conference as it holds its annual gathering during this unique space and time of church fasting and praying. "Malo e lelei" to you, our God from the Tongan National Conference.

Bless all National Conferences as they showcase diversity through your gift of languages and cultures, and unity through your community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Lunch & DVD

Our monthly Lunch & DVD will be on Friday, 7 July from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Worship on Sunday, 9 July 2017

9am Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

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.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Life Church, Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School, and St Peter's Anglican.

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. Also Upcoming Workshops with Synod Pathways Projects in early July.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland 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, Acc 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 7777.

Kairos Outside Reunion

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 9:30am-3pm on Saturday, 24 June.

Worship on Sunday, 25 June 2017—UCA 40th Anniversary

9am Worship service with Rev Tony Winter and Carter & Carter. Sunday School. Morning tea and sausage sizzle to follow.

End School Term 2

Friday, 30 June.

Church Office Closed

The office will be closed from Tuesday, 27 June to Friday, 30 June.

UNITING News

Rev Chris Wright will have his last day at St Andrew's Village on Friday, 30 June. We keep Chris and his wife Robyn in our prayers as he finishes his time with the Village as Chaplain and has a break before joining us at Tamworth City as our Minister from 1 August.

Worship on Sunday, 2 July 2017

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Tony Winter. Food Hamper Sunday. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Meals on Wheels

Our next rostered Kitchen day is Tuesday, 4 July from 8am.

City Adult Fellowship

Monthly get together 9:30am for morning tea in the St Andrew's Room followed by our meeting. All welcome.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 7pm on Tuesday, 4 July.

City Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 4:30pm on Wednesday, 5 July.

Craft Group

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 7 July.

TODAY'S INFORMATION

Worship on Sunday, 11 June 2017—Trinity Sunday

9am Worship service with Rev Tony Winter. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Get Your Tickets Now!

Don't miss out! Buy your tickets for the Carter & Carter Up Close & Personal Concert \$40 or the Carter & Carter Family Concert \$20 from the Church Office now! Part of our 40th Anniversary of UCA.

Insights Magazine

New bi-monthly Insights Magazine OUT NOW.

Thank You

The regular trading table during morning tea have generously given \$500 to missions this month. Well done everyone.

Act for Peace

Certificate of Appreciation for our Christmas Bowl donation of \$1,912 on the pinboard, along with an update on projects.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Public Holiday on Monday, 12 June.

Private Function

Tamworth Probus will be using the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 12 June from 9am-1pm.

Opportunity Shop

Closed Queen's Birthday Monday. 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. *Nicolette*

Church Council Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 7:30pm on Tuesday, 13 June.

Op Shop Working Bee

Held each Wednesday in the Vestry/Shed. 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, 14 June.

Aged Care Services

Mr Barry Gillett will be leading the aged care services at McKay House and BUPA on 10:15am on Wednesday, 14 June. Singers and helpers most welcome to join in.

Craft Group

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 16 June.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

Worship on Sunday, 18 June 2017

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Morning tea to follow. Peter will also preach at West Tamworth at 11am.

Key Audit

We would like to do an audit of keys to the buildings on our premises. On Sunday, 18 June Nicolette will have the list of key-holders available. Please check with her about your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need any longer.

One Door Mental Health

Carer Assist Workshop in St Andrew's Room on 19 & 26 June 9am-12noon. KYB have kindly offered to meet in Vestry for these Mondays.

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).

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 9am on Tuesday, 20 June.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall from 12noon on Tuesday, 20 June for our annual Pie Day. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Pastoral Partners Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 3pm on Tuesday, 20 June. Our guest speaker will be Maree Johnson from the Department of Family & Community Services.

UCA 40th Anniversary Celebrations

- Thursday, 22nd June 7pm Celebration of worship in the Town Hall. Join us for a special night with congregations from around the Presbytery.
- Friday, 23 June 6pm Up Close & Personal Carter & Carter Concert at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. Tickets now available from the Church Office.
- Saturday, 24 June 2pm Family Concert with Carter & Carter at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. Tickets now available from the Church Office.
- Sunday, 25 June 9am Sunday Worship with Carter & Carter here at Tamworth City.



**CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA**
at Tamworth Memorial Town Hall, 7pm Thursday 22nd June 2017.
Entry is free. Music by Tamworth Pipe Band, Tamworth Choral Society,
Southside Men's Choir, Tamworth Conservatorium Concert Band and Carter & Carter.

Carter & Carter Concerts
Up Close & Personal Dinner & Concert 6pm Friday 23rd June 2017 .. \$40
Family Concert and Afternoon Tea 2pm Saturday 24th June 2017 .. \$20
at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church, 440 Goonoo Goonoo Road, Tamworth
Book on line at www.entertainmentvenues.com.au
OR CASH SALES ONLY at Uniting Church Office: 144 Marius Street, Tamworth
Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2pm .. Enquiries 02 6766 5311 or 0409 204157

