

Diary Dates

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Mon, 24	9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING St AR	Mon, 1	10am One Door Mental Health Carer Support DH
Tue, 25	9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep	Tue, 2	8am Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster 9:30am Adult Fellowship in St Andrew's Room 7pm Friends of Nioka in StAR
Wed, 26	9am Op Shop Sorting 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH 6-7pm Meditation in Church	Fri, 5	10am Craft Group in StAR 12noon Lunch & DVD StAR
Thu, 27	8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music 5:30pm Aikido Karate in JH		
Fri, 28	8:30am Social Craft Grp DH		
Sat, 29	9am-12noon Op Shop		



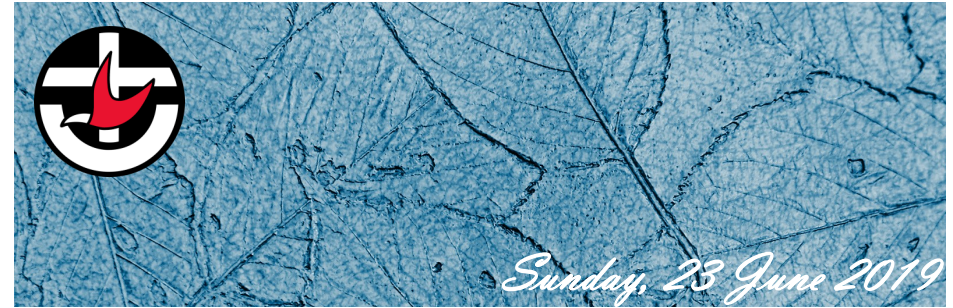
Preaching Plan

Sunday, 30 June—Pentecost 4

9am	Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright—E:M Weick; D:F Kerr, W Purs, G Chaffey; PP: M Akioka, O: R Richardson.
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
10am	Peel Valley Church on a Bus
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright and will be leading our service, remembering the UCA 42nd anniversary and the sacrament of Baptism.

Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



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Seasons of the Spirit

Deep Down Questions

Readings

1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23–29 and Luke 8:26–39

Prayer

God our rock, storms rage around us and we despair. Come to us in the silence; nourish and strengthen us for the journey to which you call us. We praise you, our help and our God. Amen.

Reflection

This week's readings invite us to turn our whole selves – body, mind, and spirit – toward God, who envelops us in grace. God nourishes and sustains us and reaches out to us in the depths of our despair or aloneness. There are challenges in being faithful; God delights in each one of us and supports us as we journey in God's presence.

Biblical Background

1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a This week introduces the prophet Elijah who is in conflict with the prophets of the rain god, Baal. A drought holds Israel in its grip, and Baal is not able to bring relief. Elijah and Baal's prophets hold a public test of strength. During this contest, the prophets of Baal are killed.

King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, hold Elijah responsible, and Jezebel threatens to destroy him. The prophet flees to the southern kingdom of Judah and beyond, into the desert.

Elijah has had enough. In despair, the prophet prays to God that he may die. God's angel feeds Elijah twice, encouraging him to sleep and eat to be strengthened for the journey. Elijah travels 40 days and nights to Horeb (Sinai), the mountain where God gave Israel the law and the covenant. Elijah returns to the place where Moses encountered God, and God is with Elijah on the journey.

God asks Elijah, "What are you doing here?" Elijah pours out his frustrations. "I've tried my best. I am the only one of your prophets left. Now they want to kill me." In the midst of Elijah's time of deep down questioning, God is present.

As Elijah watches from the cave, there is great rock-splitting wind, an

Southside Scene



Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
Dinner Church 2nd Sunday. HC 3rd Sunday. Family Service 4th Sunday.

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

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays during school terms.

Prayer Team: 3pm Tuesdays.

Lectionary Study & Worship

Preparation: 4pm Tuesdays.

Motor Bike Ride: 9:30am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

Faith Art Group: 1pm Thursdays, alternate weeks, school terms.

Bible Discussion: 2-3pm Thursdays.

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on alternate Thursdays.

Men's Bowls: 9:45am 2nd & 4th North Tamworth Bowling Club

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st Saturday each month.

Website: www.tsuc.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside UC

Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 21 June—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

Sun, 23 June—8:30am Hallsville Markets; 8:30am Gowrie and 11am West Tamworth Services.

Sun, 30 June—10am Peel Valley Church on a Bus.

Tue, 2 July—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth

Fri, 5 July—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

Sun, 7 July—11am West Tamworth Service followed by lunch.

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"

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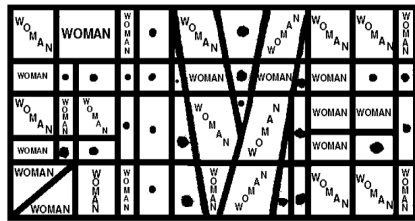
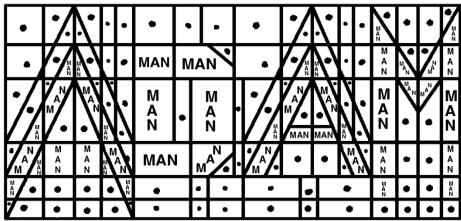
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



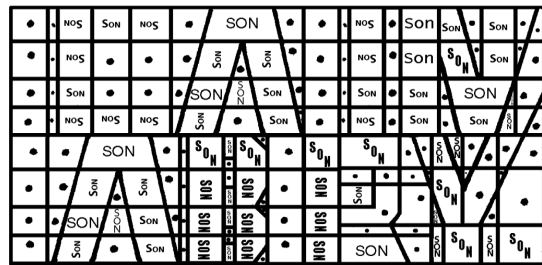
First Person

In the boxes below, fill in the spaces with the words to find the answers to the following questions



1. This man was the first person that God created.
His name is _____ . Genesis 5:1

2. This person was the first woman.
Her name is _____ . Genesis 3:20

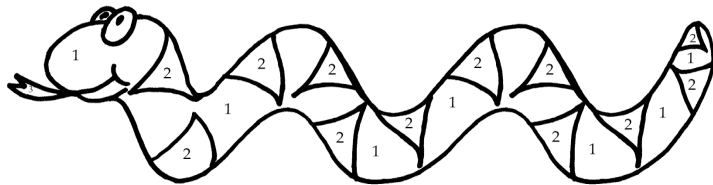


3. Their first two sons were _____ and _____ .
Genesis 4:1, 2

Who Am I?

Read Genesis 3:1-5. Unscramble the word below to find out what kind of animal this is. What part did this animal play in the story of the first man and woman?

Color:
1 = green
2 = blue
3 = red



E P N T E R S

Lectionary Readings

Sun	23	Psalms 42 & 43*	Fri	28	Galatians 5:1, 13-25*
Mon	24	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14*	Sat	29	Luke 9:51-62*
Tue	25	Galatians 4:1-11	Sun 30	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20*	
Wed	26	Galatians 4:21-31	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	27	Galatians 5:1-12			

earthquake, and fire. But Elijah does not find God in any of these. God's presence is experienced in what the original Hebrew describes as "the sound of fine silence." Elijah covers his face in awe at this experience. God asks the question again, "Elijah, what are you doing here?" Elijah replies in the same words, but this time we can imagine a tone of acceptance of the responsibility God has given him. "Go," God says, "return." God tells Elijah to take up the work again. When Elijah was in despair, God pursued. God strengthened Elijah for the work to which he was called.

God is present in our times of despair when we are ready to give up. God calls and sustains us in our ministry.

We, for our part, are encouraged to listen in the fine silence.

Psalms 42 and 43 could be Elijah's prayer. Where is God? Has God forgotten me? These are the "deep down questions" that troubled Elijah and the psalmist. They are questions that trouble us. But God is a rock. We can hope and trust in God.

As in the Elijah story, the gospel reading shows God as having power over nature and human life. In Luke 8:26-39, Jesus visits a gentile region and meets a person overcome by demons. On the way there, Jesus has calmed the lake storm. Now he calms this troubled one. The man is quieted, and God's love proclaimed in the silence. The man would like to go with Jesus, but Jesus sends him to take up his discipleship in everyday life.

Paul is responding to challenging questions in Galatians 3:23-39, answering those who say gentile converts must keep all the demands of the Jewish law. Paul argues that, by baptism, we are all children of God through faith and heirs of the promise to Abraham. There is no distinction between Jew and Gentile. All are one in Christ.

Questions

There are times when life overwhelms us, and we despair.

What questions come to us in such "deep down" moments?

God nourishes and sustains us when we allow quiet moments in God's presence to heal and restore us. God sends us back to continue our discipleship in our daily lives. In God's love, we find truth, promise, and hope.



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 23 June

9am Worship service, UCA Anniversary and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright.
Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship. Jubilee Kitchen & Dunn Hall for lunch.

Retirement Rev Chris Wright

We acknowledge the announcement last week of Rev Chris Wright's early Retirement. His last service will be on Sunday, 21 July. He will then take leave until the end of August. Completing his time with us on 31 August. A Closure of Ministry Service has been planned for Saturday, 3 August at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. We give thanks for Chris' ministry amongst us over the past two years and wish him God's rich blessings in his retirement.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, 7 July at 10am. The meeting will have one item of business "To deal with matters arising from the announcement on 16th June 2019 of the retirement of the Reverend Chris Wright, including the provision of any necessary support for the well-being of Chris and his family during this time of transition and a report from the Church Council."

Return Thanks

Ray and Pat Pryor would like to sincerely thank our Church family for the love, prayers and support in so many ways on the recent death of their grandson, Aidan. His parents, Kylie and Stephen Inman also express their deep appreciation for your love and support.

Church Council Notes

Great result for the Fete \$4,164, thank you everyone.

Lent Event raised over \$2,500 this year, thank you.

Biggest Morning Tea raised over \$2,500, again thank you.

Worship committee received approval to purchase 6 copies of the new Supplement to TIS 'Songs of Grace'.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year— Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. 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. In recess now until 2019. Donations all gratefully received.

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 or Rev Chris Wright 0427 633 657.

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.

Stamp Collecting News

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.

Reverse Parking

We've had a couple of near-misses recently. Would everyone using the car park please reverse park into parking spaces. This will mean that when it gets full it will be easier to get out and pedestrians will be safer. Thanks.

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.



Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 12 July from 10am in the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall with Rev Henry Swindon. Contact Barb McLean for transport 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 14 July

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: J Archbold, D: E Gevert, Townsend & Kathy; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- 16th 9am AIR; 2pm Senior's Getting Together
- 17th 4:30pm Elder's Fellowship
- 19th 10am Craft Group
- 20th 1pm Early Childhood—Mum's Mental Health Day

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee activities, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Roman Catholic Churches, The Father's House, Trinity Church, The Uniting Churches in Tamworth and the Hope of Glory Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the upcoming Synod meeting in Sydney 4-7 July. We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery. We give thanks for God's provision and blessing.



Fellowship Committee advised Christmas Lunch will be at Dragon Palace.

Property committee received approval to seal the carpark at a cost of just over \$16,000.

Uniting Rainbow Cottage reported an update on the soft fall and numbers are going well.

Uniting St Andrew's Village advised that there were now 23 vacant units. DA to be submitted early in 2020.

Family & Children's Ministry going very well. Annual report submitted advising that we had touched over 80 families in our area. Both groups have increased over the past 12 months. Two more years of funding remain.

Doing It For Our Farmers

We continue to support our local farmers with drought relief packages, vouchers and prayers. There is always someone in need during this long period of drought.

This Week's Events

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.

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).

UNITING Support Group

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care.

Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *Nicolette.*

Locomotive Line Dancing

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing.

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

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

Early Risers Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am. Recommencing 2 May.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Stepping Stones have had a busy term ending with Fun Fitness for Littlies on 2nd & 4th July. Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursdays from 10 June 9:30am.

Aikido Karate

Meeting in our Jubilee Hall on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm.

Social Craft Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Fridays from 8:30-11am.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 30 June

9am Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Elder: M Weick, D: F Kerr, W Purss, H Fergus, PP M Akioka, O: R Richardson. S/ School. Morning Tea.

One Door Mental Health Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 1 July from 10am.

Meals on Wheel Kitcen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 2 July from 8am.

Adult Fellowship

Our monthly get together will be held on Tuesday, 2 July in the St Andrew's Room. Commencing with morning tea at 9:30am followed by our meeting. All welcome.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 2 July from 7pm..

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, 5 July.

Lunch & DVD

Our monthly Lunch & DVD will be held on Friday, 5 July from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. All welcome, contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Worship on Sunday, 7 July

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Elder: J Dezius, N Dezius, J Carthew, L Johnston, D: B Johnston, J Crosling, H Fergus, PP M Miles, O: R Greer. Morning Tea.

Bec's Emmaus Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 7 July from 3pm.

Compassionate Friends

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

Cottage Homes Service

Rev Chris Wright will be leading the Cottage Homes Service on Thursday, 11 July from 9:30am. Helpers and singers most welcome.

Emmaus Women's Walk

11-14 July at PLC in Armidale. We keep the leaders and pilgrims in our prayers.