

DIARY DATES

Sun, 4 9am Pentecost Worship Service & HC with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School.

Morning Tea.

11am Korean Re-born church.

Mon, 5 4-5am Wheelie Bean in Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri 9am-12noon Carer Assist in St Andrew's Room
 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing in Jubilee Hall
 10-4pm Op Shop Mon-Fri
 10am KYB in Vestry
 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
 4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall
 5:30pm Dance Group in JH
 Tue, 6 8am Meals on Wheels kitchen roster
 9am-2pm Church Office Open Tue-Fri
 9:30am Adult Fellowship in St Andrew's Room
 10am Pres Bookkeeper
 10am Church Council Exec meeting in Wesley Room

5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
 7pm Friends of Nioka meeting in St Andrew's Room
 Wed, 7 9am Op Shop Sorting
 9:30am Power Outage—Op Shop, Darling St
 4:30pm Property Committee in St Andrew's Room
 6-11pm New Vogue Dance JH
 Thu, 8 10am Yoga Group in DH
 4:30pm Church Music Team
 Fri, 9 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village
 Sat, 10 8am-10:30am WW in Vestry
 9am-12noon Op Shop
 9am Cake Stall at Bunnings
Sun, 11 9am Trinity Worship Service with Rev Tony Winter. NO Sunday School.
Morning Tea.



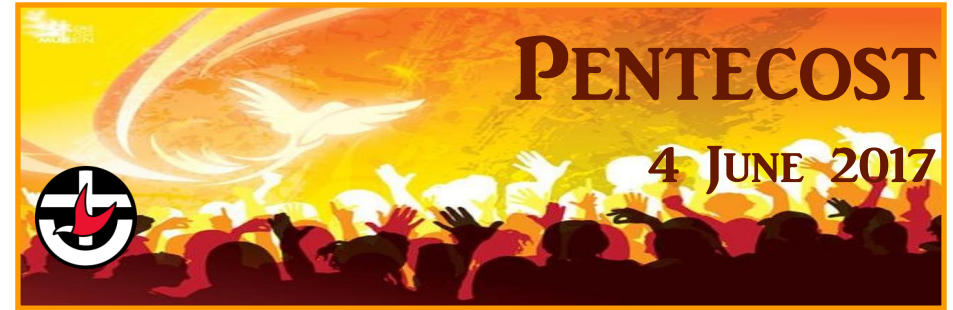
GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.
Matt 28:19



PREACHING PLAN

11 June 2017— Trinity Sunday

9am Tamworth City—Rev Tony Winter (Eld: R Hely, Dr: J Carthew, W Purss, B Standon; AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson)
 9am Hallsville—Meg Mangan HC
 9:30am Southside—Rev Simon Hansford
 11am West Tamworth—Meg Mangan HC
 5:30pm Southside—Rev Simon Hansford



WELCOME TO TAMWORTH CITY UNITING CHURCH

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading worship and the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. Please stay for morning tea after worship.



CONTACT DETAILS:

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OTHER USEFUL LOCAL CONTACTS:

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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

FROM REV SIMON HANSFORD

CATCHING GOD'S BREATH...

You know it when you hear it.

It's something often indefinable - the quality of a speech, or sermon, that catches the heart, the imagination, the hopes of you.

I've seen clips and heard recordings of Rev. Dr Martin Luther King and been overwhelmed by his passion and imagery, but also by the integrity of his topic: the lives of people all around him.

When I heard the Pakistani teenager, Malala Yousafzai, speak about forgiving the man who shot her, I didn't notice her accent or her age, I was captured by her hope and the truth of her.

There are those, who by the sheer gifts of their oratory, catch you and move you to a new place, whether, or not, you are willing; Kennedy's "Ich bin ein Berliner" at the Berlin Wall; Noel Pearson's eulogy at Gough Whitlam's funeral; the closing words of Hillary Clinton's concession in November, as she challenged young girls not give up hope.

There are others, not orators, whose passion pressgangs you into their story. As I write this, I am thinking especially of Anthony Foster, who died in the last week, whose passionate, gracious, just anger enabled him to speak on behalf of so many victims of the church's sexual abuse.

You know it when you hear it.

The stories of the scriptures are filled with people who didn't believe they "had it". Their age, or speech impediments, or (lack of) qualifications, or character flaws, or employment history disqualified them from proclaiming the purposes of the living God.

God will have none of it - then and now. Everyone is able for the purposes of God.

Pentecost is a time when fisher folk and zealots, reformed tax collectors

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.

Last Friday Family BBQ: 6:30pm last Friday each Month.

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, 4 June—8:30am Gowrie & 11am West Tamworth Services with Rob Wood. Lunch after West Tamworth.

Tue, 6 June—10am Morning Tea @ West.

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—8:30am Gowrie with Evelyn Keane, 11am West Tamworth Service & 40th Anniversary Celebrations with Peter Battle. Trading Table.

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

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.



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 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.

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.

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.

Yoga Classes

Please note that we have a regular booking for a yoga class in the Dunn Hall on Thursday morning from 9:30am-12noon. In recess until 2 March 2017.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sun 4 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b* Fri 9 Ephesians 4:1-6, 17-32
Mon 5 Genesis 1:1-25 Sat 10 Psalm 8*
Tue 6 Genesis 1:26-2:4a **Sun 11 Matthew 28:16-20***
Wed 7 2 Corinthians 13:1-10 * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)
Thu 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

and apprentice disciples, women and men, are enabled to proclaim, so that everyone can hear the intentions of God.

It's not only oratory, or crafting language. It's where the words lead us. Malala's forgiveness, Kennedy's solidarity, Pearson's "this old man", Clinton's resilience and Dr King's vision are all crafted from hope that the story before them and placed in their hands is not the only tale to tell. There is more.

The cross cultural gathering at the first Pentecost discovered that the death and resurrection of Jesus was an act of re-creation; God's Spirit was reshaping the whole world, its history and its future. The iron fist of Rome would no longer beat their lives into conformity and their future into dust.



You know it when you hear it.

We can endure struggles, even injustice, when we know the larger story. We can find courage to confront what is wrong in our families, community and world with the hope of being both loved and forgiven. We can speak, when others are silenced, because the living God has been whispering in our hearts since they first began to beat.

We can sing of our hope, because it is found in Jesus, crucified and risen, and not first in us.

Not for most of us the fancy speeches, the crafted sermons. For most us, the tale of forgiveness, the wonder-filled story of being loved, and the hope of a God who is with us, who awaits us, and whose love can never be extinguished.

Happy Birthday, Church!

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

Sunday 4 June 2017 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today on the feast of Pentecost, we share a prayer written by Uniting Church in Australia President Stuart McMillan. The prayer was written for the World Council of Churches Global Day of Prayer for Just Peace in the Holy Land. There will be a gathering of Christian leaders in Jerusalem tomorrow for a Pentecost prayer service dedicated to peace and justice in Israel and Palestine. In this prayer, the words for God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are in Djambarrpuyŋu, one of the First Nation Yolŋu languages from North East Arnhem Land. Holy and loving God-Waŋarr, we make our petition in the words of Your Son: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem how I long to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. O Lord hear our cry today, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

Gracious Jesus-Djesu, you prayed that we might be one, and be brought to complete unity. A unity which mirrors your one essence Triune God. A unity where your Spirit-DhuyuBirimbirr bestows a blessing – life forever more.

On this day we join together in one accord across the globe, and celebrate the first outpouring of your Holy Spirit. With one voice loving God we pray for a just peace, where all people may live together in harmony, and all your children free of fear. We make our prayer in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.



Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Botswana and Zimbabwe 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.

MAINTENANCE ITEMS

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.

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.



- 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.

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 Mr David Bissett and Carter & Carter. Sunday School. Morning tea and sausage sizzle to follow.

End School Term 2

Friday, 30 June.

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.

PRAYERS

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, Ordained Ministry, Councils of the Church, those who deliver and receive home communion today. 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 Peel School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, the Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church and the Community Presbyterian 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.

TODAY'S INFORMATION

Worship on Sunday, 4 June 2017—Pentecost Sunday

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Please wear something red! 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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

One Door Mental Health

Carer Assist Workshop in St Andrew's Room on 5, 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 St Andrew's Room (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).

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day is Tuesday, 6 June from 8am.

Church Office

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



City Adult Fellowship

Our next monthly get-together will be on Tuesday, 6 June. Join us for a cuppa at 9:30am followed by our meeting in St Andrew's Room. All welcome.

Church Council Executive Meeting

Meeting in the Wesley Room from 10am on Tuesday, 6 June.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 7pm on Tuesday, 6 June.

Essential Energy Power Outage

Proposed outage will affect 24 Darling Street 9:30am-4pm.

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.

City Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 4:30pm on Wednesday, 7 June.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 9 June from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall with Rev Simon Hansford.

Cake Stall at Bunnings

Don't forget our next Cake Stall will be on Saturday, 10 June at Bunnings from 9am. Please talk to Annette Winter if you can help.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

Worship on Sunday, 11 June 2017—Trinity Sunday

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

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.

Church Council Meeting

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

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.

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.

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.