

Diary Dates

**Sun, 10 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris
Wright. NO Sunday School.
11:30am Korean Reborn**

**Mon, 11 Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday**

**Tue, 12 4-5am Wheely Bean JH T-F
9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
10am-4pm Op Shop T-F
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

**Wed, 13 9am Op Shop Sorting
9am Pest Inspection
9am Working Bee
10am Compassionate
Friends in St Andrew's Room
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
6:30pm Meditation Service
in the Church Chapel**

**Thu, 14 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
9:30am Yoga in Dunn H
3pm Church Council meeting
in the St Andrew's Room
4:30pm Worship Music**

**Fri, 15 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
10am Craft Group in the St
Andrew's Room**

**Sat, 16 7am-12noon Private
Function in Jubilee Hall
8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Op Shop**

**Sun, 17 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris
Wright. Sunday School.
Morning Tea.
10am West Tamworth
11:30am Korean Reborn**

Book of Timothy



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 17 June

**9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright E: J Bennett, D: W Purss, S
Hardin, J Crosling, O: R Cathcart, PP J Carthew.**

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright, trading table

5pm Tamworth Southside



Contact Details:

- **Minister:** Rev Chris Wright Ph 0427 633 657 Email chris@thewrights.com.au
- **Office:** 144 Marius St, PO Box 501, Tamworth 2340 Ph 02 6766 5311 Fx 02 6766 4390 Email tamworthcity.uca@gmail.com Hrs 9am-2pm Tue-Fri

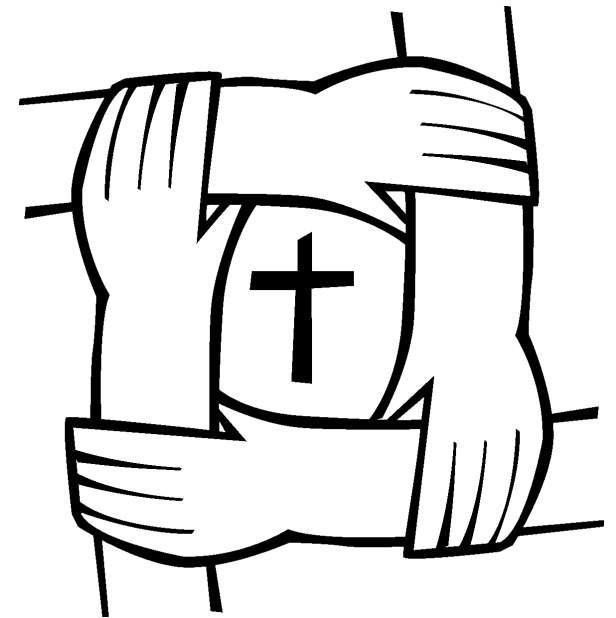
Other Useful Local

Contacts:

- **Southside Office:** Ph/Fx 6765 3714 PO Box 5101, South Tamworth 2340 Email tsucoffice@aanet.com.au
- **Southside Lay Ministry Worker:** Suzanne Holloway 0438 608 373
- **Young Family Worker:** Sarah Wright 0423 617 813 Email: sarah.familyworker.uca@gmail.com
- **Peel Valley:** Margaret Crowell Mb 0408 660 025
- **UNITING St Andrew's Village** 1800 864 846 Chaplain Rev Henry Swindon 0466 445 632
- **UNITING Rainbow Cottage** 6766 7655 Sharn Mason

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.



Sacredise Reflection

Thought for the Week

This week, the Gospel reading from Mark explores the religious leaders who refused to accept that Jesus was from God, in spite of the miraculous works Jesus was doing. Rather than change their minds and their ways, they accused Jesus of using the power of evil to cast out demons. It is usually the case that when we start to blame and accuse others it's because we don't want to give up our way or our view. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel decide that they don't want God to be their king anymore. They want a human king because "everyone else is doing it" – all the other nations have human kings. Both of these readings challenge our allegiances. The question we will need to face this week is this: Will we stay devoted to God while being open to the new things God is doing, or will we be determined that God must do things our way?

The temptation to give our allegiance sparingly and half-heartedly is common and universal, but if we won't face the challenge to be wholeheartedly faithful, we will never really discover the joy and freedom of committed allegiance to God's Reign. If, however, we can allow God to lead us into a wholehearted embrace of the values and priorities of God's Reign, we will find ourselves in an adventure of diving ever deeper into the love of God that is ever new and surprising.

This week we open ourselves to God's invitation to embrace his reign wholeheartedly and find the life it brings.

Reflection

Mark 3:20-35 This must have been a tough time for Jesus. Not only were the religious leaders calling him demon possessed, but his own family thought he had lost his mind! In response to these challenges and accusations, he speaks one of the toughest sayings of his ministry - blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the unforgiveable sin. These words have been used far too often to bring hurt and blame on people, and we need to listen carefully to what Jesus is saying here to avoid these pitfalls.

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 3rd 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.

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

Sun, 10 June—8:30am Gowrie and
11am West Tamworth HC Service.

Fri, 15 June—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church.

Sun, 17 June—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Chris Wright.

Tue, 19 June—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church.

Thu, 21 June—2:30pm Peel Valley
Study Group at West Tamworth.

Fri, 22 June—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church.

Sun, 24 June—8:30am Gowrie
Service, Hallsville Markets, 11am

West Tamworth Service.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

Our Goal "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

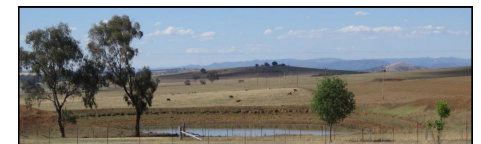
Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337
005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

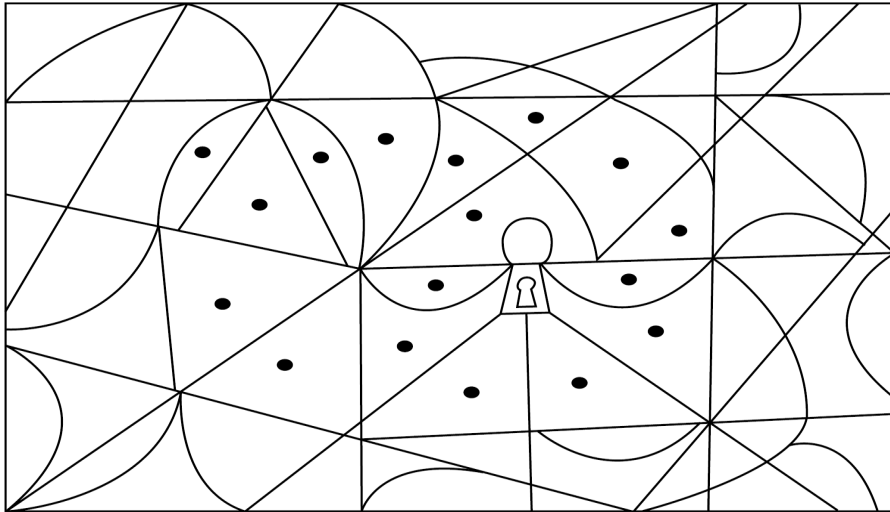
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



Coloring Fun!

This is what people might store treasures here on earth in. Choose one color for all the spaces with dots. The other spaces can be colored any color

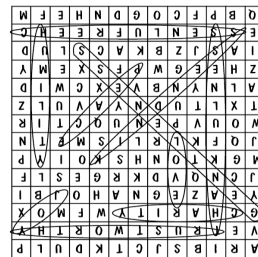


Treasure Hunt

Find these treasures in the word search.

- Charity
- Cheerfulness
- Gentleness
- Humility
- Joy
- Kindness
- Love
- Peace
- Thankfulness
- Trustworthy

A	R	I	B	S	J	C	T	K	D	U	L	P
V	E	T	R	U	S	T	W	O	R	T	H	Y
G	C	H	A	R	I	T	Y	W	F	M	O	X
Y	E	A	Z	E	G	N	A	H	O	J	B	I
J	C	N	Q	V	D	K	R	G	E	S	L	F
M	G	K	T	O	N	H	S	K	O	I	Y	P
J	Q	F	K	L	R	L	I	S	M	E	T	N
W	O	U	V	P	E	N	U	Q	C	T	I	R
T	X	L	T	U	D	N	Y	A	V	U	L	Z
A	L	N	Y	N	B	V	E	X	C	W	I	D
Z	H	E	E	G	W	P	F	S	X	E	M	Y
I	A	S	J	Z	B	K	A	C	S	L	U	D
E	S	S	E	N	L	U	F	R	E	E	H	C
Q	B	P	F	C	O	G	D	N	H	E	F	M

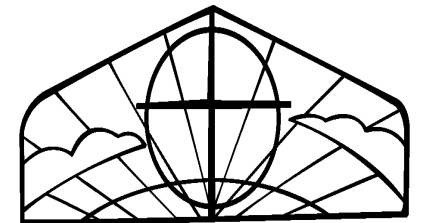


Lectionary Readings

Sun	10	Psalm 138*	Fri	15	2 Corinthians 5:6-17*
Mon	11	1 Samuel 15:1-16	Sat	16	Mark 4:26-34*
Tue	12	1 Samuel 15:17-33	Sun	17	Psalm 20*
Wed	13	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	14	1 Samuel 16:14-23			

What Jesus is not saying is that God sits up in heaven and pronounces eternal judgment on people who happen to say "God" once in a while, or who somehow say the words "Holy Spirit" when they shouldn't. What Jesus is challenging is the way the religious leaders were calling God's work the work of the devil. When we confuse what is good with what is evil we lose our capacity to recognise God and to experience healing and salvation. It's a bit like a drowning man fighting against the lifesaver because he thinks she is actually trying to hurt him. The result of this confusion could very well be drowning - possibly taking the poor lifesaver down as well. In the same way, when we call God's grace, love, justice, and peace evil, we lose our ability to receive them and we place ourselves beyond the reach of God's Reign. This is why we always need to be ready for God to convict us and change us when we get confused about what is really good and true and beautiful - as we all do. And, contrary to how some people would interpret this passage, there is always the chance to change and find life again.

Notice also how Jesus claims as his family anyone who does God's will - which is love (as we know from the greatest commandment). Today, ask yourself two questions: Is there any work of God that is so surprising or unexpected in my life that I'm tempted to resist it? And am I learning to love enough that Jesus could call me his brother or sister?



Practice for Today

When we open ourselves to God's Spirit and Presence, we receive God's goodness, truth and beauty and we learn to love as Jesus did. This is the best way to avoid mistaking God's surprising work as evil or wrong. Invite God's Spirit to fill you and teach you today.

Breath-Prayer for Today

Fill my eyes and my heart with your true Self, O God.

Written by John van de Laar © Copyright 2018 Sacredise. Readings "Reprinted from Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings, copyright © 2005

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 10 June

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. NO School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Congregational Meeting—Elders

Elders Elected last week: Judith Archbold, Annabel Ashworth, Peter Battle, Julie Bennett, Judy Carthew, Dianne Cole, Margaret Cupitt, Jeannette Dezius, Norm Dezius, Mariette Duns, Robert Duns, Elaine Fairall, Robyn Hely, Lloyd Johnston, Barbara McLean, Edna Sheppard, William (Bill) Standen, Paul Turner and Marlene Weick. Margot Hobson is a life elder. Congratulations.

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). Because of your generosity we are able to support some things around the church such as \$50—Fete Clayton's Stall, \$100—top up the food cupboard and \$100—Biggest Morning Tea. 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).

Young Families Worker—Support

What a great celebration at Sarah's Commissioning last Sunday. Sarah is looking for some assistance with morning tea and helpers for her group that will meet here at Tamworth City on Thursday mornings. Commencing 26 July. See Sarah after church if you can help.

Farmer Care Packages

The Share Christmas team, in negotiation with our Bush Chaplain, Rev Phill Matthews, are putting together some Care Packages for farming community get-togethers coming up. If you would like to donate some personal/toiletry items, please leave them at the church office. 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

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.

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.

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.

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

Worship on Sunday, 1 July

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle after church. Elder: R Hely, L Johnston, A Ashworth, J Carthew, Door: J Phillips, B Johnston, R Barclay, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer.

Diary Dates

- 12-15 July—Emmaus Walks at PLC Armidale
- 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 Angola and Mozambique in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church, Liberty Church and Calrossy School in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Same Sex Marriage Forum 22 June; Assembly meeting in Melbourne 8-14 July..

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing to lead classes in our high schools this year. 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.

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: Christ's Body is Planetary, Walk With God, Be Still, Give Thanks, Sit and Rest, and Christ Brought us Together.

This Week's Events

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Monday, 11 June

Church Office

Regular house 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All hall bookings through the office please. Thank you, *Nicolette*.

Pest Inspection

9am Wednesday, 13 June in the Church.

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.

Working Bee

The property committee have organised a Working Bee for Wednesday morning, 13 June from 9am. It's council clean up week so we'd like to take some unused items out of Jubilee Hall. If you can help move things we'd love to see you.

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). Closed Monday.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 13 June from 10am.

Meditation Service

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm in the Church Chapel area. Commencing on Wednesday, 6 June. You are most welcome to join in.

Prayer Group

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

Church Council Meeting

Our bi-monthly Church Council will be meeting on Thursday, 14 June. Please note that the meeting will begin at the trial time of **3pm**.

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, 15 June.

Private Function

Held in the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 16 June from 7am-12noon.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 17 June

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: J Bennett, Door: W Purss, S Hardin, J Crosling, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

KYB Study Group

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. Next 18th.

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 19 June from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Pastoral Partners

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 20 June from 3pm.

UCA 41st Anniversary

Friday, 22 June.

Same Gender Marriage (Assembly Proposal) Forum

The moderator, Rev Simon Hansford, will be hosting a SGM Forum on Friday, 22 June from 6:30pm at Tamworth Southside. A meeting where we hope to hear each other's hopes and concerns. This forum is your chance to listen to the views of others and have your say respectfully and openly. *Please contact the Church Office if you would like to attend for catering.* There will be a finger food meal to commence the evening.

Soup and Damper Trivial Pursuit Night

A congregational night of fellowship on Saturday, 23 June 6pm in the St Andrew's Room. Don't miss this fun night. A donation towards costs is always welcome. Numbers to Rob & Mariette Duns (6766 9909).

Worship on Sunday, 24 June

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: M Duns, Door: R Duns, M Partridge, B Mills, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Richardson.

Legacy Soup & Damper Lunch

Sunday, 24 June from 12noon in Jubilee Hall.

St Andrew's Room

Carpet Cleaning 26-28 June.

