

## Diary Dates

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

**Mon, 18 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F  
9:30am Kairos Sewing JH  
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
1:30pm KYB 26 Upper St  
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall  
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH**

**Tue, 19 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri  
9am AIR in St A Room  
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
2pm Seniors Getting  
Together Fellowship at the  
Village Community Hall  
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

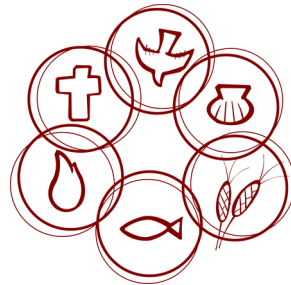
**Wed, 20 9am Op Shop Sorting  
3pm Pastoral Partners in St  
Andrew's Room  
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH  
6pm Meditation Service in  
the Church Chapel**

**Thu, 21 8:30am Early Risers Prayer  
9:30am Yoga in Dunn H  
4:30pm Worship Music**

**Fri, 22 UCA 41st Anniversary  
8:30am WW in Dunn Hall  
6:30pm Presbytery Same  
Gender Marriage Forum at  
Southside. Bookings Essentl.**

**Sat, 23 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall  
9am-12noon Op Shop  
6pm Congregational Soup &  
Damper Trivia Night in  
Jubilee Hall. Contact Duns'.**

**Sun, 24 9am Tamworth City  
Worship with Rev Chris  
Wright. Sunday School.  
Morning Tea.  
11:30am Korean Reborn  
12noon Legacy Soup &  
Damper Lunch in Jubilee Hall**



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 24 June 2018

8:30am Gowrie—Meg Mangan & Hallsville Markets  
9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright E: M Duns, D: R Duns, M Partridge, B Mills, O: R Richardson, PP J McClelland.  
9:30am Tamworth Southside  
11am West Tamworth—Meg Mangan  
5pm Tamworth Southside



17 June 2018

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## 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.



The Kingdom of God is like ...  
a mustard seed.

## *Sacredise Reflection*

### *Thought for the Week*

Thought for the Week: After last week's challenging call to stay faithful to our allegiance to God's Reign, this week gives us a glimpse into how God seeks to work in our lives. It's easy to get caught up in exceptionalism – in an addiction to always being special, grand and focused on appearances – in our faith. But, this week's readings offer us a different way to experience God's work in our lives.

There are two readings that you may hear in church this week. The first is the story of how the young David – the youngest son of an insignificant family – was anointed to be Saul's successor as king of Israel. The second reading, from Mark's Gospel, relates two parables that use seeds as the metaphor for God's Reign. In both readings the message is clear: God often uses the least, the smallest, the hidden, to accomplish God's purposes. God's work is often subversive and hidden, and God often works God's transformation by using small things to slowly and gently impact our world.

This week we will be exploring how to recognize and co-operate with the small, hidden work of God in our lives and our world.

### *Reflection*

Reading: Mark 4:26-34

The two parables that Jesus tells in this reading are both simple and very comforting. In the one, the Reign of God is shown to be a reality that grows in secret in ways that we cannot control or even understand, but that produces fruit if we just nurture it and receive it. In the other, God's Reign grows from small, but significant, things. The seed is the perfect metaphor for these truths. Farmers work with seeds - planting them, watering them, weeding the ground, nourishing the soil - but no farmer can make a seed grow. All they do is co-operate with the process of growth that is built into the seed. In the same way, we cannot make God's Reign grow. We can only open our hearts and allow the seed to be sown into our hearts. We can only nurture, nourish, and water the seed, and then trust that God's Reign will

## *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](http://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*

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

**Fri, 29 June**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday

### **GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS**

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

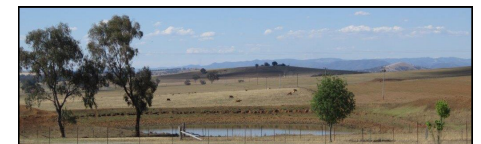
*Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"*

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

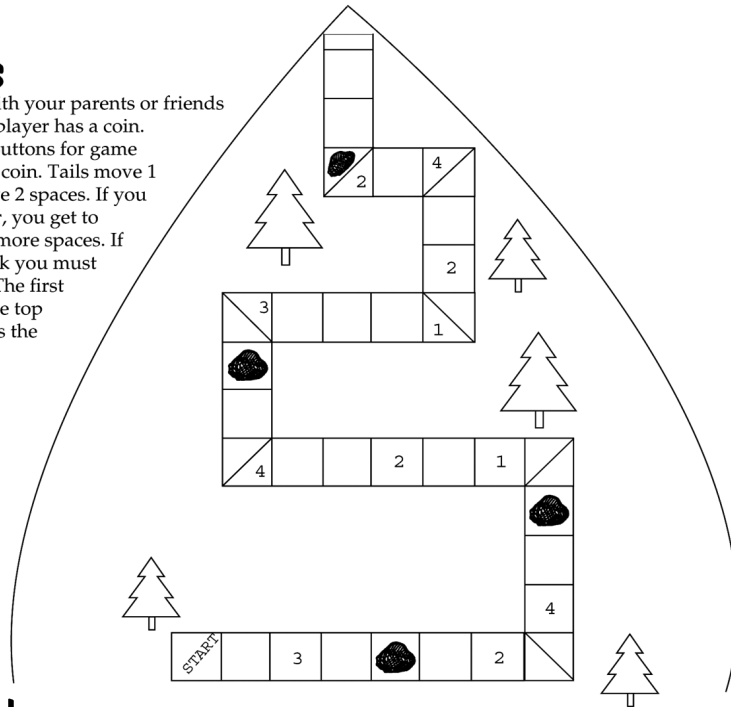
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



## Coin Toss

Playing games with your parents or friends can be fun. Each player has a coin. Take turns. Use Buttons for game pieces. Toss your coin. Tails move 1 space, heads move 2 spaces. If you land on a number, you get to move that many more spaces. If you land on a rock you must go back a space. The first player to reach the top of the mountain is the winner.



## Word Find

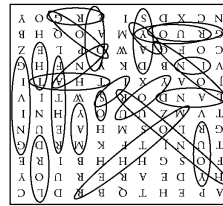
Find the words from Ex. 20:12.

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Answers:

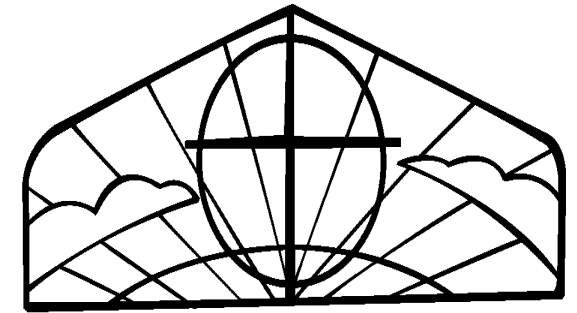


## Lectionary Readings

Sun 17	Psalm 20*	Fri 22	2 Corinthians 6:1-13*
Mon 18	1 Samuel 17:32-49*	Sat 23	Mark 4:35-41*
Tue 19	1 Samuel 17:57-18:16	Sun 24	Psalm 9:9-20*
Wed 20	1 Samuel 18:17-29	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 21	2 Corinthians 5:18-21		

grow in our hearts and lives. Furthermore, the miracle of the seed is that a tiny thing can become a large and sheltering plant. God's Reign is like this. Even the smallest actions, attitudes, words, and thoughts can be seeds that can grow into significant movements or realities in which God's Reign is manifest.

The invitation that lies in these two stories is simple. Rather than strive in our own ability to make God's Reign visible in our lives and our world, we need only open ourselves to God's activity and presence. Then, often in ways that we can't observe or control, God's Reign begins to take hold of us, and we begin to change - with the result that we begin to reflect the character and compassion of Jesus, and bring life, healing, and welcome to others.



How can you open your heart to the seed of God's Reign today? How can you trust the process of growth that God has created to bring the change you need in your life?

### Practice for Today

It can be helpful, in seeking to allow God's Reign to grow in us, to learn to be more mindful. This doesn't mean we have to "watch" the growth process or try to control it. It just means that we look for the signs that God's Reign is becoming visible in our lives. The practice of listening - to our hearts, to others and to the world around us - is a good way to grow in mindfulness. Try it today.

### Breath-Prayer for Today

Open my awareness to the seeds of God's Reign growing in my heart and in my world.

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# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 17 June

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

## 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

Sarah is looking for some assistance with morning tea and helpers for her group that will meet here at Tamworth City on Thursday mornings 10am-12noon. Commencing 26 July. Sign-up sheet available at Morning Tea.

## Farmer Care Packages

We 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. Phill will be collecting the first batch this Wednesday.

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Church on the Way, Salvation Army and Roman Catholic Churches in our prayers.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Same Gender Marriage Forum 22 June; Assembly meeting in Melbourne 8-14 July; Presbytery AGM 25 August.

## Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing to lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda, Alison and Dave. 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.

## 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

## 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.*

## 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. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com*

## 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).*



### 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, 6 July.

### Lunch & DVD

Monthly Lunch & DVD will be held on Friday, 6 July from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch. Stay and enjoy a DVD together. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

### End School Term 2

Friday, 6 July.

### Worship on Sunday, 8 July

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. Elder: R Duns, Door: M Duns, S Perkins, W Townsend, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

### 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 Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Families and Youth, Mission Outreach, Rainbow Cottage and Young Families Worker and activities. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Brazil in your prayers this week.



### 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: Give thanks for Water, Jesus Spoke the Truth, Give Your Heart to God, Walk with God, Grieve, Be the Good, and Give Generously.

### Church Council Meeting

Notes from the meeting will be in next week's notice sheet.

## *This Week's Events*

### 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).

### 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.

### Church Office

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

### Assn. Independent Retirees

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

### Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Tuesday, 19 June in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

### 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.

### **Pastoral Partners**

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

### **Meditation Service**

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm (new time) in the Church Chapel area. You're most welcome.

### **Early Risers Prayer Group**

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

### **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. RSVP TODAY.

### **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).

## ***Next Week & Beyond***

### **Worship on Sunday, 24 June**

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder Commissioning. 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.

### **Rainbow Cottage Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, 7 June from 5pm at Rainbow Cottage.

### **Private Function**

Saturday, 30 June from 2pm in Jubilee Hall.

### **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. Food Hamper Sunday. Elder: R Hely, L Johnston, A Ashworth, J Carthew, Door: J Phillips, B Johnston, R Barclay, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer.

### **Catherine Hamlyn Movie Afternoon**

You are invited to come to the Forum 6 Cinemas from 2:30pm for a fund raising afternoon watching the movie "Mary Magdalene." Afternoon tea and a speaker. Tickets from Forum 6 \$16.50 each.

### **One Doo Mental Health—Carer Support**

Meeting on Monday, 2 July from 10am in the Dunn Hall.

### **Meals on Wheels—Kitchen Roster**

Our next rostered day will be, Tuesday, 3 July from 8am.

### **City Adult Fellowship**

Monthly morning tea and meeting on Tuesday, 3 July from 9:30am in the St Andrew's Room. All are welcome to join us.

### **Friends of Nioka**

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

### **Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 4 July from 10am.

