

DIARY DETAILS

Sun, 18 9am Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Morning Tea

Mon, 19 4-5am Wheely Bean—Jubilee Kitchen

9am-12noon One Door (Carer Assist) - St Andrew's Room

9am-3pm Kairos Sewing Group—Jubilee Hall

10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays

10am KYB Study Group in Vestry

1:30pm KYB Study Group at 26 Upper Street

4pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall

5:30pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall

Tue, 20 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesdays to Fridays

9am-12noon Assn Independent Retirees—St Andrew's Room

10am Presbytery Bookkeeping

12noon Senior's Getting Together Pie Day—Village Hall

3pm Pastoral Partners Meeting—St Andrew's Room

5pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall

Wed, 21 9am Op Shop Working Bee in Vestry

6pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall

Thu, 22 UCA 40th Anniversary

10am Yoga in Dunn Hall

4pm Church Music Team

7pm 40th Anniversary Celebration in Tamworth Town Hall

Fri, 23 8:30am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall

6pm Carter & Carter Intimate Dinner at Southside

Sat, 24 8am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall

9am-12noon Opportunity Shop

2pm Carter & Carter Family Concert at Southside

Sun, 25 9am Worship Service with Rev Tony Winter and Carter & Carter

PREACHING PLAN

25 June 2017

8am Hallsville Markets

8:30am Gowrie Service with Mrs Meg Mangan

9am Tamworth City—Rev Tony Winter and Carter & Carter—E:J Bennett, D: J Carthew, J Shottek, W Townsend, AV: J McClelland, O: R Richardson.

9:30am Southside with Rev Simon Hansford HC

11am West Tamworth with Mr David Bissett

5pm Southside with Rev Simon Hansford HC

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WELCOME TO TAMWORTH CITY UNITING CHURCH

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Peter Battle will be leading worship this morning. Please stay for morning tea after worship.



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FROM REV SIMON HANSFORD

LIFE IN THE CLOUD

I have been thinking about the Uniting Church, our fortieth anniversary this week and what it means for me to be part of this cloud (crowd?) of witnesses.

I love the Uniting Church, although there have been times when I was unsure that we would make it this far. I love our attempts to understand ourselves in this place – in the context of twenty-first century Australia – and the faithful, fallible, foolhardy, sometimes false and occasionally fabulous, choices we make as a result.

I love the Uniting Church like that refractory child remaining steadfastly unconvinced (“Why can’t you just do what I ask you?”), knowing that the energy for obstinacy and mistakes is the vitality which makes for creativity and wonder.

I love the Uniting Church like the grandmother who is always telling me how good it used to be, but who says in the next breath that ‘You don’t know how lucky you are to be living in this day and age’.

It’s the Uniting Church like the eccentric uncle who is always finding something wrong: with his health, with his house, with his neighbour, with his neighbour’s cat, with the fact that no one else can see how wrong things are and that no one ever listens. And he’s the first one to slip you some cash when you need it.

There’s the cousin, about whom everyone always rolls their eyes, who notices a wonderful flower or bird in the garden, or wears outrageous outfits, or marches in protests, but never has time for the “important” things, like getting the washing done, or tidying the house, or simply settling down. ‘And where did you get those leg warmers?’

Or when the Uniting Church acts like a great mum, saying ‘We’ll sort this out together’, and doing just that, when it seemed like there was no way of solving things. Or the great dad, providing support and

SOUTHSIDE SCENE

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

Musicians & Media Set-up: 5:30pm Fridays.

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

Tue, 20 June—10am Memory Lane Morning Tea at West Tamworth Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet new friends, singalong, activities, & more. 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month 10am-11:30.

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

Fri, 23 June—6pm Carter & Carter Intimate Dinner at Southside \$40/head. Bookings through Tamworth City Office.

Fri, 23 June—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with Mr David Bissett.

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

Sun, 25 June—8am Hallsville Markets, 8:30am Gowrie Service with Mrs Meg Mangan, 11am West Tamworth Service with Mr David Bissett.

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

Mission: *Called to be free, gifted to serve.*

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 31st July 10:30am Closure Service for Rev Simon Hansford at Tamworth Southside, finger food lunch to follow.
- 12th August 2pm Induction Service for Rev Chris Wright at Tamworth City, afternoon tea to follow.
- 26th August 9am NENW Presbytery Meeting at Tamworth City.

PRAYERS

Prayer Focus

Today we focus on Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Families & Youth, Mission Outreach and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Tamworth City-wide Prayer Diary

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, the Northwest Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Church on the Way, the Salvation Army, The Roman Catholic Churches and the Father's House.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We keep those congregations seeking placements in our prayers this week, including Narrabri/Moree; Armidale, Tamworth Southside, & Peel Valley.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Angola and Mozambique in your prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sun	18	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*
Mon	19	Genesis 21:8-21*
Tue	20	Jeremiah 20:7-13
Wed	21	Romans 5:18-21
Thu	22	Romans 6:1b-11*
Fri	23	Matthew 10:1-15
Sat	24	Matthew 10:24-39*
Sun	25	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17*



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encouragement, quiet and steadfast, without any fanfare.

Like any family, there are times when I am frustrated or annoyed. I am impatient that we seem to have constant meetings, reflections, or consultations, about everything. I despair that, like the most fallible of teenagers (and others of every age) we succumb to peer pressure and the facile values of the world around us.

Once or twice, I have been ashamed of our Church. I can't believe how much some of us invest in trying to hurt, or accuse, or blame. And I am humbled by how much some of us bear when that hurt, blame and accusation strike.

Some families forgive easily, with grace and great example. Forgiveness usually comes at significant cost, but it is the only path in the life that Jesus Christ offers to us.

Like a lot of families, in the Uniting Church we don't talk about our love much; most of us just get on with it. Sometimes, though, it would be good to name it out loud, to bear witness; we love and are loved by, our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. And because we are so loved, we do our best at living out that love in the lives we lead.

We are pilgrims on the way towards a promised goal; "on the way Christ feeds the Church with Word and Sacraments, and [we have] the gift of the Spirit in order that [we] may not lose the way."

Grace, peace and love

and many thanks for our shared lives, Simon.

This is a revised article of one I wrote for Ruminations, the Rural Ministry magazine, in 2004.

PRAYER

How baffling you are, O Church,
and yet how I love you!
How you have made me suffer,
and yet how much I owe you!
I should like to see you destroyed,
and yet I need your presence.
You have given me so much scandal,
and yet you have made me understand sanctity.

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I have seen nothing in the world
more devoted to obscurity, more false
and I have touched nothing more pure,
more generous, more beautiful.

How often I have wanted
to shut the doors of my soul in your face,
and how often I have prayed
to die in the safety of your arms.

No, I cannot free myself from you,
because I am you,
although not completely.

And where should I go? from *The God Who Comes* by Carlo Carretto

40 DAYS OF PRAYER—WEEK FIVE

Sunday 18 June 2017 – Prayer for Refugee Week As we begin Refugee Week, we pray for those who seek safety and refuge on our shores after fleeing war and strife in their home countries .

Today's prayer comes from Rev. Gaby Kobrossi, Minister at Bankstown District Uniting Church. The congregation has welcomed and supported newcomers from the Middle East as they settle into Australian life. The ministry includes weekly English - speaking classes, help finding accommodation, organising bus trips across Sydney and assisting in many other ways .

Uniting World is currently running a campaign to get Syrian refugee children in Lebanon back into school.

غني التنوع في كنيستك ولا يسعنا الا ان نقف ونقول مع النبي "الى هنا قد اعانتنا الرب". يارب نشكرك لاننا جسد واحد في المسيح يسوع ، رافعين صلواتنا اليك طالبين من روحك القدوس ان يوحّد قلوبنا دائما في المحبة والسلام. يارب نشكرك من اجل وعدك الصادق بان تبني كنيستك، كما هو مكتوب "انا ابني كنيستي وابواب الجحيم لن تقدر عليها" كأفراد وجماعة نسألك بان تكمل العمل الذي بدأت وان تقوي كل واحد منا ، نصلي ان تباركنا و تعطينا من عطايك لكي ما نقدر ان نسبحك ونبارك اسمك القدوس. بان الجميع مدعوا لحضن ومحبة الله الأب يارب نشكرك من اجل كلمتك المعزية والتي يذكركنا دائما ، نصلي ان تكون مع المشرديين والمهجرين من جرأ الحرب التي فصلتهم عن اهلهم وبيوتهم وارضهم ، نصلي من اجل الحزانى والمكسورين ونرفع اليك صلواتنا من اجل الشباب الضائع في هذا العالم المتخطب .



City Adult Fellowship

Monthly get together 9:30am fro morning tea in the St Andrew's Room
Followed by our meeting on Tuesday, 4 July. All welcome.

Friends of Nioka

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

Aged Care Services

A change to our routine. We will now be taking the Aged Care Services at McKay & Alblas on the first Wednesday each month, including holy communion. Our first in the new roster will be on Wednesday, 5 July from 10:15am. All singers and helpers most welcome.

Craft Group

The 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.

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

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

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 10am on Wednesday, 12 July.

Emmaus Walks

This year's Emmaus Walks are coming up quickly on 13-16 July in Armidale. Talk to someone who's been (The Duns', The Furze's, etc) they would be most happy to help get you involved.

Worship on Sunday, 16 July 2017

Worship service with our Elders. NO Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

- Friday, 23rd June 6pm Up Close & Personal Carter & Carter Concert at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. Tickets limited.
- Saturday, 24th June 2pm Family Concert with Carter & Carter at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. Tickets available from the Church Office.
- Sunday, 25th June 9am Worship at Tamworth City with Rev Tony Winter along with Carter & Carter.

Kairos Outside Reunion

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

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

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.

Church Office Closed

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

End School Term 2

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 Ministry 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 kitchen rostered day is Tuesday, 4 July from 8am.

يارب صلاتنا أن تحمي كنيستنا من عدو الخير الطامع في خراب النفوس، أعطينا أن نتحلى بالفكر والحكمة، بالاحترام مع الآخرين، افتح عيوننا لنرى حاجات الناس وافتح قلوبنا وقوي سواعدنا لكي نمدي المساعدة والعيون للذين هم بحاجة اليها. نطلب حكمة من أجل قادتنا وخدامك و مرشيدنا، كما ونصلي من أجل كلمتك ومن أجل السامعيين طالبين من روحك القدوس إن تلمس قلوبهم. نعمة ربنا يسوع المسيح ومحبة الله الأب وشركة الروح القدس تكون معنا أجمعين اليوم وإلى الأبد. باسم ربنا يسوع المسيح نصلي.... آمين

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Church, we lift up our heads and we see your many blessings and the wonderful diversity in your church...and we say with the prophet Samuel "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

We thank You that we are all One in Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit knit us together in the bond of unity, love and peace.

LORD we give thanks for your faithful promise that You are the One that would build Your Church, as it's written "I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it".

LORD we ask that You would continue to bless your church and equip each one of us with the talents and the gifts that may be used to praise you and glorify your holy name.

LORD your word teaches us and reminds us that no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. We lift our hearts asking to watch over the asylum seekers, refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones and those who have left home or land and those who have run away from persecution.

LORD we pray help us to be sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, and hospitable and gentle towards each other. Help us not to be motivated by selfishness but in humility so may we seek to regard the needs and necessities of others before our own.

LORD we pray You protect us from the wiles of the enemy who seek to destroy Your church and cause divisions among Your body. Give wisdom to our leaders and elders and give wisdom to those they teach Your word and to those they listen to. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all this day and for ever. ***In Jesus name we pray, Amen.***



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 United Church in Australia

TODAY'S INFORMATION

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 here on Sunday, 18 June. Nicolette will have the list of key-holders. Please check with her about your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need any longer.

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/head or the Carter 7 Carter Family Concert \$20/head from the Church Office. Part of our 40th Anniversary of UCA.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

One Door Mental Health

Carer Assist Workshop in St Andrew's Room on 19 & 26 June from 9am-12noon. KYB have kindly offered to meet in the 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).

Opportunity Shop

Our Opportunity Shop is closed 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 please. *Nicolette*

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 for 12:30pm lunch 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.

Op Shop Working Bee

Help each Wednesday in the Vestry. All helpers welcome. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Come and join us.

UCA 40th Anniversary Celebrations—Come and Join Us

- Thursday, 22nd June 7pm Celebration of Worship in the Town Hall. Join us for a special night with congregations from around the Presbytery.



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



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