

Diary Dates

Sun, 25 9am Worship Service with Rev Tony Winter and Carter & Carter. Sunday School. Morning Tea/Sausage Sizzle.

11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch

Mon, 26 4-5am Wheely Bean— Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri
9am-12noon One Door 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, 27 Church Office Closed this wk

10am Presbytery Bookkeeping
10am Closure Service for Rev Chris Wright at St Andrew's Village Com. Hall
5pm Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall

Wed, 28 9am Op Shop Working Bee in Vestry
6pm New Vogue Dance in Jubilee Hall

Thu, 29 10am Yoga in Dunn Hall
4pm Church Music Team

Fri, 30 8:30am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall
School Term 2 ends

Sat, 1 8am Weight Watchers in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Opportunity Shop

Sun, 2 9am Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Tony Winter. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 2 July 2017

8:30am Gowrie Service with Mr David Bissett
9am Tamworth City—Rev Tony Winter HC—E:E Sheppard, M Hobson, J Bennett, L Johnston D: C Sheppard, M Partridge, M Honeyman AV: A Winter, O: R Greer.
9:30am Southside with Rev Simon Hansford
11am West Tamworth with Mr David Bissett. Lunch to follow.
5pm Southside with Rev Simon Hansford



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Sunday, 25 June 2017

Welcome to Tamworth City

Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Tony Winter and Carter & Carter will be leading worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea after worship.



All of this is us



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Rev Simon Hansford

Appropriating Mr Fraser

It's really quite easy.

These are the words which raise trepidation for me, especially when I am in a conversation about computer stuff. I am purchasing a new programme, or hardware, or struggling when a problem has arisen which is beyond my capability, and I ask the obvious question "How does this work?"

It's really quite easy.

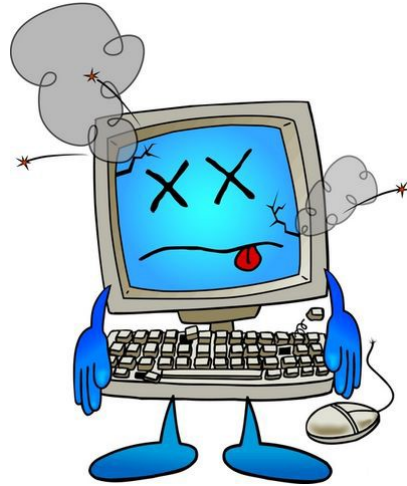
At this point, my concern traditionally gives way to assertiveness and I am inclined to make comments which cause harm to the salesperson-customer relationship. *If it was so easy, do you think I'd be here?*

I have similar conflicts and response with people proclaiming the ease of their discipleship. When people talk about their faith in Jesus as if it's a walk in the park, and all their "struggles" are cosmetic; when discipleship is dissipated to such a degree that it fits snugly into the culture around us; when people quote bible verses about suffering as they deal with traffic, or a head cold, or a computer programme.

The readings this weekend, about Hagar and Ishmael [Genesis 21] and persecuted disciples [Matthew 10] are not easy, because the lives of those to whom they are originally addressed are not easy.

The story of Hagar and Ishmael is always hard to bear, but particularly so in our current world context, as people are forced from their homes as refugees all across the Middle East. To think that Sarah and Abraham had a deliberate hand in their suffering is equally hard to understand.

We can see from their story that God resolved their struggles, towards life and hope, but only at their uttermost point of need, after a despairing mother is unable to watch the impending death of her only child.



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

Fri, 23 June—6pm Carter & Carter
Intimate Dinner at Southside.

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.

Sun, 2 July—8:30am Gowrie Service
and 11am West Tamworth Service
with David Bissett. Lunch to follow.

Tue, 4 July—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.

Fri, 7 July—Hallsville NO 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
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Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

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.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	25	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17*	Fri	30	Romans 7:1-6
Mon	26	Genesis 22:1-14*	Sat	1	Matthew 10:40-42*
Tue	27	Genesis 22:15-19	Sun	2	Psalm 13*
Wed	28	Genesis 23:L1-15	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)		
Thu	29	Romans 6:12-23*			

When we teach memory verses to children saying that "all the hairs on your head have been counted", do we acknowledge that those heads may well be in the noose, or on the chopping block, because of what Jesus is saying?

When we talk about discipleship, it is not easy to preach on following Jesus when it leads to divisions - especially in our families. Following Jesus can lead us to places and people we would not choose to see.

In this week of Uniting Church celebrations, we acknowledge our discipleship of Jesus. If we are honest - and that is one of the hallmarks of our Uniting Church - then we also acknowledge that as we rejoice in our life in Christ, much of this journey is rigorous and costly. One of our claims as Uniting Church, is that we are "a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal".

It is not easy to live out this life of faith in our world, especially if we take Jesus seriously and *live* in the world, not hiding in our ecclesial bubble, or singing songs of praise so loudly we cannot hear the cries of those in need.

The assurance we have - even in the appalling story of Hagar and Ishmael - is that God has not abandoned us, and will not. Knowing that I will not fall without my God's hands beneath me is nice when I'm struggling to prepare a sermon, but everything when my life and the lives of those around me are under threat.

Forty years of the Uniting Church is a robust, biblical number; memories of exile and exodus, wanderings in the wilderness, and rising above flood waters. Where may our travels with God lead us next?

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.



40 Prayers for 40 Years

This final prayer gives thanks for those who received and lived a God-given passion for unity.

It acknowledges our failures to fully live out this unity, and commits us, with God, to the fullness of a reconciled and renewed creation which is Christ's unfinished mission. Thanks to President Stuart McMillan for this prayer.

God of love and grace, you have led and sustained us in our journey over the past forty years. For this we humbly give thanks.

We give thanks also for the women and men who have been the servant hearted leaders on the journey. For all those who have nurtured and encouraged your Church as we have faithfully sought to live as Christ's ones.

Please, O God forgive our failures to act justly, to love with mercy and to walk humbly with you. When as Church we have caused others to stumble or caused others hurt, forgive us, and lift them up in your love.

God of abundant life we pray that as a fellowship of reconciliation, we might more truly reflect, the beauty of your creation.

May we Loving God be a passionate people who share in Christ's unfinished mission the reconciliation and renewal of the whole creation.

Loving God you put in the hearts of men and women your passion for unity and called a pilgrim people to embrace this vision.

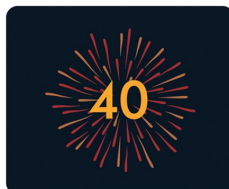
Now, oh God, your Spirit is calling us to the new things you are doing with us, First and Second Peoples, one in Christ.

We pray that we might in our love for one another reflect your love for all humanity, and your care and concern for the whole creation.

In this, may your grace, love and peace renew your creation.

In the name of the Christ. Amen.

"Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 4



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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—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. 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 Trinity Church, Tamworth City Uniting Church, Tamworth Southside Uniting Church, Peel Valley Uniting Churches, Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School and Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Churches.

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland 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.



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One Door Mental Health

One Door Mental Health Workshop being held in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday 12 July from 2-3pm.

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.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 14 July from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Sandra Perkins 67621105

Worship on Sunday, 16 July 2017

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

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 18 July from 9am.

School Term 3

Commences Tuesday, 18 July for students.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 18 July from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

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 21 July.

Worship on Sunday, 23 July 2017

Worship service with Mr Les Rae. Sunday School resumes for Term 3. Morning tea to follow.



Today's Information

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.

Korean Reborn Church

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

UCA Anniversary Celebrations

A special thank you to the organising team for their dedication to task for the 40th Anniversary Celebrations commencing last Thursday with a time of Worship & Celebration at the Town Hall, Carter & Carter Dinner on Friday, Carter & Carter Family Concert on Saturday afternoon and Worship this morning. Aibly lead by Rev Tony & Mrs Annette Winter. Thank you.

This Week's Events

One Door Mental Health

Carer Assist Workshop in St Andrew's Room on 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). We will break during the school holidays (July 3, 10 & 17).

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 Closed

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

UNITING News

There will be a closure of ministry service for Rev Chris Wright on Tuesday, 27 June at 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Morning tea will follow. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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 Minister from 1 August.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

Church Office

Reopening Tuesday, 4 July. Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All property bookings through the office please. *Nicolette*

City Adult Fellowship

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



Home League Missionary Morning

The Salvation Army are hosting the Home League Missionary Morning at 10am on Tuesday, 4 July. Major Isabel Beckett will be sharing about her missionary work and experiences in Latvia. Morning tea and trading table. Cost \$8. All welcome. RSVP 6762 3930.

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.

Synod Pathways Projects Workshop

Congregation leadership (elders/church councillors/others interested) are invited to attend the Synod Pathways Projects Workshop on Wednesday, 6 July from 6pm in the St Andrew's Room. All congregations in and around Tamworth are encouraged to attend. More details next week.

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.