


## Diary Dates

<p><b>Sun, 3</b> <b>Tamworth City Worship and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Congregational Meeting—Election of Elders. Morning Tea.</b>  <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i>            2pm Commissioning of Sarah Wright @ Southside            2:30pm Movie Afternoon</p> <p><b>Mon, 4</b> 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F            9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH            10am-4pm Op Shop M-F            10am One Door (Dunn Hall)            1:30pm KYB 26 Upper St            4pm WW in Dunn Hall            5:30pm Dance in Jubilee H</p> <p><b>Tue, 5</b> 8am Meals on Wheels Kitch            9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri            9:30am Adult Fellowship—Art gallery &amp; Lunch            10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper            4:30pm Property C'tee in St</p>	<p>Andrew's Room            5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall            7pm Friends of Nioka</p> <p><b>Wed, 6</b> 9am Op Shop Sorting            4pm Worship Committee in St Andrew's Room            6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH            6:30pm Meditation Service in the Church Chapel</p> <p><b>Thu, 7</b> 8:30am Early Risers Prayer            9:30am Yoga in Dunn H            4:30pm Worship Music</p> <p><b>Fri, 8</b> 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall            10am Senior Communion in St Andrew's Village Hall</p> <p><b>Sat, 9</b> 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall            9am-12noon Op Shop</p> <p><b>Sun, 10</b> <b>Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. NO Sunday School.</b>  <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i></p> <p><b>Mon, 11</b> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</p>
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## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 10 June

<p>8:30 Gowrie—Meg Mangan            9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright E: M Hobson, D: H McKenzie, M Honeyman, G Chaffey, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips.            9:30am Tamworth Southside            11am West Tamworth HC—Meg Mangan            5pm Tamworth Southside</p>	
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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 and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Congregational Meeting to follow Worship today. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



## *Sacredise Reflection*

### *Thought for the Week*

This week we begin the journey of applying the message and mission of Jesus to our own lives. The next six months or so will be challenging, but if we are open to the growth and transformation that God wants to create in us, also deeply life-giving. One of the features of the Revised Common Lectionary in this part of the year is that there are two main options in the readings for each Sunday. The first option is to make the Gospel Reading the focus. Even if the preacher doesn't actually use the Gospel reading, the theme of the service is drawn from the Gospel writer's message. The second option is to use what are called the "continuous readings" from the Old Testament, in which a large segment of the Old Testament story is followed from week to week. So, in some churches you may hear the Gospel and in some you may hear the Old Testament as the focus. But, either way, I usually find that the central themes are strongly connected.

This week we are challenged by the tension between observing the law, and operating from a spirit of grace. It is always tempting for us to make our faith about obeying certain laws. Observing the law is fairly easy, it is very clean, and it gives us reason to feel very good about ourselves. It can also give us a good excuse to reject and exclude those we don't like because they don't follow our laws. But, the call of the Gospel is for us to live with grace and love. This is much harder, much messier, and gives us no reason for boasting in ourselves or for judging others. It does, however, bring us greater life, greater freedom, and a deeper sense of relationship with God and one another.

This week we hear the invitation to release our tendency to live by law, and embrace the invitation to live by grace.

### *Reflection*

Mark 2:23-3:6 Today Mark's Gospel explores two Sabbath Day incidents in which Jesus was involved. In the first, the disciples "harvest" grain as they

## *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*

**Sun, 3 June**—11am West Tamworth Service with the Gideons. Lunch to Follow.

**Tue, 5 June**—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

**Fri, 8 June**—Hallsville—No Service.

**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.

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

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

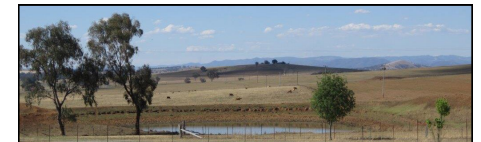
*Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"*

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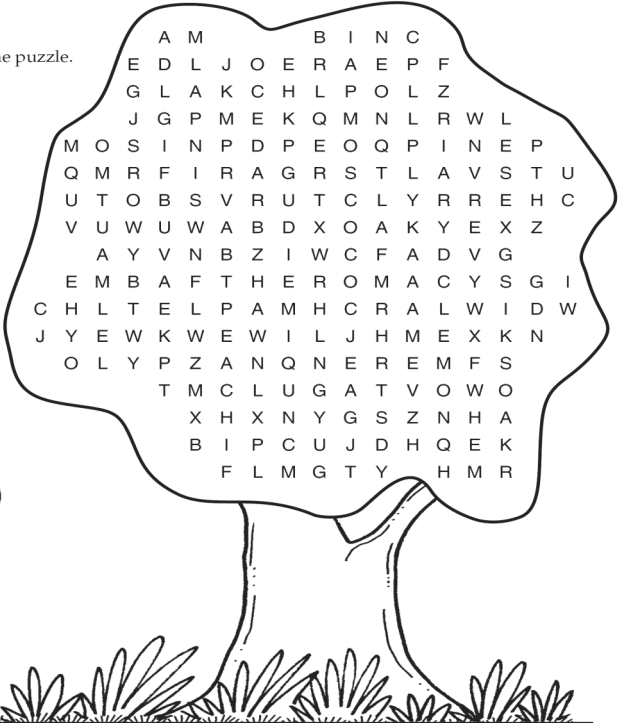
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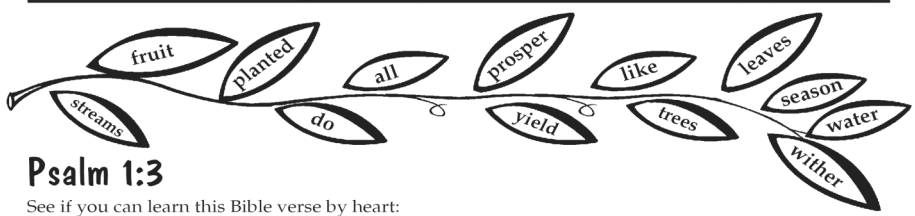
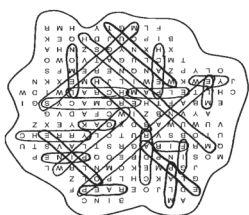
## Word Find

Find the names of these trees in the puzzle.

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| Apple        | Olive       |
| Birch        | Palm        |
| Cedar        | Peach       |
| Cherry       | Pear        |
| Elm          | Pine        |
| Fig          | Pomegranate |
| Fir          | Sweet gum   |
| Larch        | Sycamore    |
| Lemon        | Walnut      |
| Maple        | Willow      |
| Mountain ash | Yew         |
| Oak          |             |



Answer:



## Psalm 1:3

See if you can learn this Bible verse by heart:

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in their season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

## Lectionary Readings

Sun 3	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*	Fri 8	Mark 3:20-35*
Mon 4	1 Samuel 7:13-8:3	Sat 9	Mark 4:1-12
Tue 5	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20*	Sun 10	Psalm 138*
Wed 6	1 Samuel 12:1-25	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 7	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*		

walk, and in the second, Jesus heals a man with a withered hand. In both cases the Pharisees respond with indignation at what they see as a violation of the Sabbath law. But, Jesus' response is that the Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people (NLT) not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.

It is so easy to lose the point of Scripture and the laws contained in it. It is so easy to make rules and standards of holiness the goal of faith. It feels good to be able to fulfil all the requirements of the law, and to enjoy the sense that we have earned God's approval and applause. But, God did not give the Law to the Israelites in order for them to win God's approval. The law was given to teach them how to live as free people with care and consideration for each other. When Jesus preached, he summarised the entire Law in his great commandment. In doing this, Jesus revealed that the spirit of the law is not legalism but love. And when we find ourselves in a place to choose between obeying the law and treating another person with compassion, compassion should always win.

How can you resist the temptation to legalism and embrace the call to compassion in your life today?



## Practice for Today

One of the features of living by grace and love is joy. Those who are obsessed with law are seldom truly joyful or free. But those who live with compassion, kindness and grace are usually filled with great freedom and a relaxed, welcoming joy. And one of the ways to nurture this joy in our hearts is through the practice of praise in which we celebrate God's grace and love. Today, fill your day with short expressions of praise.

## Breath-Prayer for Today

I praise you, O God, for your infinite grace and unending love, and for the joy they bring to me.

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# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 3 June

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

## Congregational Meeting

A congregation meeting will be held at the close of worship today for election of elders. Elders seeking election: 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) Standon, Paul Turner and Marlene Weick. Margot Hobson is a life elder.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## Commissioning of Young Families Worker

Everyone is invited to the Commission service for our new Young Families Worker, Sarah Wright. The service will be held at Tamworth Southside from 2pm on Sunday, 3 June. Afternoon tea will follow, please bring a plate. An exciting new venture with Tamworth City and Tamworth Southside Congregations joining together in this new area of mission.

## 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 "I Can Only Imagine." Afternoon tea and a speaker. Tickets from Forum 6 \$16.50 each.

## Biggest Morning Tea—Thank You

What a lovely time shared over morning tea last week, raising \$439.55. We will probably make \$450 during the week. Thank you everyone.



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## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland in your prayers this week.

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the C3 Church, School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union and, St John's Anglican Church 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.

## 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.

## 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

## 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](mailto:vcbquirindi@bigpond.com)

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### **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. 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.

### **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

## ***Prayers***

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, the upcoming Assembly meeting, Councils of the Church, those who deliver and receive home communion today. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### **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. Commencing 26 July. See Sarah after church if you can help.

### **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.

### **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. Prayers this week include: We Journey Together Towards our Assembly and You are the Body of Christ.

## ***This Week's Events***

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

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 4 June from 10am.

### **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.

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

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 5 June from 8am.

### **Church Office**

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

### **City Adult Fellowship**

Our monthly Adult Fellowship will get together at the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 June at 9:30am. We are heading to the Art Gallery in Peel Street and going out to lunch afterwards. Come and join us.

### **City Property Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, 5 June from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **Friends of Nioka**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 June from 7pm.

### **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, keeping you warm in the winter.

### **Worship Committee**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 6 June from 4pm.

### **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.

### **Senior's Communion**

Monthly Senior's Communion Service will be held at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 8 June from 10am with Rev Mark Armstrong.

Contact Barbara McLean for transport on 6766 4039.



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

### **Worship on Sunday, 10 June**

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. *NO Sunday School*. Morning Tea. Elder: M Hobson, Door: H McKenzie, M Honeyman, G Chaffey, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

### **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday** Monday, 11 June

### **Compassionate Friends**

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

### **Church Council Meeting**

Our bi-monthly Church Council will be meeting on Thursday, 14 June from 4pm. Note that this is a trial at the new 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.

### **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.

### **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.