

Diary Dates

Sun, 10 Lent Wk 1 9am Tamworth City Worship Service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright. NO Sunday School. Morning tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 11 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
10am UNITING in StAR
5:30pm New Vogue in JHall**

**Tue, 12 8am Meals on Wheels
9am-2pm Church Office M-T
9:30am LLine Dancers JH
10am-1pm Pres Bkeep**

**Wed, 13 9am Op Shop Sorting
10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Room
2pm Lenten Study
4:30pm Elders Fellowship
6pm New Vogue in JHall
6pm Meditation in Chapel
7pm Lenten Study**

**Thu, 14 8:30am Prayer in Wesley Rm
9:30am Stepping Stones DH**

9:30am Nursing Home Service at Cottage Homes
9:30am Yoga in St AR
4:30pm Worship Music
5pm Aikido Karate in JHall

**Fri, 15 8:30am Social Craft DunnH
10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room
11am Adult Fellowships
NENW Meeting**

**Sat, 16 6:30pm Christian Men's Dinner at Gregory's
9am-12noon Op Shop
10am Private Function in Jubilee Hall**

Sun, 17 Lent Wk 2 9am Tamworth City Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School.

**10am Congregational Meeting. Morning tea.
11am West Tamworth
11:30am Korean Reborn**



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 17 March—Lent Wk 2

**9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, E: P Battle, D: R & P Pryor, J Crosling, PP: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart.
Congregational Meeting to follow.**

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright. Trading Table.

5pm Tamworth Southside Service

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10 March 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading our service and the sacrament of Baptism. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



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Lenten Studies

Study 1—Temptation

The Temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1-13 (NIV))

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

A few thoughts

Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness is a story that implores us to remember who we are. If we see this passage as a display of Jesus’ inability to sin, and our inability to measure up, we do ourselves and the world a great disservice.

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm (Dinner Church 2nd) Sundays. HC 3rd Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th Tuesday each month.

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tuesdays.

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays during school terms.

Prayer Team: 9:30am Thursdays.

Faith Art Group: 1pm Thursdays, alternate weeks, school terms.

Men’s Choir: 5:30pm on alternate Thursdays.

Bible Study: 2-3:30pm Thursdays.

Men’s Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st Saturday each month.

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or

Facebook: *Tamworth Southside UC*

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,*



Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 10 Mar—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Meg Mangan.

Fri, 15 Mar—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

Sun, 17 Mar—11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright. Trading Table.

Tue, 19 Mar—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth

Thu, 21 Mar—2:30pm Study Group at West Tamworth.

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”

Pastor Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

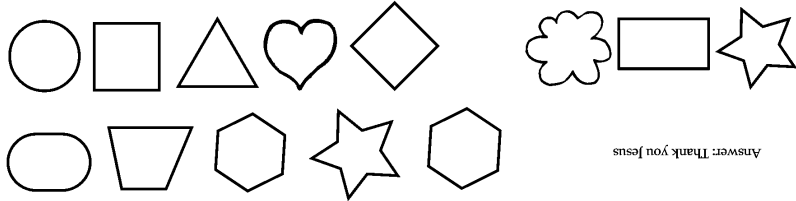
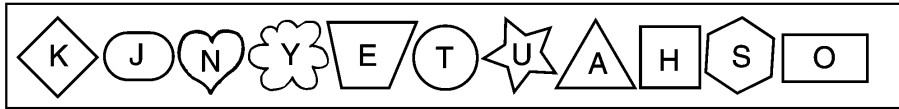
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Psalm 100:4

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name."
Write the letter from each shape into the same shape below.



Answer: Thank you Jesus

Hidden Words

Colour the spaces that have these musical instruments. Some instruments are used more than once. Others are not used at all.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	10	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*	Fri	15	Luke 13:31-35*
Mon	11	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*	Sat	16	Philippians 3:17-4:1*
Tue	12	Acts 7:2-8	Sun	17	Psalm 27*
Wed	13	Jeremiah 26:1-16	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	14	Micah 7:14-20			

Rather, if we read it as an invitation to come home to our true selves, we can begin to operate on a divine frequency. Jesus responds to temptation with a deep-rooted sense of his familial tie with God, who declared at his baptism "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased". Thus, he shows us that he is dependent solely on God, for strength, identity, and life itself.

Repentance is often understood as a turning from sin. Sin is not simply making mistakes; sin is separation from God. Repentance is about remembering who you are and whose you are, coming home to the person God has called you to be.

We are invited to participate in God's redemptive and restorative work in our world. We have the opportunity to tap into the work God is doing, God's mission, even in our world today, where we may feel weary, weak, or prone to despair. God is still working, and constantly searching for those of us paying attention to this mission. Knowing that we can be used by God teaches us what to say No to, giving more power to our Yes. God is always chasing the other, the outsider, the lost sheep. The person you were called to be is for the sake of someone else.

However, in order to partner with God on this mission, you must tend to your own hunger pangs. The Message version of v.3 says, "the devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test". In order to ensure we are not hungry, we must remain in God just as Jesus did, remembering that we are all God's children, and that his grace is constantly available to us, equipping us to do all the work he has called us to.

Luke's first readers would have been aware of the parallel between the Israelites' 40 years in the wilderness, and their experience of temptation, and Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, and the similar testing of his faith and identity. The Israelites continually witnessed God's provision and rescue, yet they were not always faithful to God. Jesus, by contrast, remains steadfast in his faith; secure in the knowledge that he is God's, and that God has called him to something higher. We are similarly called to remain faithful to the cause, knowing all the while that there is grace in abundance, and God is always faithful, even when we fail.

So, this Lent season, what should we turn from, in order to pursue the life that God has set in motion for us? In which areas of your life do you need to rely on God's version of events?

For God's sake, for the sake of the world, save your Yes for what God has for you. Know who you are. Know whose you are. And partner with the Divine to bring radical love and justice to our world.

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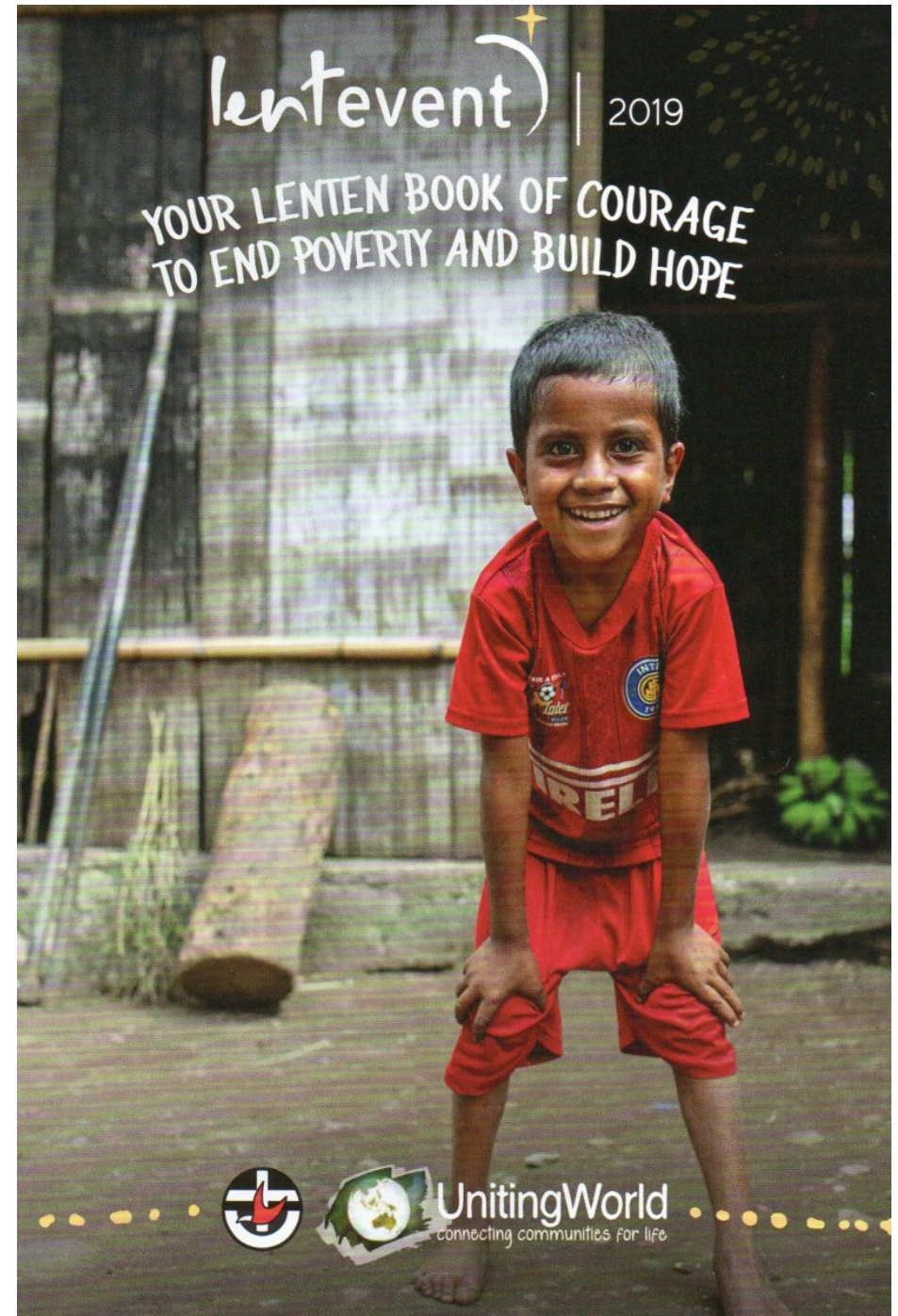
4:1 - The river Jordan was historically, geographically and religiously significant for the nation of Israel as it was where they crossed from the wilderness into the Promised Land. Jesus' journeying into the wilderness and return would have reminded readers of Israel's history and God's faithfulness.

4:2 - 'Where for forty days he was tempted' would have evoked images for Jewish readers of the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

4:4, 8, 10-11 - Jesus responds to each temptation by quoting the Torah (the first five books of what we call the Old Testament today). He succeeds where the nation of Israel failed. To dive deeper, explore Deut. 8:3, 6:4-15 and 6:16.

Questions

1. In 4:1-2, Luke writes that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil.
Have you ever felt led into a time of testing?
How did it impact your faith?
2. Many writers have reflected on these temptations and on what the equivalent temptation would be in our modern world. Jesus' temptations were to use his power to feed himself, to accept the devil's help to take authority over the nations of the world, and to put God to the test by throwing himself off the pinnacle of the temple, thus gaining a throng of admirers.
What three temptations would the devil offer Jesus in a modern version of this story?



Maintenance Items

Line Dancing

The Locomotive Line Dancers will be hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 5:30pm– 8pm Mondays and 6pm-9:30pm on Wednesdays.

Aikido Karate

Meeting in our Jubilee Hall on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm.

Hospital Visit

Are you scheduled to go into hospital? If so, you need to let us know if you want visitors (your Pastoral Partner, an Elder, or the Office). The current system at the Hospitals does not allow us access to this information easily.

Stamp Collecting News

Demand for \$1 stamps far exceeds supply at present. Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. 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/sorting.

Reverse Parking

We've had a couple of near-misses recently. Would everyone using the car park please reverse park into parking spaces. This will mean that when it gets full it will be easier to get out and pedestrians will be safer. Thanks.

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.

Key Audit

We are doing an audit of keys to the buildings here at Tamworth City. Please check your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need

3. When tempted, Jesus falls back on his understanding of Scripture and who he is as the Son of God.

How do you deal with temptation or hardship?

Are there any verses or stories in Scripture that you find helpful, encouraging or empowering during those times?

Prayer

Spend some time in silent prayer asking God for awareness and guidance about what he is inviting you to turn away from or resist during this Lenten season.

Take some time to share these temptations with one another (to the extent that you feel comfortable).

As a group, pray for each other that you may each have a deep and profound understanding of God's love for you and that this knowledge will equip you with self-awareness, strength and perseverance.



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 10 March

Lent Wk 1, Worship service and the Sacrament of Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Lent Event. Note NO Sunday School today. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Lent Event

Lent Event envelopes/booklets are available from today. Video's on the projects will be shown each week in worship. Please return envelopes on the plate from Palm Sunday, 14 April. Are you planning to give something up? Take something up? Plan to meet up? Sent up in prayer? And then Gather up funds for this year's UnitingWorld projects for Lent Event!

Frontier News

OUT NOW! Grab a copy with Rev Phil Matthews on the front cover. Lots of stories from the outback. Projects and supporting ventures.

Farmer Care Packages

We continue to work with 'Doing it for our Farmers' and Rural Aid to bring support and assistance to farmers in need. Currently we are supporting women on the land with water, food and a cuppa.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gordon Spencer (Carmel's husband), Bob Forrester and Pat Hoyt (Kevin's wife) who passed away last week. We keep you in our prayers.

Be Connected

A free government-sponsored computer course for over 50's who have never used a computer or have limited skills. St Stephen's Presbyterian Church is hosting this course throughout 2019 as a service to the community. Groups are no larger than four people and the usual progression is two sessions per week over five weeks. Booking or inquiries should be direct to Tracey Cattana on 0411 583 068.

- 3rd 4pm Young Families Support Group
- 4th 6pm Emmaus Board Meeting
- 5th 10am Craft, 12noon Lunch & DVD
- 7th Daylight Savings ends (gain an hour), 9:30am Birth Beat sessions

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 the Myanmar and Thailand in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, 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 rain. My drive to Narrabri last weekend was very start with no water in any of the creek/river crossings! It was worth the drive to be part of the Induction of Rev Paul Cosier, an uplifting event.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who 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. In recess now until 2019. Donations still gratefully received.

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 or Rev Chris Wright 0427 633 657.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 19 March from 2pm in the UNITING St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 10am on Wednesday, 20 March.

Pastoral Partners

Our first meeting for 2019 will be on Wednesday, 20 March from 7:30pm in the Dunn Hall.

Occasional Choir

We will be presenting an item on Sunday, 31 March (*note change of date*). Please come along to our practices on Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm in the Church on 21 & 28 Mar. Everyone's welcome.

Worship on Sunday, 24 March

Lent Wk 3, Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: M Cupitt & J Dezius, D: E Fairall, M & D Miles, PP J McClelland, O: R Greer. Sunday School. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea.

Emmaus National Conference

Being held in Tamworth from 29-31 March. Using our Jubilee Hall on the Friday, then out to Lake Keepit Sport & Rec Camp, back for a meeting in St Andrew's Room on Sunday afternoon.

PRC Meeting

NENW PRC will meet at Manilla on Saturday, 30 March.

Worship on Sunday, 31 March

Lent Wk 4, Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: R Hely, D: F Kerr, W Purss, M Partridge, PP M Akioka, O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- 1st 10am One Door Mental Health
- 2nd 9:30am Adult Fellowship; 4:30pm Property C'tee, 7pm Nioka

This Week's Events

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.

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).

UNITING Support Group

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 5:30pm-8pm Mondays and 6pm-9:30pm on Wednesdays.

Meals on Wheels

Our next kitchen rostered day will be Tuesday, 12 March from 8am.

Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. All hall bookings to be made via the office please. *Nicolette*.

Locomotive Line Dancing

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon. Using the hall on the next couple of Saturdays for extra classes.

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.

Compassionate Friends

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

Lenten Studies

Rev Chris Wright will be hosting our Lenten Studies commencing on Wednesday 13 March at 2pm and 7pm in the St Andrew's Room for four weeks. The studies will be in the notice sheets so everyone can join in.

Elders Fellowship

Our first gathering for 2019 will be on Wednesday, 13 March from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh will recommence on Wednesday, 6 February from 6pm.

Early Risers Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am. Recommencing 7 February.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Stepping Stones is not just a play group where the kids can come and play. It's a chance for you to connect with others who are experiencing the same ups and downs as you, to be supported, encouraged and cared for. Join us at Tamworth City Uniting Church from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside on Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday mornings from 10am.

Nursing Home Service

Rev Chris will be leading the Nursing Home Service at Cottage Homes on Thursday, 14 March from 9:30am. Helpers and Singers welcome.

Aikido Karate

We have a new Jubilee Hall hirer on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm.

Social Craft Group

The ladies who used to meet for weight watchers are now using the Dunn Hall on a Friday morning from 8:30-11am for a social craft group each week.



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 February.

UCAF Meeting

Presbytery UCAF meeting in Dunn Hall or Wesley Room from 11am.

Tamworth Christian Men's Dinner

Join us at Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo from 6:30pm on Friday, 15 March. Guest Speaker: Bill Jansen, a forensic accountant & company director, sharing in both the Christian & corporate worlds.

RSVP tonyricho63ad@gmail.com

Private Function

Using the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 16 March from 10am.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 17 March

Lent Wk 2, Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: P Battle, D: R & P Pryor, J Crosling, PP J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea. Congregational Meeting to follow worship today. 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Congregational Meeting

Agenda item from Church Council meeting 14 February: Use of TCUC buildings for same Gender Marriage approved at Church Council that we make our buildings available for same gender marriages and that it be left up to the Minister during his initial visits with the couple prior to the wedding to decide whether to marry them or not in the church. Discussion and then a vote will be via secret ballot a simple 'agree' or 'disagree'.

Association of Independent Retirees

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

