

Diary Dates

**Sun, 11 Lent 4 Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris
Wright. NO S/School.
Morning Tea.**

11:30am Korean Reborn

Mon, 12 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F

9am One Door Mental
Health Workshop St A Rm
9am Annabel Ashworth Art
Exhibition—Ray Walsh Hs
9:30-3pm Kairos SewingJH
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall
5:30pm New Vogue in JH

**Tue, 13 8am Meals on Wheels
Kitchen Roster
9am-2pm Office T-F
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

**Wed, 14 9am Op Shop Working Bee
10am Compassionate
Friends in St Andrew's Room
2pm Lenten Study St A Rm
4:30pm Elder's F'ship St AR**

6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
7:30pm Lenten Study St AR
**Thu, 15 8:30am Prayer Group in
Wesley Room**

9:30am Yoga in Dunn H
4:30pm Worship Music

**Fri, 16 8:30-10:30am WW in DH
10am Craft Group St A Rm
6:30pm Save the Children
Fund Dinner (West's League)**

**Sat, 17 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Op Shop**

**Sun, 18 Lent 5 Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris
Wright. Sunday School.
Morning Tea.**

11am West Tamworth
Service - Rev Chris Wright
11:30am Korean Reborn



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 18 March—Lent Wk 5

9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E: M Weick, O: R Cathcart, PP J Carthew.

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright, trading table

5pm Tamworth Southside



11 March 2018—4th Sunday in Lent

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.



For God so loved the world.
John 3:16

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Lenten Reflection

4th Sunday in Lent 2018

ACTIONS SPEAK...

Jesus knew what he was letting himself in for when he went to Jerusalem. He knew that many religious people would reject him. Some wanted him dead. He had the power to stop them, but he chose not to. His motive was love for people like us. He didn't just talk about being loving, he showed his love through his actions.

Read: Mark chapters 12:41–14:52

Key verses:

“While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said, “Take it. This is my body.”

Then he took a cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. All of them drank from it.

“This is my blood of the covenant,” he said to them. “It is poured out for many. What I’m about to tell you is true. I won’t drink wine with you again until the day I drink it in God’s kingdom.”” Mark 14:22–25

Think...

Jesus saw the heart of the widow who gave everything she had (Mark 12:41–44). He also knew the motives of Judas when he complained about money being spent on an expensive jar of perfume (Mark 14:3–8). God does not look at outward appearances. He looks at our heart, our attitudes. How are people judged in today's world?

Should Jesus' followers act differently?

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 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, 11 Mar—8:30am Gowrie and
11am West Tamworth HC Service

Thu, 15 Mar—2:30pm Study Group
at West Tamworth

Fri, 16 Mar—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church

Sun, 18 Mar—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Chris Wright
Trading Table

Tue, 20 Mar—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth

Fri, 23 Mar—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church

Sun, 25 Mar—8am Hallsville
Markets, 8:30am Gowrie Service,

11am West Tamworth 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 337 005

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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



Word Find

Write the words from Mark 10:14b in the blanks and then find as many of these words as you can in the Word Find.

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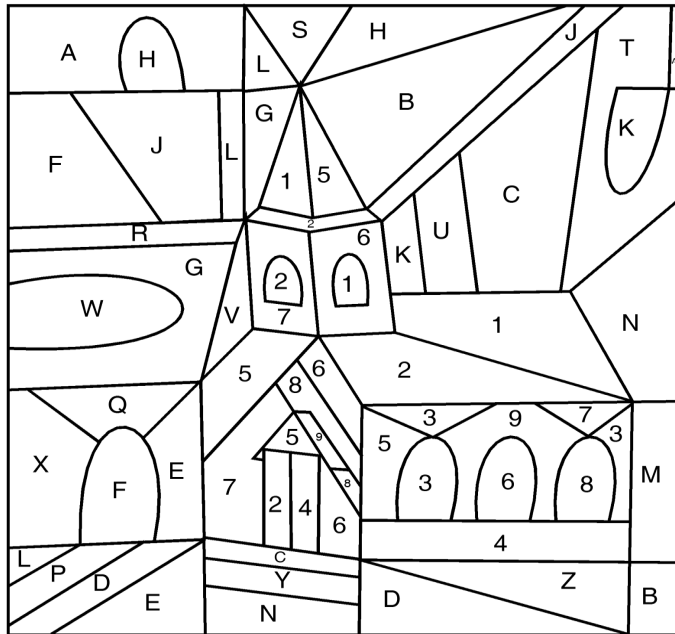
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Mystery Picture

Use a blue crayon to color all the spaces that have a letter in them. What do you see?

Here's a hint: in Hebrews 3:6, it says, "Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope."



Lectionary Readings

Sun	11	Psalm 107:1-22*	Fri	16	Hebrews 8:3-8, 13
Mon	12	Psalm 119:9-16	Sat	17	Psalm 51:1-12*
Tue	13	Jeremiah 31:27-37*	Sun	18	Psalm 51:13-19
Wed	14	John 12:20-33*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	15	Hebrews 5:5-10*			

As well as looking forward to his own death and resurrection, Jesus looked forward to the end of time (*Mark 13*). Jesus has promised to return (*John 14:1-3*). How can we live in the light of that promise?

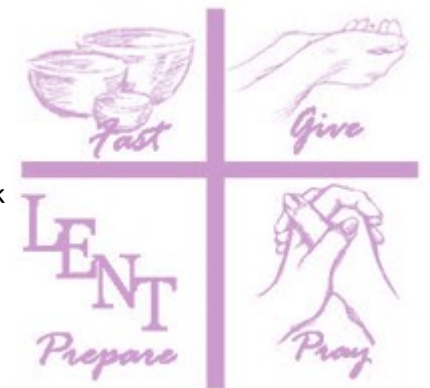
Jesus used a meal to explain how he would die. His body would be broken, and his blood spilt. He knew that his followers would go on breaking bread and pouring wine at meals, so they would be able to remember what he had done. Have you shared in this special meal? It can be called Communion, Mass, the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper. What does this meal mean to you?

Jesus' closest friends deserted him when he needed them most. He knows what it is like to be abandoned. How does this make you feel?

God promises that when we search for him we will find him (*Matthew 7:7-8*). Getting to know God through his Son Jesus is the journey of a lifetime. Where are you on the journey?

Look ahead...

Jesus didn't just say kind words or talk about loving people. He showed his love by dying on a cross to make it possible for us to experience God's love for ourselves. This is the mystery at the heart of our Christian faith. God does not demand that we reach up to him. He doesn't expect us to pay our way into his presence. Instead, he became a human being and lived among ordinary people, people like us who let him down. If we ask him, he forgives all our shortcomings and gives us his power to make a fresh start in life. He promises to be with us always, guiding us and supporting us through whatever life throws at us.



Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down across from the place where people put their temple offerings. He watched the crowd putting their money into the offering boxes. Many rich people threw large amounts into them. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins. They were worth only a few pennies.

Jesus asked his disciples to come to him. He said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. That poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others. They all gave a lot because they are rich. But she gave even though she is poor. She put in everything she had. That was all she had to live on."



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus often talked to his followers about money.

This story shows he notices the poor and the weak. He is not impressed by wealth and status.

He looks for followers who are whole-hearted in loving God and generous-hearted with their possessions. God is more concerned about the attitude of our hearts than the amount of money in our pockets.

Whatever our background or position in life, Jesus wants to show us how much God loves us.



Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Life Church, Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School and St Peter's Anglican Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Give thanks for rain and cooling weather, uplifted spirits and progress with applications for new Ministry Agents around our Presbytery. The next meeting will be in May in Inverell. We are planning an "Ethics Training Day" for lay leaders in May and a "Makes You Wonder Workshop" on 20 October. Keep the date.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing the 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

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. In recess during the holidays.

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.

Screening Mammogram

Breast Screen NSW Hunter New England offers all women aged 50-90yrs a free Screening Mammogram for the early detection of breast cancer. Call 132050.

Key Audit

We are doing an audit of keys to the buildings here at Tamworth City. Please check

Holy Week Worship

7:30am Monday in the Chapel—

7:30am Tuesday in the Chapel—

7:30am Wednesday in the Chapel—

7pm Thursday in the Church—Rev Chris Wright Maundy Thursday Worship

9am Friday in the Church—Rev Chris Wright Good Friday Worship

Worship on Sunday, 1 April 2018—Easter Sunday

Don't forget Daylight Savings ends (put your clock back 1 hour). Sleep in and still make our Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: J Archbold, J Carthew, M Hobson, M Weick, P Battle, Door: D Cole, J Phillips, E Gevert, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer.

Diary Dates

- Fete Committee 27 March 4pm
- Pastoral Partners 28 March 7:30pm
- Emmaus Walks 12-15 July at PLC Armidale
- Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop 20 October

Assembly Worship Preparation—Funerals

Have your thought about what your family need to know about your funeral? Assembly have issued a document "Preparing for Your Funeral". It's a guideline to get you started. If you'd like a copy, see Nicolette in the office.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Administration committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Andorra, Austria, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino and Switzerland in your prayers this week.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 11 March 2018—Lent Week 4

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: M Duns, Door: R Duns, F Kerr, H Fergus, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

Korean Reborn Church

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

UnitingWorld—Lent Event

Week 4: Faith gives generously... Local South Australian Alexandra Bingham lived in the Philippines for a year, working on a UnitingWorld project. Challenged and changed by the people she met, she shares how faith compels her to invite others into the journey of simple, generous living. Donations can be left on the plate through Lent/Easter period (Envelopes available) or sent directly to UnitingWorld, PO Box A2266, Sydney South NSW 1235 Phone 1800 998 122 or Email info@unitingworld.org.au or visit their website at www.unitingworld.org.au.

Thank You

Margaret Partridge would like to extend a big thank you to everyone. She feels truly blessed by your love and care following her collapse on 25th.

Water! Water! NO Water!

All water will need to be accessed from the St Andrew's Room for Vestry.

This Week's Events

Art Exhibition

Local artist Annabel Hoskins (Ashworth) acrylic on canvas landscapes and seascapes "Wet and Dry" in Ray Walsh House, Peel Street during March. Also featuring pastel paintings, prints and pottery by Louise Baker.

One Door Mental Health Workshop

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 12, 19, 26 March from 9am.

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 in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 13 March from 8am.

Church Office

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

Op Shop Working Bee

Sorting each Wednesday in the Vestry. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Morning tea in the Office. All helpers welcome.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 March from 10am.

Lenten Study Groups

Rev Chris Wright is leading Lenten Study Groups on Wednesday, 14 March from 2pm and then again from 7:30pm. Studies will be included in the notice sheet each week. Please join a group or study individually.

Elder's Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 March from 4:30pm.

Prayer Group

Our prayer group meet on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room (Minister's Office) 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 Friday, 16 March.

Save the Children Fund Raising Dinner

Tamworth branch of Save the Children will have their annual fund raising dinner on Friday, 16 March from 6pm at the West Tamworth League Club. The Guest speaker will be Mr Paul Ronald, CEO of Save the Children Aust. \$50/person, \$40/concession. Contact Sharon Draper 0429 168 823.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 18 March 2018—Lent Week 5

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: M Weick, Door: N & J Dezius, M Cupitt, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Rev Chris at West Tamworth 11am.

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 20 March from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting at the St Andrew's Village Hall on Tuesday, 20 March from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Community Passover Banquet

Join us on Saturday, March 24 for a Community Passover Banquet Celebration, 6 for 6:30pm at Southside Uniting Church, hosted by Paul and Juanita Doody and led by Paul Cohen from Celebrate Messiah. Adults \$35, children under 15yrs \$15. Book by March 20 on 0429 623 374.

Worship on Sunday, 25 March 2018—Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Sunday School Lent Event Market. Elder: A Ashworth, Door: S Perkins, W Purss, H McKenzie, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Richardson.