

# Diary Dates

**Sun, 18 Lent 5 Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**  
 11am West Tamworth  
 11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 19** 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, 20** 9am-2pm Office T-F  
 9am AIR—St A Room  
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
 2pm Seniors Getting Together at the Village  
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

**Wed, 21** 9am Op Shop Working Bee  
 2pm Lenten Study St A Rm  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH  
 7:30pm Lenten Study St AR

**Thu, 22** 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room  
 9:30am Yoga in Dunn H  
 4:30pm Worship Music

**Fri, 23** 8:30-10:30am WW in DH

**Sat, 24** 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall  
 9am-12noon Op Shop  
 6pm Community Passover at Southside Uniting Church

**Sun, 25 Palm Sunday Tamworth City**  
**Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Lent Event Stall. Morning Tea.**  
 11:30am Korean Reborn



# Preaching Plan

## Sunday, 25 March—Palm/Passion Sunday

8am Hallsville Markets  
 8:30am Gowrie  
 9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E: A Ashworth, D: S Perkins, W Purse, H McKenzie, O: R Richardson, PP J McClelland.  
 9:30am Tamworth Southside  
 11am West Tamworth Service  
 5pm Tamworth Southside



18 March 2018—5th Sunday in Lent

# Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

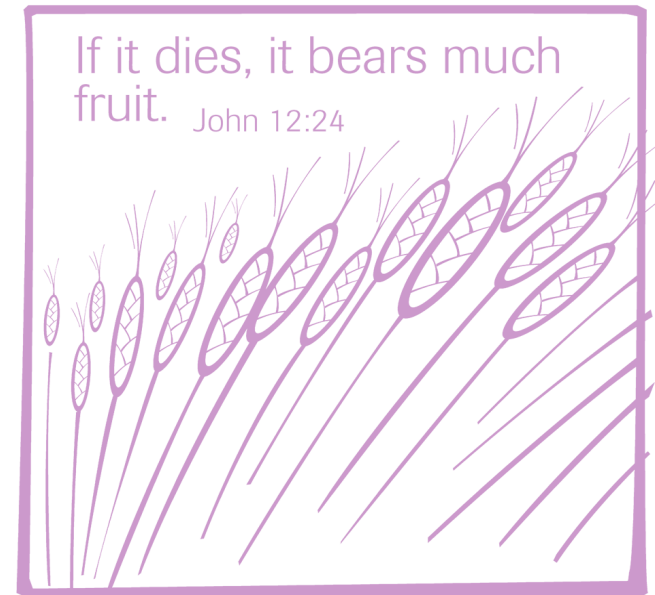
We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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- **UNITING Rainbow Cottage** 6766 7655 Sharn Mason



# Lenten Reflection

5th Sunday in Lent 2018

## DEATH DEFEATED...

Since the first Easter 2,000 years ago, Christians have mourned Jesus' death and celebrated his resurrection in the days known as Holy Week. We have seen how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem to the shouts of 'Hosanna'. Without knowing the importance of her actions, a woman poured expensive perfume on his head, symbolically preparing his body for burial.

Jesus used bread and wine to help all his followers through history to remember his death and resurrection. He had done no wrong, but he was arrested, tried and sentenced. Crowds cried out for his execution.

He was tortured and crucified, nailed to a cross.

When he died, something deeply symbolic took place. 'The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom' (Mark 15:38). This was a huge curtain – too high for human hands to tear apart. It hung in front of the Holy of Holies – separating people from God's presence in the temple. When it was torn in two, it opened the way to God. That's what happened when Jesus died. Now, because of Jesus, we can all approach God.

The Roman commander who saw Jesus die would have seen many deaths. He knew that this death was different and said, 'This man was surely the Son of God!' (Mark 15:39).

But Jesus' death was not the end of the story. At the end of this six-week journey with Jesus, we celebrate his resurrection. He has risen from the dead! He lives! But this Sunday the church marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey and watches with him in anticipation of his darkest hour;

### Read: Mark chapters 14:53–16:20

Key verses:

*The crowd took Jesus to the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the teachers of the law came together. Not too far away, Peter followed Jesus. He went right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards. He warmed himself at the fire.*

# 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

**Fri, 16 Mar**—6pm Hallsville Friday  
Family Church with Meg Mangan

**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

**Fri, 30 Mar**—9am Hallsville Good  
Friday Service.

**Sun, 1 Apr**—11am West Tamworth  
Easter Service. Lunch After.

## 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

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



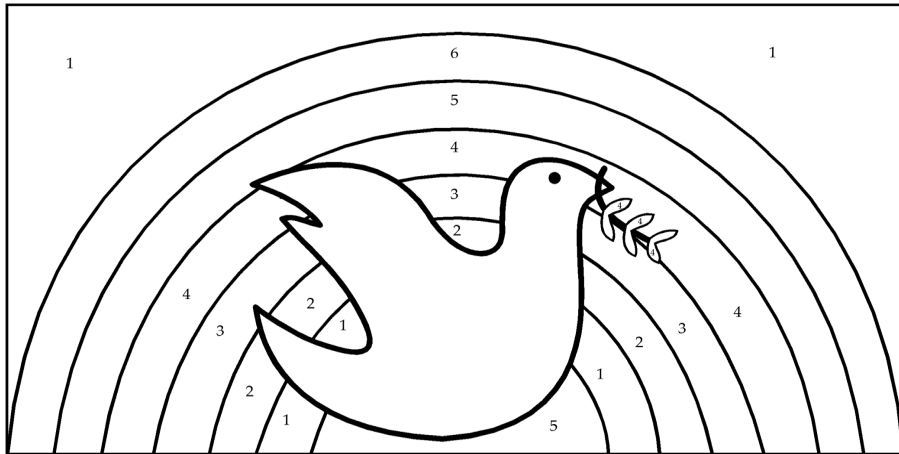
# Rainbows and Promise

Read the story of Noah from a children's story Bible, or from Genesis 6:13–8:12 and Genesis 9:8–17.

- What part did the dove play in this story?
- What does the rainbow mean?

Follow the color key to finish the picture.

Color Key	
1 = Red	4 = Green
2 = Orange	5 = Blue
3 = Yellow	6 = Violet

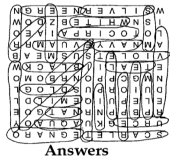


# Colors of Promise

In Genesis 9:13, God tells Noah that the rainbow is a sign of promise. Hidden in this word find are all the colors of the rainbow, and many more! Circle each hidden word.

### Word List

Apricot	Maize	Turquoise
Aqua	Mauve	Violet
Beige	Moss	White
Black	Navy	Yellow
Blue	Orange	
Brown	Pink	
Copper	Plum	
Ecru	Purple	
Gold	Red	
Green	Scarlet	
Indigo	Silver	
Lavender	Tan	
Lime	Teal	



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# Lectionary Readings

Sun 18	Psalm 51:13-19	Fri 23	Mark 15:40-47
Mon 19	Isaiah 50:4-9a*	Sat 24	Philippians 2:5-11*
Tue 20	Psalm 71:1-14	Sun 25	Psalm 31:9-16*
Wed 21	Mark 11:1-11*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 22	Mark 15:1-39		

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for something to use against Jesus. They wanted to put him to death. But they did not find any proof. Many witnesses lied about him. But their stories did not agree.

Then some of them stood up. Here is what those false witnesses said about him. "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made by human hands. In three days I will build another temple, not made by human hands.'" But what they said did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up in front of them. He asked Jesus, "Aren't you going to answer? What are these charges these men are bringing against you?" 61 But Jesus remained silent. He gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah? Are you the Son of the Blessed One?"

"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One. You will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven."

The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. "You have heard him say a very evil thing against God. What do you think?"

They all found him guilty and said he must die. Then some began to spit at him. They blindfolded him. They hit him with their fists. They said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him. **Mark 14:53-65**

## Think...

Jesus' closest friends deserted him. On the cross, Jesus felt that his own Father in heaven had deserted him too. He went through this for us, so that we never have to be alone. Can you describe times when you have been alone, but have experienced God's presence with you?



Our five-week journey began with Jesus' baptism and ends with Jesus being arrested, tried and crucified. How has this story stirred you to follow him more faithfully?

Hebrews 10 explains what happened in the spiritual realm when Jesus died. It compares the Old Testament system of sacrifices with what Jesus did on the cross: 'Christ offered his body once and for all time' (Hebrews 10:10). How does this help us to understand the difference Jesus' death and resurrection has made?

Read Hebrews 10:22–25 and consider how we can help each other to follow Jesus. Spend some time encouraging another follower of Jesus.

Baptism is a way of showing that our old life has died and a new life has begun. Baptism isn't about a special place or special water, but about what God does. Talk about what it means to be baptised.

Being part of a Christian church or community is an important part of following Jesus. We can help one another to become more like Jesus. How do you find the help you need to grow as a Christian?

## Look Ahead...

Our five-week journey with Jesus from the River Jordan to Jerusalem is complete. But it is not the end of the story. Jesus wants to walk with us through the whole of our lives and he has promised he is preparing a place for us to be with him forever. Death is not the end. The best is yet to come!

## Mark 15:25–32

*'It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. They wrote out the charge against him. It read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified with him two rebels against Rome. One was on his right and one was on his left. Those who passed by shouted at Jesus and made fun of him. They shook their heads and said, "So you are going to destroy the temple and build it again in three days? Then come down from the cross! Save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law made fun of him among themselves. "He saved others," they said. "But he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross! When we see that, we will believe." Those who were being crucified with Jesus also made fun of him.'*



## Something to Think About...

Jesus hadn't committed any crime. He was not found guilty. The men crucified with him were being punished for the crimes they had committed. Luke, another of the Gospel writers, described how one of the men had a change of heart. He said, 'We are getting just what our actions call for. But this man hasn't done anything wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom' (Luke 23:41–42).

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## Worship on Sunday, 8 April 2018—2nd Sunday in Easter

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea and end of term barbecue/sausage sizzle to follow. Elder: R Hely, Door: D Miles, R Barclay, W Townsend, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

## Diary Dates

- 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 Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Families and Youth, Mission Outreach, Rainbow Cottage and Young Families Worker and activities. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam in your prayers this week.

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Church on the Way, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic Churches and The Father's House Church in our prayers.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

Give thanks 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.



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### **Adult Fellowship**

Our next monthly get together will be on Tuesday, 3 April. We are going to enjoy a morning tea and our meeting out this month. More details to come.

### **Property Committee**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 3 April from 4:30pm.

### **Friends of Nioka**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 3 April from 7pm.

### **Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 4 April from 10am.

### **Aged Care Services**

Monthly aged care HC services will be on Wednesday, 4 April from 10:15am in McKay House and Alblas Lodge. Led by Mr Peter Battle this month. All helpers and singers most welcome.

### **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, 6 April.

### **Lunch & DVD**

We've had a month off, but we are back in action for Friday, 6 April from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch then watch a DVD together. All welcome. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

### **Tamworth Legacy 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance**

Join us for a night of music, entertainment and dancing, with special guests and local Tamworth Band, Chalkdust on Saturday, 7 April 6:30pm for a 7pm start in the Town Hall. Tickets \$90pp or \$850/table of 10. Dress: Lounge Suit & Cocktail. Auction & Raffles. Guest Speaker: Mr Lambis Englezos AM "The Lost Diggers of Fromelles". Tickets from [admin@legacytamworth.com.au](mailto:admin@legacytamworth.com.au).



# Today's Information

### **Worship on Sunday, 18 March 2018—Lent Week 5**

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

### **Korean Reborn Church**

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

### **UnitingWorld—Lent Event**

Week 5: Faith seeks equality... Strong, creative and the backbone of their communities, women in the Pacific are still likely to experience violence at the hands of family members more than anywhere else in the world. We're helping them raise their voices and we need your support. 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](mailto:info@unitingworld.org.au) or visit their website at [www.unitingworld.org.au](http://www.unitingworld.org.au).

### **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, 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.

### Church Office

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Lenten Study Groups

Rev Chris Wright is leading Lenten Study Groups on Wednesday, 21 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.

### Prayer Group

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room.

### 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.

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## Next Week & Beyond

### 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.

### Holy Week Worship

7:30am Monday in the Chapel—Nicolette Willis

7:30am Tuesday in the Chapel—Peter Battle

7:30am Wednesday in the Chapel—Rev Chris Wright

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

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

### Fete Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 27 March from 4pm.

### Pastoral Partners

Our first meeting for the year will be held in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 28 March from 7:30pm.

### Worship on Sunday, 1 April 2018—Easter Sunday

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



**Easter Greetings from the Uniting Churches in Tamworth**  
In the Easter Resurrection, God welcomes everyone, from everywhere, all of us invited to sit with Him in peace and friendship. The gospels really are Good News! Come and share with us in worship at:

Peel Valley:	30 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday: 9am Hallsville ( <i>Manilla Rd</i> ) 1 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday: 11am West Tamworth ( <i>Denison Street, Lunch after</i> )
Tamworth City	29 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday: 7pm ( <i>Cnr Marius &amp; Bourke Sts</i> ) 30 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday: 9am & 1 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday: 9am
Tamworth Southside	( <i>440 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Op. The Big Golden Guitar</i> ) 29 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday: 7pm Tenebrae Meal 30 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday: 8am & 1 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday: 9:30am & 5pm

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