

Diary Dates

- Sun, 25 Palm Sunday Tamworth City**
Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Lent Event Stall. Morning Tea.
 11:30am Korean Reborn
- Mon, 26** 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-Th
 7:30am Holy Week Devotion
 9am One Door Mental Health Workshop St A Rm
 9am Annabel Ashworth Art Exhibition—Ray Walsh Hs
 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-Th
 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
 4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall
 5:30pm New Vogue in JH
- Tue, 27** 7:30am Holy Week Devotion
 9am-2pm Office T-Th
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
 4pm Fete Committee in St Andrew's Room
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
- Wed, 28** 7:30am Holy Week Devot'n
 9am Op Shop Working Bee
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
 7:30pm Pastoral Partners in St A Room
- Thu, 29** 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room
 9:30am Yoga in Dunn H
 4:30pm Worship Music
 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship
- Fri, 30** 9am Good Friday Worship
- Sat, 31** 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
 9am-12noon Op Shop
- Sun, 1 Easter Sunday Tamworth City**
Worship & HC with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
 11:30am Korean Reborn



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 1 April—Easter Sunday

- 9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright HC E: J Archbold, J Carthew, M Hobson, M Weick, P Battle, D: D Cole, J Phillips, E Gevert, O: R Greer & R Richardson, PP A Winter.
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside
- 11am West Tamworth Service, lunch after
- 5pm Tamworth Southside



25 March 2018

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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

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Lenten Reflection

Sacredise Daily Worship

Thought for the Week

As we will see through Holy Week, the wisest and most powerful work of God appears foolish and weak when viewed through the lens of human Empire. There were actually two processions on this day. In one, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, with no weapons and no army. There was simply singing, celebration, a quick visit to the Temple, and then it was all over (at least in Mark's account). In the other procession, Pilate rode into Jerusalem on a warhorse accompanied by legions of Roman soldiers with all the pomp and ceremony of an Imperial authority figure. Next to this procession, Jesus would certainly have looked foolish.

Yet, as this last week of Jesus' ministry unfolded, Jesus challenged all the various forms of human Empire - wealth, power and our addiction to our physical appetites - and revealed a way of being and of living together that was in complete contrast. The Reign of God, revealed in generous giving, collaborative community, and disciplined simplicity, flies in the face of the values that have directed most of human history. But it opens the way to a life of justice, peace, grace, and love for all who are foolish enough to risk living by its ways.

This Holy Week, we are called to meditate on God's Reign again, and follow the sacrificial, life-giving way of Christ in order to live as true citizens of God's Realm.

Palm Sunday Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Reflection

I wonder what the hopes and aspirations of the people in the crowd were when Jesus rode in on that first Palm Sunday? Some of them may have remembered that the Old Testament prophets spoke about such an event as a Messianic moment (Zechariah 9:9). Some of them may have been hoping that the day had finally come when they would be called to join a revolution to overthrow the Roman occupation of their homeland. Some may have

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

Fri, 23 Mar—Hallsville NO SERVICE

Sun, 25 Mar—8am Hallsville
Markets, 8:30am Gowrie Service,
11am West Tamworth Service with
Meg Mangan.

Fri, 30 Mar—9am Hallsville Good
Friday Service with Jim Newton.

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

Tue, 3 Apr—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth

Fri, 6 Apr—Hallsville NO SERVICE

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

Fri, 13 Apr—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family 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

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

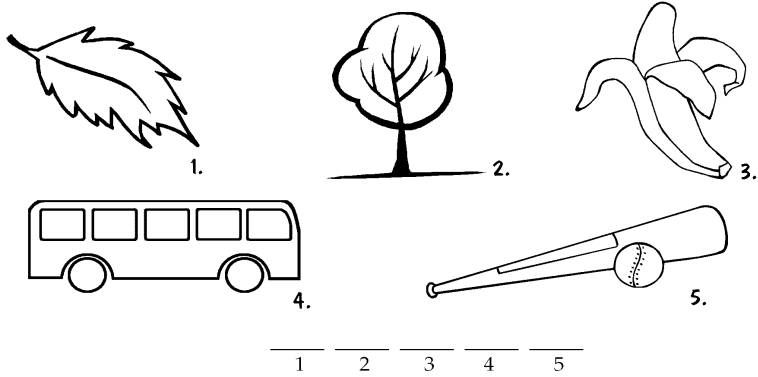
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



Letters

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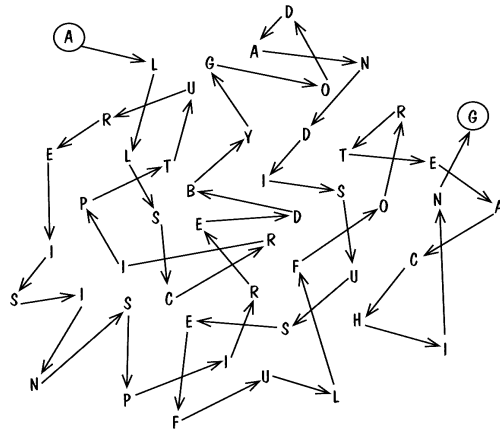
Write the letters above into the blank below.

A cheerful heart has a continual _____.

Answer: feast

The Good Book

We can learn a lot from reading the Bible. Start at the circled A and follow the arrows to the circled G. Write each letter in order in the blanks below.



Answer: All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching.

2 Timothy 3:16

Lectionary Readings

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| Sun | 25 | Psalm 31:9-16* | Fri | 30 | Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 |
| Mon | 26 | Isaiah 25:6-9 | Sat | 31 | Acts 10:34-43* |
| Tue | 27 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11* | Sun | 1 | Mark 16:1-8* |
| Wed | 28 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24* | * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings | | |
| Thu | 29 | John 13:1-17, 31b-35 | | | |

been excited by the thought of a new order, a new Empire under God, finally being established. What actually happened must have felt rather different - even foolish.

In Mark's account, Jesus goes to the Temple, and simply looks around and then leaves. The Palm Sunday procession was a protest, of sorts. It was a moment in which Jesus demonstrated in no uncertain terms how different God's Reign is from human empires. But, this protest was no military campaign. Nor was it a revolutionary uprising. It was peaceful but subversive, winning over the hearts and lives of women and men not through force or rhetoric, but through grace and love.

Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that God's Reign is about dominating the earth and subduing people of other religions and creeds. But, God's Reign is not about making Christianity another human empire. It's about removing the power of empire altogether through a contrast community of love, grace, peace, and justice. Take some time to meditate on this today.

Practice for Today

As we seek to become citizens of God's Reign, we are called to proclaim to the world the message and invitation of God's Reign. This doesn't necessarily mean that we need to preach using words. Rather, our loudest proclamation is when we live out the grace and love of Christ.

Breath-Prayer for Today

Teach me to proclaim your Reign, O God, through living a life of Christ-like grace and love.

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Today's Information

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 Stall. Elder: A Ashworth, Door: S Perkins, W Purss, H McKenzie, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Richardson.

Korean Reborn Church

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

UnitingWorld—Lent Event

PALM SUNDAY: 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. *Easter is the celebration of new life and new beginnings! If you're not a fan of chocolate or just looking for an alternative ethical gift this Easter, look no further than the range of meaningful gifts at 'Everything in Common'. Each card represents a gift that goes directly towards a life-changing project. Buy a gift, dedicate it to a loved one and you'll help create the kind of world we'd all like to be part of this Easter!*



Water! Water! NO Water!

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

News & Views

Did you get your copy of the latest edition of News & Views? Only \$4.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee activities Hospital Visitation and the Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of China, Hon Kong and Macau in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Trinity Church, Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley Uniting Churches, Hope of Glory Church and Carinya Christian School in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We pray for steady rain across out 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.

Key Audit

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

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.

One Door Mental Health Support Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 9 April from 10am.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered kitchen day will be Tuesday, 10 April from 8am.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 11 April from 10am.

Church Office Closed

Nicolette will be away on 12/13 April and the office will be closed. Op Shop alternate key arrangements.

Bi-Monthly Church Council Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 12 April from 7:30pm.

Senior Communion

Our monthly Senior Communion will be held on Friday, 13 April at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Mr Peter Battle will be leading the service. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 15 April 2018—3rd Sunday in Easter

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea. Elder: M Hobson, Door: J Shottek, F Kerr, H Fergus, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris.

Diary Dates

- Church Fete 5 May
- 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.



This Week's Events

Holy Week Worship

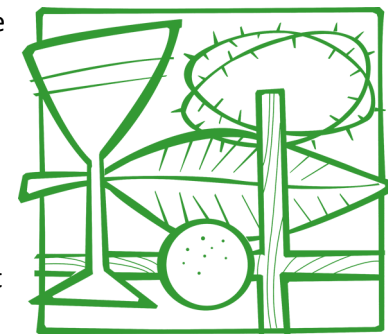
7:30am Monday in the Chapel—Peter Battle

7:30am Tuesday in the Chapel—Nicolette

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



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, 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). Closed Good Friday.

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*.

Fete Committee

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

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.

Pastoral Partners

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

Prayer Group

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



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:

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| Peel Valley: | 30 th Good Friday: 9am Hallsville (<i>Manilla Rd</i>) 1 st Easter Sunday: 11am West Tamworth (<i>Denison Street, Lunch after</i>) |
| Tamworth City | 29 th Maundy Thursday: 7pm (<i>Cnr Marius & Bourke Sts</i>) 30 th Good Friday: 9am & 1 st Easter Sunday: 9am |
| Tamworth Southside (<i>440 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Op. The Big Golden Guitar</i>) | 30 th Good Friday: 8am & 1 st Easter Sunday: 9:30am & 10am |

Next Week & Beyond

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.

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. 9:30am at the Connections Café, Johnston Street. Everyone's welcome to join us.

Property Committee

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

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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.

Kairos Outside

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 7 April from 9:30am.

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.

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

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. NO 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.

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