

Diary Dates

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| <p>Sun, 3 9am Tamworth City
Worship Service and Holy
Communion with Mr Barry
Gillett. Sunday School. Food
Hamper Sunday.
Transfiguration Sunday.
Morning tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn
3pm Emmaus Reunion
Group in St Andrew's Room</p> <p>Mon, 4 9am-2pm Church Office M-T
9:30am Kairos Sewing JH
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
10am UNITING in StAR
10am One Door mental
health group in Dunn Hall
5:30pm New Vogue in JHall</p> <p>Tue, 5 Shrove Tuesday
9:30am Adult Fellowship
9:30am LLine Dancers JH
10am Shrove Tuesday
Morning Tea in St AR
10am-1pm Pres Bkeep
7pm Friends of Nioka</p> | <p>Wed, 6 Ash Wednesday
8am Ash Wednesday Service
9am Op Shop Sorting
6pm New Vogue in JHall
6pm Meditation in Chapel</p> <p>Thu, 7 8:30am Prayer in Wesley Rm
9:30am Stepping Stones in
Dunn Hall
9:30am Yoga in St AR
4pm Fete Committee
meeting in St Andrew's Rm
4:30pm Worship Music
5pm Aikido Karate in JHall</p> <p>Fri, 8 8:30am Social Craft DunnH
10am Senior's Communion
at Village Community Hall</p> <p>Sat, 9 9am-12noon Op Shop
10am Line Dancing xtra JH</p> <p>Sun, 10 Lent Wk 1 9am Tamworth
City Worship Service and
Baptism with Rev Chris
Wright. Sunday School.
Morning tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn</p> |
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 10 March—Lent Wk 1

- 8:30am Gowrie Service
- 9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright (Baptism), E: N Dezius & M Hobson, D: E Gevert, J Dezius, S Perkins, PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside Service
- 11am West Tamworth Service
- 5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service

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3 March 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Barry Gillett will be leading our service and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



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Seasons of the Spirit

Living in Glory

Focus Scripture

Luke 9:28–36, (37–43); Additional scriptures: Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99; and 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Prayer

Holy God, your glory, and power energize our lives. Bathe us in the warm glow of your love and faithfulness. Transform us each day to live as part of your story. Amen.

Pascal wrote, “keep something beautiful in mind.” Beauty is one way we understand God’s glory. In Luke 9:29, Jesus tries to inspire the disciples into seeing the true nature of divine love within him and the divine love to which they were called.

Beauty is not just niceness and sweetness, something that melts in adversity. It is something that calls us past the adversity into greater clarity, depth, and balance. Beauty is fullness. It beckons us to continue on the path of becoming.

It is an image of the divine that calls us to become more like the *imago dei* inside each of us. The person who appreciates the sunset may set their eyes on the horizon of our call as human beings. Taking time to see and feel the glorious can sustain us when we are on the frontlines – healing the sick, advocating for change, navigating conflict.

Reflection

Luke 9:28–36, (37–43) Peter, James, and John journey with Jesus to the top of a mountain to pray. The name and location of this mountain are not certain. As Jesus is praying, the appearance of his face changes. Jesus is transfigured.

Moses and Elijah appear to talk with Jesus about his upcoming death. The words used for this refer to Jesus’ *departure*, from a Greek word that may also be translated as *exodus*. Among the Jewish readers of this gospel, exodus would be a powerful symbol of the journey Jesus would take through the events of his final days in Jerusalem.

The disciples do not hear the exchange between Jesus, Moses, and Elijah because they are asleep. When they awaken, they see Moses and Elijah

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

Fri, 1 Mar—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with Patrick Johnston.

Sun, 3 Mar—11am West Tamworth Service with Patrick Johnston. Lunch after worship.

Tue, 5 Mar—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

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.

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”

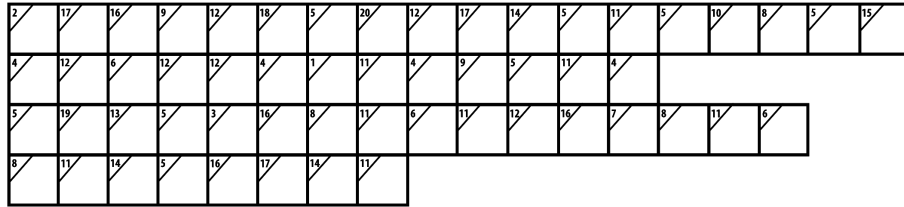


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Decode the Message

Decode the message that we find in Luke 6:35.

1=A 2=B 3=C 4=D 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=L 10=M 11=N 12=O 13=P 14=R
15=S 16=T 17=U 18=V 19=X 20=Y

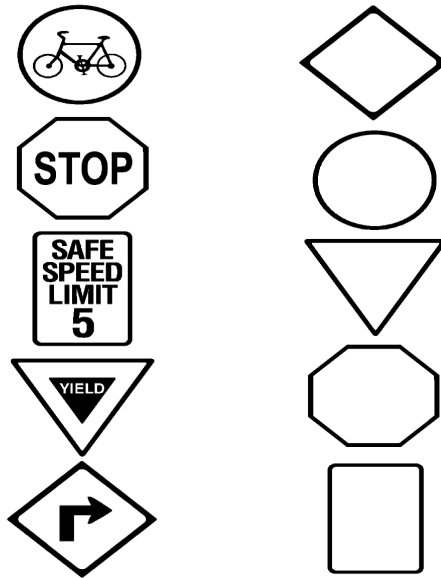


Write the words below

Answers: But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

Obeying the Rules

Obeying the rules is part of good citizenship. Here are some signs you might need to obey when riding your bike. Draw lines to match the sign to the same shape.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	3	Psalm 99*	Fri	8	Romans 10:8b-13*
Mon	4	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Sat	9	Luke 4:1-13*
Tue	5	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Sun	10	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*
Wed	6	Psalm 51:1-17	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	7	Deuteronomy 26:1-11*			

begin to depart. Eager to capture the glory of God revealed in this place, Peter suggests building a dwelling for each one. Glory is not something to be captured or preserved; it is something to be experienced in our living.

Jesus performs three actions in this account of his transfiguration. He reveals the glory of his true self, rebukes his closest students for their narrow-sightedness and halfheartedness, extends himself with compassion. These three actions are the actions Christ offers as the path of faith: Accept the glory. Open up our minds and senses. Extend compassion. Glory. Openness. Compassion. "And all were astounded by the greatness of God" (v. 43).

Psalm 99 depicts God enthroned upon cherubim. The very thought of him causes a trembling in human hearts and earthly ground. The heights on which God sits – a throne of angels, a holy mountain – are not the extent of God's glory. The psalmist praises God for being a "lover of justice," an establisher of equity, and executer of righteousness.

When Moses came down from time with God on Mt. Sinai in **Exodus 34:29-35**, "the skin on his face was shining," and the people were afraid to come near to him. It's a humorous scene. We might imagine something embarrassing is on his face, but no one dares to tell him so, and they avoid him. Except, it is not something gross or embarrassing that make people avoid Moses, it is his undeniable radiance. Verse 29 explains the glow is a direct effect of his talking with God. What is so intimidating about radiating God's love? Why are we afraid of being shunned by showing the truth and depths of our hearts? Why are others afraid to receive us this way? The church in Corinth is afraid of hiding from glory.

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 accuses, perhaps unfairly, Moses and the people of Israel of numbing each other to God's glory until they were lost to it. What is important is not the why and the how of the response of Moses and Israel, but the desire of the Corinthian church to live openly in God's glory and freedom. Verse 17 boldly proclaims that glory is not merely reverence, it is the path to freedom. "Where the Spirit of God is, there is freedom."



As we draw closer to God and absorb God's commandments to love, our countenance shines on others. This glimpse of glory is not to wield power over others but to free all of us of the limitations we put on our hearts, our bodies, and our social structures so we may follow Christ into the resurrecting power of self-giving love.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 3 March

Transfiguration Sunday, Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Barry Gillett at 9am. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Emmaus Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 3 March from 3pm.

Rev Chris Wright Leave

Rev Chris is returning from tomorrow, 4 March. We pray that he has enjoyed a restful time away.

Greetings

Bob & Marg Minton called in during the week and share greetings to the congregation. Passing through on their way north.

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, getting communities talking and supporting each other.

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).



Diary Dates to Note

- 29th Emmaus National Conference begins
- 30th PRC meeting in Manilla

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Andorra, Austria, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino and Switzerland 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 Activities and St John's Anglican Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for rain. With dams now at their lowest in many years, we keep those struggling through the drought in our prayers. Induction of Rev Paul Cosier to Narrabri, Moree and Presbytery position yesterday.

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.



Private Function

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

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 yes or no.

Association of Independent Retirees

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

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, D: E Fairall, M & D Miles, PP J McClelland, O: R Greer. Sunday School. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea.

UNITING Support Group

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

One Door Mental Health Support Group

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

New Vogue Dance Group

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

Church Office

Note this week that the office will be open Monday to Thursday and closed on Friday. Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. All hall bookings to be made via the office please. *Nicolette*.

Adult Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 March from 9:30am. An open day for all to come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday. All are invited to share in some delicious pancakes. More details below.

Shrove Tuesday Morning Tea

You are invited to share in the Shrove Tuesday morning tea on Tuesday, 5 March from 10am in the St Andrew's Room. The Adult Fellowship will host us for the morning. A gold coin donation to go towards Lent Event.

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.

Friends of Nioka

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

Ash Wednesday Worship

Please join us in the Chapel for our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, 6 March from 8am. We will join in some time of prayer and reflection.



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.

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.

Fete Committee Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 7 March from 4pm. All stall holders and committee members are encouraged to attend.

Yoga Group

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

Aidido 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.

Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior Communion will be held in the St Andrew's Village community hall on Friday, 8 March from 10am with Rev Mark Armstrong. Contact Barb McLean for transport 6766 4039.



Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 10 March

Lent Wk 1, Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Lent Event. Elder: N Dezius, D: E Gevert, J Dezius, S Perkins, PP J Phillips, O: R Richardson. Note NO Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Meals on Wheels

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

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.

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.

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.
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