

Diary Dates

Sun, 4	Lent 3 Tamworth City Worship and Holy Communion with Mr Barry Gillett. S/School. Morning Tea. Food Hamper Sunday. 11:30am Korean Reborn	6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 7:30pm Lenten Study in St Andrew's Room
Mon, 5	4-5am Wheely Bean JH 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	Thu, 8 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room 9:30am Yoga in Dunn H 4:30pm Worship Music
Tue, 6	9am-2pm Office T-F 9:30am Adult Fellowship in St Andrew's Room 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall 7pm Friends of Nioka in St Andrew's Room	Fri, 9 8:30-10:30am WW in DH 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village Hall
Wed, 7	9am Op Shop Working Bee 10:15am McKay House & Alblas HC Services 2pm Lenten Study in St Andrew's Room	Sat, 10 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop
	Sun, 11 Lent 4 Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. NO S/School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn	



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 11 March—Lent Wk 4

8:30am	Gowrie
9am	Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E: M Duns, D: R Duns, F Kerr, H Fergus, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips.
9:30am	Tamworth Southside
11am	West Tamworth Service
5pm	Tamworth Southside



4 March 2018—3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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



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Lenten Reflection

3rd Sunday in Lent 2018

DECISION TIME

At this point in our journey with Jesus, the ending is revealed. The 12 disciples know that Jerusalem is a dangerous place for Jesus. They know that he has made enemies, and there are plots to kill him. They are afraid, but Jesus is determined. He knows what to expect. Talking about himself as the 'Son of Man', he says:

'The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will sentence him to death. Then they will hand him over to the Gentiles. They will make fun of him and spit on him. They will whip him and kill him. Three days later he will rise from the dead!' (Mark 10:33–35)

Jesus' followers had a lot to learn. They found these words difficult to believe until they found themselves face to face with the risen Jesus, with the wounds in his hands and feet still visible from the crucifixion.

They still expected a king to overthrow the occupying Roman army. They wanted short term benefits. They couldn't grasp that Jesus was starting a new kingdom that would go on forever. They didn't understand that in Jesus' kingdom there are very different priorities. People who expect to be last, like children and poor people, are those who are first in God's kingdom (Mark 10:44).

No wonder Jesus made enemies of the rich and powerful people!

Read: Mark chapters 10–12:40

Key verses

'Jesus called them together. He said, "You know about those who are rulers of the Gentiles. They hold power over their people. Their high officials order them around. Don't be like that. Instead, anyone who wants to be important among you must be your servant. And anyone who wants to be first must be the slave of everyone. Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free."' Mark 10:42–45

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, 2 Mar—6pm Hallsville Family
Church

Sun, 4 Mar—11am West Tamworth
Service. Lunch following.

Tue, 6 Mar—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth

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 Family
Church

Sun, 18 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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Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
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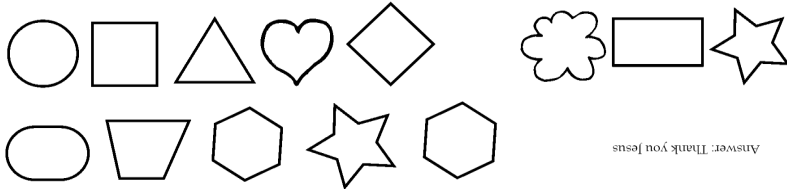
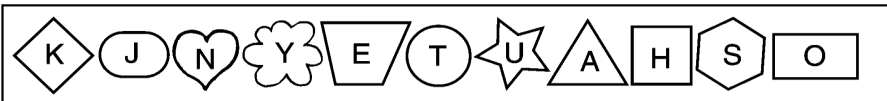
Hidden Words

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



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

Lectionary Readings

Sun	4	Psalm 19:7-14*	Fri	9	John 3:22-30
Mon	5	Jeremiah 14:1-9	Sat	10	Ephesians 2:1-10*
Tue	6	Numbers 21:4-9*	Sun	11	Psalm 107:1-22*
Wed	7	2 Kings 18:1-8	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	8	John 3:14-21*			

1. Looking at the Bible readings in Mark's Gospel, what surprises you about the pecking order in Jesus' kingdom? Who is first and who is last?
2. Jesus saw that the rich young man loved money more than he loved God. What do people put first in their lives? What about you? What's the most important thing in your life?
3. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds welcomed him as a hero. Days later, another crowd was calling for him to be crucified. How do the people you know respond to Jesus?
4. One of the men who came to Jesus with a question realised that to 'love God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength' is very important. So is loving your neighbour as you love yourself' (Mark 12:33). What examples can you give of people living this way?
5. Does it surprise you that Jesus drove the traders out of the temple courtyard? When is it right to be angry? How should we act when we are angry?



Read: Mark 11:1–2,7–10

‘Jesus sent out two of his disciples. He said to them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Just as you enter it, you will find a donkey’s colt tied there. No one has ever ridden it. Untie it and bring it here...”

*They brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their coats over it. Then he sat on it. Many people spread their coats on the road. Others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those in front and those in back shouted,
“Hosanna!”*

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus arrived in Jerusalem as people were travelling there from all over the known world for the Passover celebrations. Passover reminded them how they had been set free from slavery in Egypt. Now they were living under Roman occupation and wanted a king to set them free yet again. Jesus, riding on a donkey’s colt, wasn’t what they were expecting, but they welcomed him like a conquering king.

What surprises you about Jesus when you read about him?



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.

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 Myanmar and Thailand in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Scripture in Schools, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John’s Anglican Church and the Community Presbyterian Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Give thanks for the time shared at our recent Presbytery Meeting including lots of good news stories shared from around the Presbytery. The next meeting will be in May in Inverell. We are planning 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.



Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

Compassionate Friends

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

Elder's Fellowship

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

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.

Worship on Sunday, 18 March 2018—Lent Week 4

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.

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.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 4 March 2018—Lent Week 3

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett, Holy Communion. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea to follow. Elder: E Sheppard, A Ashworth, R Hely, J Archbold, P Battle, Door: B Mills, M Honeyman, D Miles, AV: M Miles, Organ: R Greer.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Terry Mullens following his funeral this week. Also keep Heather McKenzie in your prayers following the death of her sister during the week.

UnitingWorld—Lent Event

Week 3: Faith tackles poverty. In Suva's informal settlements, Sivo and her team are determined to support parents and young people as they look for a better future through education. 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.

Water! Water! NO Water!

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

This Week's Events

Wheely Bean

Monday to Fridays in the Jubilee kitchen from 4-5am.



Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am to 3pm on Mondays (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).

KYB Study Group

Our KYB Study Group meet at 1:30pm in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891.

Weight Watchers

Meetings in our Dunn Hall on Mondays 4-7pm, Tuesdays 5-8pm, Fridays 8:30-10:30am and Saturdays 8am-11am.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

Church Office

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

City Adult Fellowship

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 6 March from 9:30am for morning tea then our meeting. All welcome. We'll go to lunch afterwards.

Presbytery Bookkeeper

Regular Presbytery bookkeeper hours 10am-2pm on Tuesdays.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 6 March from 7pm.

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.

Aged Care Services

Monthly aged care services at McKay House and Alblas Lodge lead by Rev Chris Wright on Wednesday, 7 March from 10:15am. All welcome.

Lenten Study Groups

Rev Chris Wright is leading Lenten Study Groups continuing on Wednesday, 7 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 through this Lenten season.

Prayer Group

Our prayer group meet on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room (Minister's Office) each week. Talk to Rev Chris if you are interested in coming, or just come. Continuing on Thursday, 8 March.

Yoga Group

Meeting in Dunn Hall on Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am.

Worship Music Team

Practice on Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm in the Church.

Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior's Communion will be held in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 9 March from 10am with Rev Mark Armstrong. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 11 March 2018—Lent Week 3

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.

One Door Mental Health Workshop

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