

Diary Dates

Sun, 12	Sunday 9am Tamworth City Worship Service & Baptisms with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn n Church	Fri, 17	8:30am Social Craft Grp DH 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room 2pm Private Function in Jubilee Hall 4pm Emmaus Training in St Andrew's Room 6:30pm Christian Men's Dinner at Gregory's on GG
Mon, 13	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING StAR 10am Nergis Fdn DH 5:30-8pm New Vogue JH	Sat, 18	8am Emmaus Training St Andrew's Room 9am-12noon Op Shop 9:30am Birth Beat at Sthside 1:30pm Birth Beat at Sthside
Tue, 14	9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 7pm CAP money course	Sun, 19	Sunday 9am Tamworth City Worship Service & Guest Speaker with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth 11:30am Korean Reborn Church
Wed, 15	9am Op Shop Sorting 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH 6-7pm Meditation in Church		
Thu, 16	8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in StAR 4:30pm Church Music 5:30pm Aikido Karate in JH		

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 19 May—Easter 5

9am	Tamworth City Service with Rev Chris Wright & Guest, E: E Fairall, D: M Cupitt, H Fergus, W Purss, PP: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart.
9:30	Tamworth Southside HC Service
11am	West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright. Trading Table
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Dinner HC Service



Sunday, 12 May 2019

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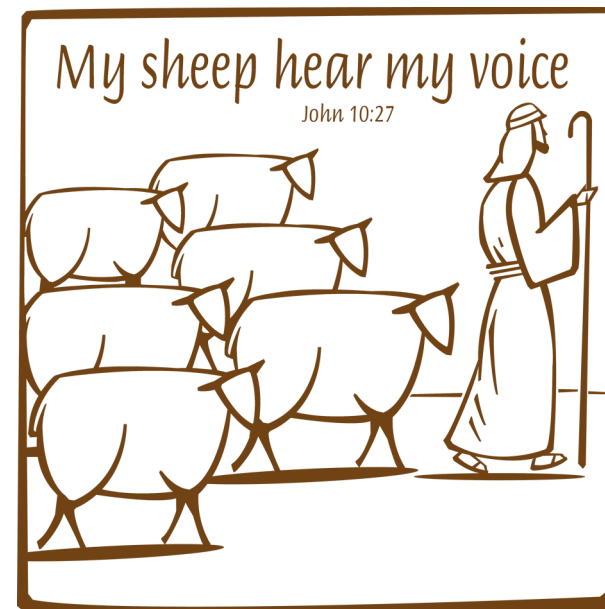
Other Useful Local

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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading our service and the Sacrament of Baptism. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Seasons of the Spirit

Easter 4—Identity of Resistance

Readings

Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9–17; and John 10:22–30.

Prayer

To what should we devote ourselves, O God? Turn us toward those who show us how to serve as neighbours through life-giving words and deeds. May we be bold in following their example, as we grow as disciples of the Christ. Amen

Reflection

Scripture links our identity to the identity of God. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, as Genesis tells us, then the image we have of God matters a great deal. If we perceive God as a controlling patriarch, this ideology shapes our identity. If, however, our image of God is of one who overturns the status quo, disturbs the tower builders and those who insist on a monolithic language and culture, we are more likely to develop an identity that resists systems that oppress. The resurrection of Christ is God's response to the domination of Rome and therefore shapes the character of all who live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Biblical Background

Acts 9:36–43 "Now in Joppa, there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas." What is your identity? How shall you be known? These are the questions with which Tabitha lived. They are also questions for the early church, to whom Acts is written, and questions for the church today. Tabitha is the Aramaic name linking her to her ancestors Abraham and Sarah who trusted God would lead them to new life, Moses and Miriam who led the people out of slavery, the prophets who proclaimed the justice and compassion of God. Tabitha was a follower of Jesus the Christ, who was from this same prophetic lineage, was executed by the Roman empire yet remained a source of resurrection life for all who believed. Dorcas is her Greek name, the official language of the Roman Empire.

Establishing a bicultural identity was a necessity for Dorcas, as it is whenever people live in a dominating culture that continually privileges language, art, music, and how one is named in order to gain access and

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
Dinner Church 2nd Sunday. HC 3rd Sunday. Family Service 4th Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th Tuesday each month.

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

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.

Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 12 May—8:30am Gowrie Service; 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Meg Mangan.

Thu, 16 May—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth

Fri, 17 May—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

Sun, 19 May—11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Chris Wright

Tue, 21 May—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth

Sun, 26 May—8:30am Hallsville



Bible Study: 2-3:30pm Thursdays.

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st Saturday each month.

Website: www.tsuc.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, using our spiritual gifts to serve each other & our community.*



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"

Pastrl Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005
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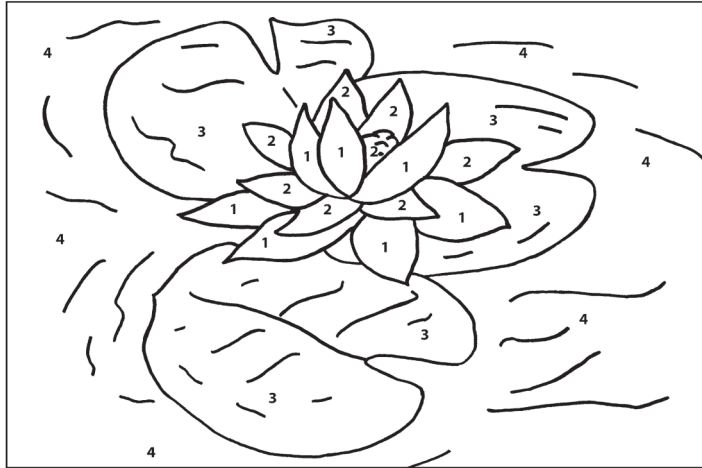
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.

Water Lily

Color by number.

- 1 = yellow
- 2 = orange
- 3 = green
- 4 = blue



Flowerduko

Place one type of flower in each blank box. No row, column or 6-block grid can repeat a flower. You can draw the flower or write the number.

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Answer:

Lectionary Readings

Sun	12	Psalm 23*	Fri	17	Revelation 21:1-8
Mon	13	John 13:31-35*	Sat	18	Acts 11:1-18*
Tue	14	Zechariah 8:1-13	Sun	19	Psalm 148*
Wed	15	Zechariah 8:14-19	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	16	Zechariah 8:20-23			

advantage. Dorcas knows how to navigate in that world, no doubt using her tailoring skills to make a living in the economy of Roman control, but also resisting the hierarchy and its exclusive domination by ministering to women routinely overlooked. Dorcas' acts are life-giving.

But, now Tabitha/Dorcas has died, and once again the haunting questions arise? If this disciple of resurrection life has died, what does that say about the resurrection itself?

Is her stand in a Roman, patriarchal, dominated world for naught? Is there anyone who will stand up for the widows, poor, oppressed? In their grief, do these widows have any reason for hope or has hope died with the one they know as Dorcas? It is into this grief and despair that Peter enters.

After clearing the room, Peter draws upon resurrection power, calling forth Tabitha to continue giving witness to resurrection compassion and resistance. "Tabitha, get up."

Peter also knows how to live a bicultural identity, travelling the roads made by empire when needed but also standing firm in the power of resurrection when required. Today is a day for standing firm in his identity, in Tabitha's identity, in resurrection identity. There is no magic at work, but rather the simple power of resurrection life that refuses to be snuffed out by circumstances or oppressive systems. Tabitha and Peter witnessed through life-giving acts.

The psalmist in Psalm 23 speaks of the life-giving acts of God's shepherding that restore human life. The verbs reveal the nature of God's work: makes to lie down, leads, comforts, prepares, anoints.

Revelation 7:9-17 offers the witness of those whose praise of God grows directly out of God's saving action.

In John 10:22-30, Jesus reveals that his works testify to his identity. Jesus' actions reveal who he is. Similarly, Tabitha's character is revealed in her ministry with the widows and Peter's character is revealed in his preaching and healing.



Some traditions observe this day as Good Shepherd Sunday, Psalm 23 has direct thematic connections with that observance. John 10:22-30 is set in an entire chapter that explores Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Consider Tabitha's story. In what ways might her ministry provide another perspective into this observance and our own identity as those who "shepherd" the way of Christ?



My sheep hear my voice. John 10:27

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 12 May

Worship service and Baptisms with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Mother's Day. Draw Fete Raffle.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship. Jubilee Kitchen & Dunn Hall for lunch.

Doing It For Our Farmers

We had a lovely day sharing with local farming families at our Fun Day.

Fete 2019 Results

Antiques & Collectables	\$1,046.00
Barbecue	\$ 453.40
Bric-a-brac	\$ 165.00
Cakes (90% share with Peel Valley)	\$ 734.10
Craft	\$ 306.30
Desserts	\$ 535.10
Flowers	\$ 230.00
Jams, pickles, biscuits & confections	\$1,230.80
Jewellery	\$ 205.45
Morning Tea	\$ 262.00
Donations	\$ 76.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$5,244.15</u>

Net result after expenses and Peel Valley Share approx. \$4,700 (plus raffle).

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).

Aikido Karate

Meeting in our Jubilee Hall on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm. In recess during April. Recommencing 9 May.

Be Connected

A free government-sponsored computer course for over 50's who have never used a computer or have limited skills. St Stephen's Presbyterian Church is hosting this course throughout 2019 as a service to the community. Groups are no larger than four people and the usual progression is two sessions per week over five weeks. Booking or inquiries should be direct to Tracey Cattana on 0411 583 068.

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.

Stamp Collecting News

Demand for \$1 stamps far exceeds supply at present. Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. Keep in mind that the stamps you receive today, our customers are anxious to buy tomorrow at the Synod Stamp Committee sales. Keep them coming in. Leave them at the church office for trimming/sorting.

Reverse Parking

We've had a couple of near-misses recently. Would everyone using the car park please reverse park into parking spaces. This will mean that when it gets full it will be easier to get out and pedestrians will be safer. Thanks.

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.

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

Key Audit

Please check your need for keys to the various buildings here at Tamworth City. Take the opportunity to return a key you no longer need.



Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Kenya and Tanzania in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the upcoming Synod meeting in Sydney 4-7 July.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. 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.

Maintenance Items

Line Dancing

The Locomotive Line Dancers will be hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

UNITING Support Group

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

Nergis Foundation

New weekly hall hire on Mondays from 10am-12noon in Dunn Hall, 13 May.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. All hall bookings to be made via the office please. *Nicolette*.

Locomotive Line Dancing

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing.

CAP Money Course

Being offered from St Peter's Anglican Church. Held over 3 weeks from 14 May 7-9pm. Contact Cheryl on 0437 144 227.

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 on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area.

Early Risers Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am. Recommencing 2 May.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Stepping Stones have a busy term with Sleep Effect Session on 16th; Birth Beat Baby/Child First Aid Courses at Southside on 18th; Sleep Effect on 4th & 6th June; and Fun Fitness for Littlies on 2nd & 4th July. Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday mornings from 9:30am.

Aikido Karate

Meeting in our Jubilee Hall on Thursday evenings from 5-9pm. In recess during April. Recommencing 9 May.

Social Craft Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Fridays from 8:30-11am.

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, 17 May.

Private Function

Jubilee Hall on Friday, 17 May from 2pm.

Emmaus Training Weekend

In the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 17 from 4pm and Saturday from 8am.

Christian Men's Dinner

Held at Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo from 6:30pm on 17 May. The speaker will be Peter Irvine, a well known international speaker for business, leadership and churches, co-founder of Gloria Jeans Coffee franchise. RSVP by May 13 to Tony on 0401 418 864 or email tonyricho63ad@gmail.com.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 19 May

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Guest—Belinda Gonsalves. Elder: E Fairall, D: M Cupitt, H Fergus, W Purss, PP J Carthew, O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 21 May from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the Village Community Hall on Tuesday, 21 May from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Thirst Retreat

The key to Christian living is a thirst and hunger for God. Does your soul truly thirst for God? This retreat will offer a variety of spiritual formation exercises specifically chosen to help us focus on our thirst for God. RSVP to 6743 2556 or email rkpenrose@gmail.com.

Worship on Sunday, 26 May

NOTE: 10:30am Combined Worship service with Rev Chris Wright and the Korean Reborn Church. Elder: R Duns, D: M Duns, R & P Pryor, PP J McClelland, O: R Greer. Combined Lunch to follow in Jubilee Hall.

Young Families Worker Support Group

Meeting on Wednesday, 29th at 4:15pm in the Wesley Room.

Worship on Sunday, 2 June

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Elder: R Hely, R Duns, M Duns, P Turner, P Battle, D: J Crosling, F Kerr, G Chaffey, PP M Miles, O: R Greer. Sunday School. **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.**

Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 3pm on Sunday, 1 June.

Diary Dates to Note

- 4th 9:30am Adult Fellowship; 4:30pm Property Committee; 7pm Friends of Nioka
- 5th 10am Bereavement Support; 4pm Worship Committee
- 7th 10am Craft Group; 12noon Lunch & DVD
- 8th Private Function

