

DIARY DATES

Sun, 14 9am Worship Service with Suzanne Holloway. Mother's Day. Sunday School.

Morning Tea.

11am Korean Re-born church.

Mon, 15 4-5am Wheelie Bean in Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri
9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside
Sewing in Jubilee Hall
10-4pm Op Shop Mon-Fri
10am KYB in St A's Room
1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
4-7pm WW in Dunn Hall
5:30pm Dance Group in JH

Tue, 16 9am-2pm Church Office open Tue-Fri
9am Assn Independent
Retirees in St Andrew's Room
10am Pres Bookkeeper
2pm Senior's Getting Together Fellowship at St Andrew's Village Hall
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

Wed, 17 9am Op Shop Sorting (Vestry)
6-11pm New Vogue Dance JH

Thu, 18 9am AngliCare Anger Management Course
10am Yoga Group in DH
4:30pm Church Music Team
7:30pm The Syrian Story

Fri, 19 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
10am Craft group in the St Andrew's Room
12noon Lunch & DVD in St Andrew's Room
7pm Dementia Discussed at St Peter's

Sat, 20 8am-10:30am WW in Vestry
9am-12noon Op Shop
9am Cake Stall at Bunnings
9am Dementia Discussed at St Peter's

Sun, 21 9am Worship Service with Mr Peter Battle. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am Korean Re-born church.
12noon Legacy Soup &



PREACHING PLAN

21 May 2017— Easter Wk6

8:30am Gowrie—Patrick Johnston
9am Tamworth City—Peter Battle (Eld: J Archbold, Dr: M Honeyman, M Patridge, E Gevert; AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart)
9:30am Southside—Rev Simon Hansford
11am West Tamworth—Peter Battle—Trading Table
5:30pm Southside—Rev Simon Hansford



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- **Peel Valley:** Contact Margaret Crowell Mb 0408 660 025
- **UNITING St Andrew's Village Chaplain** Rev Chris Wright Mb 0427 633 657
- **UNITING Rainbow Cottage** 6766 7655

WELCOME TO TAMWORTH CITY UNITING CHURCH

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mrs Suzanne Holloway will be leading worship this morning. Happy Mother's Day. Please stay for morning tea after worship.



REV SIMON HANSFORD

CHURCH HOUSING...

As always, in the wake, or backwash, of a federal government budget, media pundits ask the question, ‘Who are the winners and losers?’

The measure of this is almost entirely monetary, as the budget also purports to be. The recipients – our community – are carved up into segments, called “stakeholders” or “interest groups”, and we contrast our relative fortunes. It has long been the process to present stakeholders as competitors for the budget bounty – pensioners, or self-funded retirees; big, or smaller business; middle, lower, or higher income families – often preventing our community from speaking with a comprehensive voice.

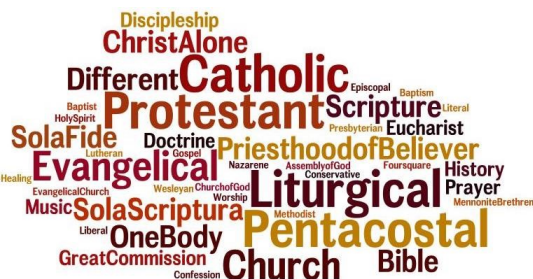
I was asked recently how I felt about the “success” of another Christian faith tradition, and whether that was a cause for concern for the Uniting Church. I felt concerned to think that this person implied I believe that the Uniting Church – any church - is in a competitive market place.

There is always the temptation to structure our faith communities in the way our wider culture understands itself. We live and work in the world around us, where language like profit and loss, market share and key performance indicators abound. We know that computer algorithms infest our internet usage, and that advertisers troll every click of our mouse.

The temptation, however, needs to be resisted. We are not in competition with other disciples. The desire to market the gospel will lead to a sickly, astringent imitation of the hope we have. It will lead to failure and despair. We are in community with other faith traditions, who are seeking to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and our discipleship is under his hand.

The desire to be parochial is a consistent temptation; I rejoice in being a member of the Uniting Church, but not exclusively. “I am the way, the truth and the life” are words that lie at the crux of following Jesus, and so many of us have designated ourselves as the crossing guards, or the highway patrol on this journey. What if we leave much of that to Jesus?

What if Jesus declared that to his disciples as an offer of graciousness, and



SOUTHSIDE SCENE

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC 4th Sunday.

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

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

Sheila’s Home Group @ Lynn’s: 2pm Wednesdays.

Faith & Art Group: 1pm Thursdays, alternate weeks, school terms.

Men’s Choir: 5:30pm on Thursdays.

Musicians & Media Set-Up: 5:30pm Fridays.

Last Friday Family BBQ: 6:30pm last Friday each Month.

Men’s Breakfast: 7:30am 1st Saturday each Month.

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside Uniting Church

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Our Vision: To be a faithful & enthusiastic part of God’s church in our community, sharing the love of Jesus.

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Mission Statements: “To build up individuals & teams, empowered by the Holy Spirit, using our spiritual gifts to serve each other & our community.



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATIONS

Fri, 12 May—Hallsville—No Service.

Sun, 14 May —9am Hallsville HC Service and 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Meg Mangan.

Tue, 16 May—10am Morning Tea

Fri, 19 May—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Service with Rev Simon Hansford.

Sun, 21 May—8:30am Gowrie Service with Patrick Johnston, 11am West Tamworth Service with Peter Battle. Trading Table.

Fri, 26 May—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with David Bissett.

Sun, 28 May—8am Hallsville Markets,

8:30am Gowrie with Meg Mangan, 11am West Tamworth Service with David Bissett.

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”

www.ucapeelvalley.org.au

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Yoga Classes

Please note that we have a regular booking for a yoga class in the Dunn Hall on Thursday morning from 9:30am-12noon. In recess until 2 March 2017.

Weight Watchers

Regularly meet in our Dunn Hall on Monday afternoons 5-7pm, Tuesday afternoons 5-7pm, Friday mornings from 8:30-10:30am and Saturday Mornings from 8-11am.

Vacancy

The St Andrew's Village have Vacancies at the Retirement Village \$220,000-\$275,000. Contact Jennifer Ward on 6763 3220. Flyer in the foyer.

Stamp Collecting News

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 and sorting. \$25,000 raised last year for UC missions.

Sunday Trading Table

Our bring-and-buy table is selling anything from handiwork to cooking, produce to jams. Stop and buy something this week and donate something another week. After church with the morning tea in the St Andrew's Room.

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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.



LECTIONARY READINGS

Sun 14 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

Mon 15 Acts 8:14-25

Tue 16 Acts 17:22-31*

Wed 17 Revelation 11:15-19

Thu 18 1 Peter 3:1-12

Fri 19 1 Peter 3:13-22*

Sat 20 John 14:15-21*

Sun 21 Psalm 66:8-20*

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)

not one of rigid control? What if the accommodation of God which awaits us has room enough for all? Imagine if the Father's house to which Jesus refers is like C.S Lewis' completed Narnia, which becomes larger the further you go!

It seems that the original recipients of Peter's letter might well have believed themselves to be in a church with boundaries, or internal fencing. Many of them seem to know what it means to be excluded, because of race, or background, or social status. Once again, the New Testament reminds us that we are one household, one community. The strength, or frailty, or sin of other disciples are our strengths and frailties – and sin.

The risen, crucified Jesus calls and confirms us; Jesus is our measure and in Jesus we find our identity. We are chosen because of Jesus, not because of us:

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people.

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All of this is us



Uniting Church in Australia

40 days of prayer from the Assembly to mark our 40th Anniversary.

WEEK ONE Sunday 14 May 2017

– Inaugural prayers for the Uniting Church revisited.

We begin our 40 days of prayer with the first prayer by our first President

Rev. Dr Davis McCaughey at the Service of Inauguration on 22 June 1977.

In peace let us pray to the Lord, For the peace which is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy. For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy churches, and for the unity of them all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy. For Ministers of Word and Sacrament and all others called to minister in the Church of God, that with pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith they may accomplish their ministry, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy. For our homes that they may be holy, for parents and children, brothers and sisters, and all our families let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy. For the rulers of our country and all in authority among the nations, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy. For the sick and the suffering, the sorrowful and the dying - for the homeless and starving, for the prisoners and captives; and for those who suffer persecution, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy. For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may faithfully serve and obey Him in this life and at the last join

those now at rest in unending joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

For this 40th anniversary, the 6th President Rev Dr D'Arcy Wood has updated a prayer of thanksgiving given by his father, Rev Dr A. Harold Wood at the time of the Inauguration.

Mighty and merciful God, you have led your pilgrim people through centuries past and are calling us to serve you today. You have blessed us with gifts of the Holy Spirit. You have given leaders to your Church who have guided us with courage and insight. Despite the failings of your Church, you continue to claim us for yourself, to renew our faith and to send us out to a world in need. We thank you for the inheritance into which we have entered: for the Reformers of the 16th century who preached the centrality of Jesus Christ; for the Evangelical Revival of the 18th century which reached out in fresh ways with the Good News; for the Ecumenical Movement of the 20th century which has brought Christians together across barriers of race, language, culture and tradition. We give you thanks for all who prayed and worked to bring the Uniting Church into being: for those who wrote the Basis of Union; for those in every locality who worked patiently to bring people together; for those who for 40 years have proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, ministered to the sick and suffering, and developed new initiatives in mission. We ask your blessing on your Church in the coming years: that you will draw us closer to other Churches; that you will strengthen our work for justice and peace; that you will help us minister to the poor and distressed, the lonely and alienated, the confused and despairing. May your Spirit of truth and love be our guide both now and in the future, that we may be a faithful servant Church, giving of ourselves and all we have as Jesus gave himself for us. Amen.

Register for daily prayers at assembly.uca.org.au



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.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Harvest Church, Calrossy School, St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church, and the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Congregations seeking ministerial placements across the Presbytery.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda in your prayers this week.

Scripture in Schools

Keep in your prayers the Tamworth Secondary Christian Education Teachers from around our High Schools (Andrew Wilcher & Ross Fotheringham—Farrer volunteers, Belinda Gonsalves—Oxley 3 days, Alison Holder—Peel/Manilla 2 days, and Dave Tankard—Tamworth 2 days). Pray for peaceful & learning-centred classrooms as we work together this term.

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 7777.

MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

Screening Mammogram

Breast Screen NSW Hunter New England offers all women aged 50-90yrs a free Screening Mammogram for the early detection of breast cancer. Call 132050.

Worship on Sunday, 28 May 2017—Ascension Sunday

9am Worship service with Mr David Bissett. Sunday School. Australia's Biggest Morning tea to follow.

Tamworth Choral Society Concert

4 Seasons & A Boat! Delightful music of the seasons and songs of the sea with afternoon tea on Sunday, 28 May from 2:30pm in the Carinya PAC. Tickets from members or at the door: \$15/head or \$30/family.

One Door Mental Health Launch

Mental Health Carer Services are launching their new One Door service on Tuesday, 30 May from 9am in the St Andrew's Room.

Craft Group

Craft Group is held on the first and third Friday each month. Bring along your craft and we'll share in some chit chat, morning tea and get a bit of craft done too. Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891. Next on 2 June.

Lunch & DVD

Our monthly Lunch & DVD is back on Friday, 2nd in the St Andrew's Room from 12noon. \$5/head for lunch. All welcome.

Worship on Sunday, 4 June 2017—Pentecost Sunday

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Please wear something red! Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Diary Dates

UCA 40th Anniversary Celebrations:

- Thursday, 22nd June 7pm Celebration of worship in the Town Hall
 - Friday, 23 June 6pm Up Close & Personal Carter & Carter Concert at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. Tickets now available from the Church Office.
 - Saturday, 24 June 2pm Family Concert with Carter & Carter at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. Tickets now available from the Church Office.
 - Sunday, 25 June 9am Sunday Worship with Carter & Carter here
- Bus Tour—you are invited to join the Lower Murray River Tour 2-10 September organised by the UCA Murray Darling Basin Group. Brochures available in the rear desk.

TODAY'S INFORMATION

Worship on Sunday, 14 May 2017—Easter Week 5

9am Worship service with Suzanne Holloway. Mother's Day. Sunday School. Morning tea to follow.

Korean Reborn Church

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

FETE! FETE! FETE!

The most takings were in the fellowship stakes! Net total \$6,6434. Breakdown: Flowers \$274, Bric-a-brac \$711, Gardening \$655, Barbecue \$263, Cakes \$1,009, Sweets/Jams/Pickles \$1,265, Craft \$564, Devonshire Tea \$327, Dessert \$395, Face Painting/Toys \$97, Guessing Competition \$84, Produce \$382, Antiques/Collectables \$1,200. *Approx figures only.*

Tickets Out Now!

Get in early, buy your tickets for the Carter & Carter Up Close & Personal Concert \$40 or the Carter & Carter Family Concert \$20 from the Church Office now! Part of our 40th Anniversary of UCA.

Uniting World Update

There are a few copies of Uniting World updating on projects available on the rear table.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

KYB Study Groups

Two groups meeting on Mondays, one at 10am in the St Andrew's Room (contact Betty Keys 6766 6624), one at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891).

Opportunity Shop

Our Opportunity Shop is located at 24 Darling Street. Normal hours 10am-4pm Mondays to Fridays and 9am-12noon on Saturdays. Our End of Summer \$1 Sale on all unmarked items this week. Contact Lorraine Furze (0401 762 463) or Judy Phillips (0418 662 081).

Church Office

Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All property bookings through the office. *Nicolette*

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 16 May from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together

Meeting at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Tuesday, 16 May from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Op Shop Working Bee

Held each Wednesday in the Vestry/Shed. All helpers welcome. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Come and join us.

AngliCare—Anger Management

The next AngliCare Anger Management Course will be held on 18 & 25 May at the Coledale Community Centre. Learn practical ways to manage anger and the underlying issues. Register on 6701 8200.

The Syrian Story

Understanding the plight of refugees 7:30pm at St Peter's Anglican Church on May 18. Lauren & Isabel Dale have worked in the middle east for over 20yrs. They visited there in 2016 including a week when they met refugees as they came off boats in Greece. Currently working with refugees and asylum seekers in Melbourne. All welcome.

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Dementia Discussed

A seminar looking at issues regarding dementia and how best to relate to people who have it, especially spiritually. Friday, May 19 at St Peter's Anglican Church 7-9:30pm. The same session is repeated on Saturday, May

20 9:30am-12noon. \$10/head. **RSVP by 15 May** to St Peter's on 6765 9302. The presenter will be Rev Frank van der Korput, previously UCA minister at Quirindi and now aged chaplain.

Cake Stall Reminder

As we approach the 40th Anniversary celebrations, two cake stalls will be held at Bunnings. These stalls will help us connect with the community, will advertise our events, and will help raise funds for our mission work. Dates are Saturday, 20th May and Saturday, 10th June, each commencing at 9am. Please contact Annette Winter on 6765 4507 or Fran Kerr on 6765 5113 if you are able to help with baking, assisting at the stall or providing funds to so others may bake.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

Worship on Sunday, 21 May 2017—Easter Week 6

9am Worship service with Peter Battle. Sunday School. Morning tea.

Private Function

Tamworth Legacy will hold their annual Soup & Damper Lunch in Jubilee Hall on Sunday, 21 May. The Korean Church will join us in the St Andrew's Room for lunch on that day.

Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 23 May from 10am.

Up Front at Church Workshop

Rev Simon Hansford is running an Up Front at Church workshop to learn about reading and presenting in worship on Saturday, 27 May from 9am-12noon. Learn some practical skills on being up front in worship essentially bible reading, leading prayers and standing in front of people. \$10/head. Register with the office.

Friends of Nioka Remembrance Service

Rev Tony Winter will lead the annual Friends of Nioka Remembrance Service on Saturday, 27 May from 2pm in the Church followed by afternoon tea in the St Andrew's Room.

