

Diary Dates

Sun, 20 Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth
11:30am Korean Reborn

Mon, 21 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F
9am-12:30pm One Door Mental Health in St A Rm
9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
1:30pm KYB 26 Upper St
4pm WW in Dunn Hall
5:30pm Dance in Jubilee H

Tue, 22 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
4pm Fete Committee in St Andrew's Room
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

Wed, 23 9am Op Shop Sorting
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

Thu, 24 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room

9:30am Yoga in Dunn H
4:30pm Worship Music

Fri, 25 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall

Sat, 26 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
8am—4pm St Andrew's Village Garage Sale

9am-12noon Op Shop

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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 27 May—Trinity Sunday

8:30am Hallsville Markets & Gowrie Service

9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright E: M Weick, D: J Shottek, H Fergus, W Standen, O: R Richardson, PP J McClelland

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright. *Trading Table.*

5pm Tamworth Southside

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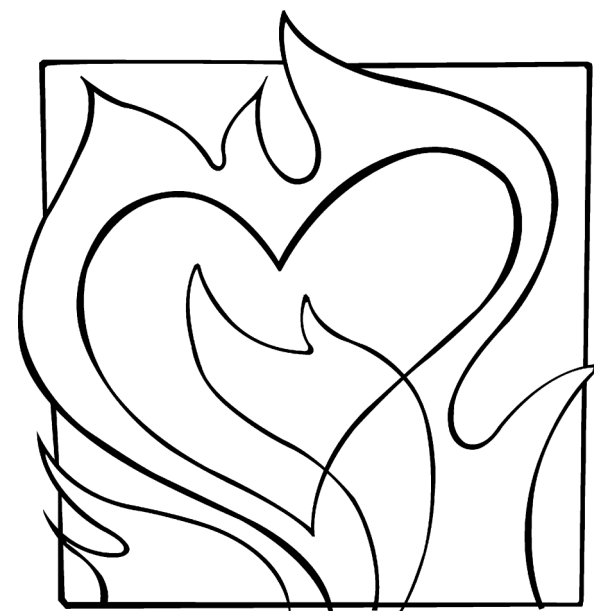
Other Useful Local

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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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



Pentecost

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Pentecost Reflection

Seasons of the Spirit—Alive in Love

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Prayer

Holy Spirit, blow through our hearts, our churches, and our communities with your all-consuming power. Help us speak the language of love not just with our lips, but with our lives. Amen.

Introduction

While this might be the final Sunday in this particular season, the day of Pentecost is only the beginning. This is the day the church comes alive with the “rush of a violent wind,” with preaching and prophesies, with people from all nations hearing and understanding the good news. This new community is on fire for Jesus. Today, we grasp the gospel torch trusting the Spirit to lead our church to new life.

Focus

Two important things for the future of the new church stand out in **Acts 2:1–21**. The first can easily be overlooked in this dramatic story: the followers of Jesus were all together. Presumably “all” means the 120 or so mentioned in Acts 1:15. Why was this group all together? We know enough of the actions of Jesus to know that he attracted people from across the social, racial, and gender divides. The new community had probably only one thing in common – they all had an experience of Jesus. The second thing of great importance to the future of the church is that everyone in the crowd heard about “God’s deeds of power” (v. 11) in their own language. None had to change languages or cultures to hear the good news; none had to become a different person to experience the presence of Christ. The Spirit of God, working in and through the believers, came to people where they were in the language of home and heart. In Acts, the believers speak in the power of the Spirit. In the Hebrew story of creation, the Spirit of God or a wind from God sweeps over the face of the waters, and God speaks creation into being.

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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, 18 May—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Ross Davidson.

Sun, 20 May—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Chris Wright.
Trading Table.

Fri, 25 May—Hallsville—No Service

Sun, 27 May—8am Hallsville
Markets; 8:30am Gowrie Service &
11am West Tamworth Service with
Meg Mangan

Fri, 1 June—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church.

Sun, 3 June—11am West Tamworth
Service. Lunch to Follow.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

Our Goal “To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus.”

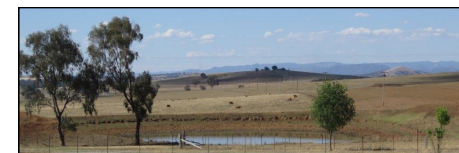
Mission “Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve”

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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



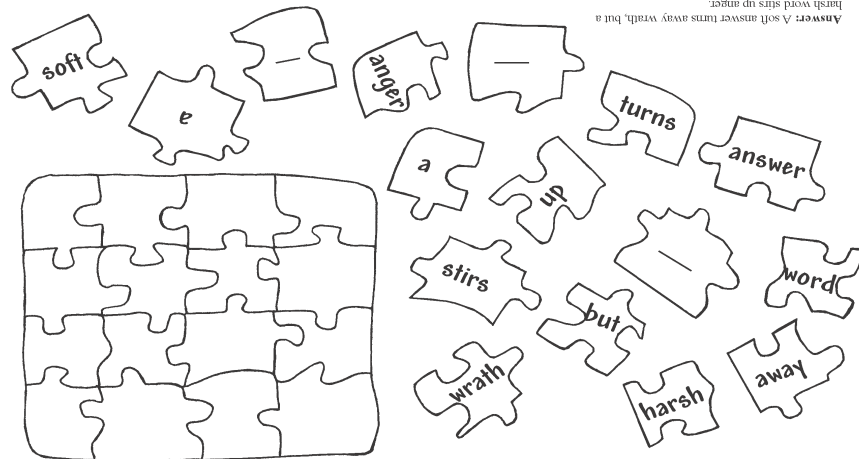
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K I D S K L I P S

Jigsaw Scramble

Write the words that are on the separated pieces onto the matching pieces of the completed puzzle. It is Proverbs 15:1.



Answer: A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Word Find

Start with the T in the upper left corner and write down every other letter across the first line. Continue on with the W in the second line filling in every other letter, and so on. Then go back to the first line starting with the B and then write down every other letter, and so on. (To check your answer, see Proverbs 14:21.)

T B H U O T S H E A
W P H P O Y D A E R
S E P T I H S O E S
T E H W E H I O R A
N R E E I K G I H N
B D O T R O S T A H
R E E P S O I O N R
N * E * R * S * * *

Answer: Those who despise their neighbors are sinners, but happy are those who are kind to the poor.

Lectionary Readings

Sun	20	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Fri	25	Romans 8:12-17*
Mon	21	Isaiah 6:1-8*	Sat	26	Psalm 29*
Tue	22	Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28b	Sun	27	John 3:1-17*
Wed	23	Ezekiel 2:1-10	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	24	Romans 8:1-11			

In Acts, "a sound like the rush of a violent wind" gives the believers the power to speak a new, inclusive church into being.

In **Ezekiel 37:1-14** the question is asked: Is there any life here? Ezekiel's answer is tentative. If God, the giver and sustainer of all life, is present it would be foolish for the prophet to issue a death certificate. Ezekiel is witness to a re-creation as the bones become flesh and the wind of God animates those bodies until they live again. With these stories to inform and inspire him, it is little wonder that in Acts, Peter "raised his voice" to speak the truth that he and the other believers had experienced in the Christ.

The poet of **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** does not subscribe to the giant clockmaker theory of God – a God who winds the world up, and lets it run without further involvement. Instead, God is intimately and continually engaged with creation. The life and death of every creature and the rhythms of nature are all things to which God is continually attentive.

In **Romans 8:22-27** the language of God and the language of creation go much deeper than words can express. All of creation experiences the broken relationship between human beings and each other, between God and creation. The re-creations in Ezekiel and Acts are signposts to a great and universal re-creation, the hope for which sustains all those who wait in faith.

In **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15** Jesus encourages his disciples four times with the news that the Advocate or Spirit will come to be with them. The Spirit will be a teacher to them and tell them the truth. The truth about sin is that it is a deeper malaise than simply the individual actions or inactions of a person (see John 9). The truth about righteousness is that it is a deeper thing than doing the right thing; it comes from the heart that is in tune with God's purposes (see John 1:24, 7:24, and 8:16). The truth about judgment is the good news that Jesus does not judge the world but saves it (see John 12:47).



As we celebrate the birthday of the church, we glorify her creator – the Holy Spirit. The Spirit fills a group of lost, scared followers and makes them preachers. The Spirit gathers people from all nations and makes sure they don't just hear, but truly understand the power of the gospel. The Spirit breathes life into the dry bones in Ezekiel's valley, in Jerusalem's streets, in our own sanctuaries, and in the depths of our very bodies.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 20 May 2018—Pentecost Sunday

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Please wear something red. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: A Ashworth, Door: F Kerr, R & P Pryor, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart.

11am West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Frontier News Out TODAY.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Cedric Bruce-Clarke who passed away during the week. Also to the Simpson family, following the still-birth of David James during the week. Our prayers are with you.

This Week's Events

One Door Mental Health

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 21 & 28 May 9am-12:30pm.

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 on Mondays in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891. All welcome.

Church Office

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

Maintenance Items

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Food Hamper Sunday

Food Hamper Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the month. Bring along something to the office anytime. A shopping list might look like this: 2x1lt UHT milk, 500g sugar, 25 tea bag box, 50g coffee, 100gm tuna/sardines, 2xcuppa coup, 2xrice/pasta pack, 250g biscuits, tin baked beans/spaghetti (ring pull), tin steak & veg (or similar), 2minute noodles, small tinned fruit, small cereal. Thank you everyone.



Diary Dates

- 14 June—Church Council Meeting
- 22 June—SSM Forum at Tamworth Southside
- 23 June—Soup & Damper Trivia Night in St Andrew's Room
- 12-15 July—Emmaus Walks at PLC Armidale
- 6 September—Adult Fellowship Rally at Tamworth City
- 20 October—Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Families and Youth, Mission Outreach, Rainbow Cottage, Young Families Worker and activities. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of India Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Church on the Way, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic Churches, The Father's House, Trinity Church and the Tamworth City Uniting Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Pathways planning 31 May, SSM Forum 22 June.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing to 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.

Fete Committee Meeting

Our wash-up meeting following the Fete will be held on Tuesday, 23 May from 4pm in the St Andrew's Room. All welcome.

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.

Prayer Group

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

Occasional Choir

All singers are welcome to join us to practice a piece for Sunday, 27 May. We will practice on Thursday, 24 May from 4:30pm in Church.

UNITING St Andrew's Village Garage Sale

Keep the date free and come and join us on Saturday, 26 May from 8am to 4pm. Something for everyone—glassware, kitchenware, etc. You name it!! Contact President, Gordon Spencer, for details on 6766 6714.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 27 May 2018—Trinity Sunday

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: M Weick, Door: J Shottek, H Fergus, W Standen, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Richardson.

MSSC Planning Meeting

Meeting at Tamworth Southside on Thursday, 31 May from 9:30am. Pathways presenters, Rev Kath Merrifield and Melanie Dicks will be in attendance to help workshop.

Young Families Worker Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 4pm on Thursday, 31 May.

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, 1 June.

Lunch & DVD

Monthly Lunch & DVD will be held on Friday, 1 June from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch. Stay and enjoy a DVD together. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Kairos Outside

Meeting and Reunion on Saturday, 2 June from 9am for meeting in the St Andrew's Room.

Worship on Sunday, 3 June

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: E Sheppard, R Duns, M Duns, J Carthew, P Battle, Door: C Sheppard, S Perkins, E Gevert, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer.

Congregational Meeting

A congregation meeting has been called for the purpose of election of elders following worship on Sunday, 3 June. Elders seeking election: Judith Archbold, Annabel Ashworth, Peter Battle, Julie Bennett, Judy Carthew, Dianne Cole, Margaret Cupitt, Jeannette Dezius, Norm Dezius, Mariette Duns, Robert Duns, Elaine Fairall, Robyn Hely, Lloyd Johnston, Barbara McLean, Edna Sheppard, William (Bill) Standon, Paul Turner and Marlene Weick. Margot Hobson is a life elder.

Commissioning of Young Families Worker

Everyone is invited to the Commission service for our new Young Families Worker, Sarah Wright. The service will be held at Tamworth Southside from 2pm on Sunday, 3 June. Afternoon tea will follow. An exciting new venture with Tamworth City and Tamworth Southside Congregations joining together in this new area of mission.

Catherine Hamlyn Movie Afternoon

You are invited to come to the Forum 6 Cinemas from 2:30pm for a fund raising afternoon watching the movie "I Can Only Imagine." Afternoon tea and a speaker. Tickets from Forum 6 \$16.50 each.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 5 June from 8am.

City Adult Fellowship

Our monthly Adult Fellowship will get together at the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 June at 9:30am. We are heading to the Art Gallery in Peel Street and going out to lunch afterwards. Come and join us.

City Property Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 5 June from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Friends of Nioka

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

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 6 June from 4pm.

Senior's Communion

Monthly Senior's Communion Service will be held at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 8 June from 10am. Contact Barbara McLean for transport on 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 10 June

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: M Hobson, Door: H McKenzie, M Honeyman, G Chaffey, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday, 11 June

