

Diary Dates

Sun, 27	Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.		4pm Young Families Worker Meeting in St Andrew's Rm
	11:30am Korean Reborn		4:30pm Worship Music
Mon, 28	4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F		8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
	10am-12noon One Door Mental Health in Dunn H		10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room
	9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH	Fri, 1	12noon Lunch & DVD in St Andrew's Room
	10am-4pm Op Shop M-F		8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
	1:30pm KYB 26 Upper St	Sat, 2	9am-12noon Op Shop
	4pm WW in Dunn Hall		9am Kairos Outside Meeting & Reunion in St Andrew's Rm
	5:30pm Dance in Jubilee H	Sun, 3	Tamworth City Worship and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Congregational Meeting—Election of Elders. Morning Tea.
Tue, 29	9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri		11:30am Korean Reborn
	10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper		2pm Commissioning of Sarah Wright @ Southside
	5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall		
Wed, 30	9am Op Shop Sorting		
	6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH		
Thu, 31	8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room		
	9:30am MSSC Planning Meeting at Southside		
	9:30am Yoga in Dunn H		

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 3 June

9am	Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright HC E: E Sheppard, R Duns, M Duns, J Carthew, P Battle, D: C Sheppard, S Perkins, E Gevert, O: R Greer, PP A Winter. Congregational Meeting (Elder Election)
9:30am	Tamworth Southside
11am	West Tamworth—Lunch Together after worship
2pm	TCUC & TSUC—Commissioning of Sarah Wright
5pm	Tamworth Southside



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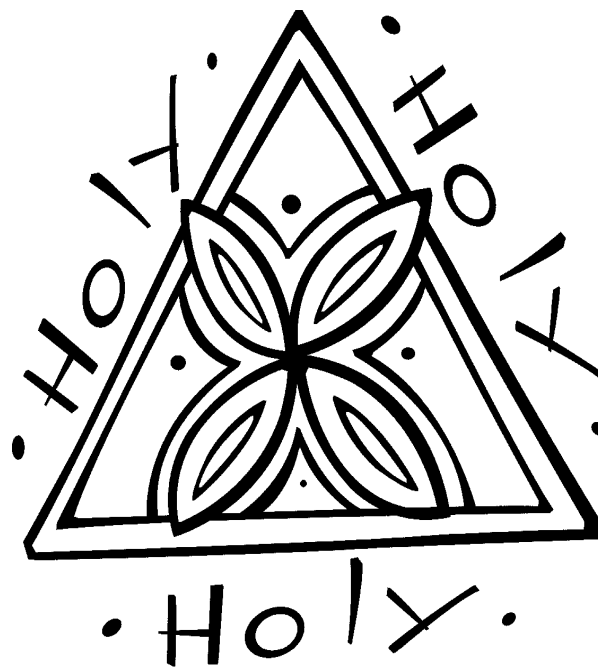
Other Useful Local

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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.



Seasons of the Spirit Reflection

Take Notice...

Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17 and John 3:1-17.

Prayer

God of wonder & might, we marvel at your power & yet are drawn into the intimacy of your triune love. In the clamour of our age, may we be ever attentive & listening for your voice, ready to be shaken out of our complacency, our fear, & our distraction. Amen.

Introduction

On Trinity Sunday we consider the might & awe of the living God who offers an alternate vision to the practices of power that we are so familiar with in our world. The scripture readings speak to us about the wonder of God, who calls us into new ways of being, which run counter to the power dynamics of the day. The challenge for us is whether we are able to hear the call to enter into a living relationship.

Focus

In **Isaiah 6**, we read the story of the call of Isaiah. Specifically dated to the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah's call comes at a time of political intrigue & machination at the international level. The nation of Assyria was flexing its muscles & dominating Judah's neighbours, including Israel & Syria. These two nations were looking to Judah for support to oppose Assyria, pressurizing Ahaz, the Judean king, to join their venture or risk being invaded. Ahaz was fearful, & was responding to this crisis from a place of fear. It is into this context that Isaiah has a dramatic encounter with the living God. At a time of anxiety & fear, when other voices were dominating the airwaves, God calls to Isaiah loudly & decisively. This is no mild, gentle encounter. Occurring while Isaiah was (presumably) praying in the Jerusalem temple, God appears in a way that assaulted Isaiah's senses. Isaiah's sight was overcome with the majesty of God, a God so great that only the hem of God's robe could fit into the temple building. Isaiah's ears were filled with the harsh cries of the winged seraphim. His sensory system was rocked in the shaking of the temple. The decisiveness of this call comes as a counter-voice to the indecisiveness of Ahaz. Ahaz

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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, 25 May—Hallsville—No Service

Sun, 27 May—8:30am 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.

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

Fri, 8 June—Hallsville—No Service.

Sun, 10 June—8:30am Gowrie and
11am West Tamworth HC Service.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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

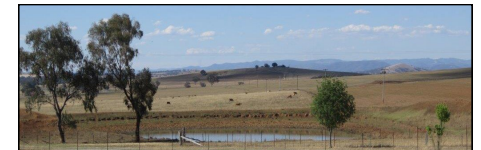
Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

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

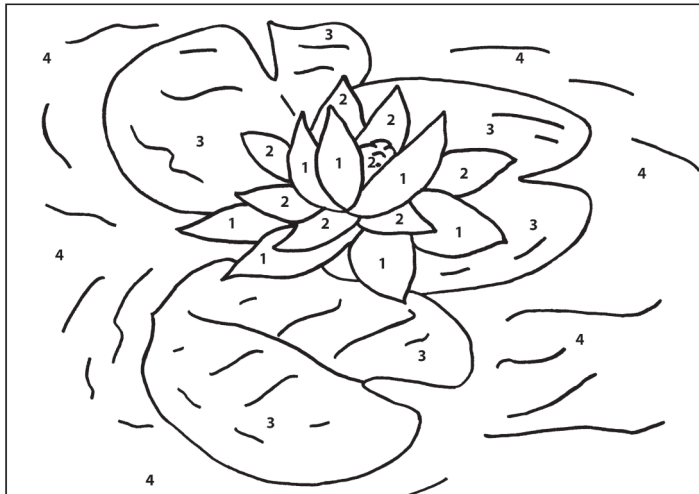


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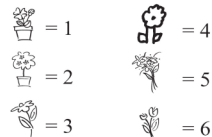
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- 2 = orange
- 3 = green
- 4 = blue



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Answers

Lectionary Readings

Sun 27	John 3:1-17*	Fri 1	Mark 2:23-3:6*
Mon 28	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Sat 2	Mark 3:7-19
Tue 29	1 Samuel 3:11-20	Sun 3	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*
Wed 30	1 Samuel 7:3-12	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 31	2 Corinthians 4:5-12*		

wrongly fears the might of his political rivals, while Isaiah stands before the majesty & power of God, responding in awe & rightful fear. Fearing his own "unclean-ness," Isaiah cries out "woe is me," confessing his inadequacy in the face of God's power, a response which is a far cry of the one soon to be made by Ahaz who refuses to accede his political fear & place his trust in the power of God. Isaiah is cleansed & purified & responds to the call as bearer of a divine message. It is important to hear the power & might portrayed in this passage, a passage which depicts a God-on-high, able to overwhelm & frighten, against the backdrop of the clamorous political voices of Isaiah's day. God speaks into the political chaos & clamour loudly & clearly, offering an alternate vision of true power, & true might. Isaiah responds with confession, worship & commitment; responses ultimately lacking in the responses of Ahaz to come.

Psalm 29 similarly presents the majesty of God. Read alongside the Isaiah passage, we gain a fuller picture of a God who rules, not only the tiny nation state of Judah but a God who rules over the great forces of nature, both the raw & beautiful, & the frightening & chaotic. It is this God who has chosen to enter into relationship with God's people.

Romans 8:12-17 also names the glory & majesty of God, emphasizing that God's spirit liberates people to become "children of God." In the same way, the kings of old were understood to be God's adopted children, God grants a "spirit of adoption," able to reflect God's glory.

In **John 3:1-17**, Nicodemus struggles to hear the message of God he received, limited by the voices of his own day. Nicodemus seeks Jesus out, certain that he "knows" about Jesus. In the conversation that follows, it is clear that Nicodemus is called to a fuller, deeper knowing that goes beyond the cognitive. He is called into a living, transformative relationship, that encompasses his whole being.



Each of the passages this week challenges our knowledge of God. The God of might & power is the same God whose spirit of adoption calls us into a relationship which offers an alternative way of being in the world which runs counter to the power dynamics of our age. What will it take for us to be able to hear, see, & understand what God is calling us to today? Into what situations of political chaos & clamour might God be calling us to speak & act?

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 27 May 2018—Trinity Sunday

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Young Families Worker—Support

Sarah is looking for some assistance with morning tea and helpers for her group that will meet here at Tamworth City on Thursday mornings. See Sarah after church if you can help.

Care Packages

The Share Christmas team, in negotiation with our Bush Chaplain, Rev Phill Matthews, are putting together some Care Packages for farming community get-togethers that are coming up. If you would like to donate some personal/toiletry items, please leave them at the church office in the next two weeks. Thank you.

This Week's Events

One Door Mental Health

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 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.

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.

Maintenance Items

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.

Venture Christian Bookshop—Quirindi

108 George Street, Quirindi 6746 1065. Serving Christ in the community since 1985. Cards for every occasion, bibles, music CD's, DVD's, adult and children's books, giftware also available. They are happy to order in special requirements. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

Home Communion

Do you know someone who might like to have an Elder bring Holy Communion to them in their home? Please let Judith Archbold know (6766 6716).

Worship on Sunday, 17 June

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: J Bennett, Door: W Purss, S Hardin, J Crosling, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Diary Dates

- 19 June 2pm—Senior's Getting Together Fellowship
- 20 June 3pm—Pastoral Partners 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 Pastoral Partners, Elders, UNITING St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Botswana and Zimbabwe in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Southside Uniting Church, Peel Valley Uniting Church, Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church and the Baptism 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.

Church Office

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

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, keeping you warm in the winter.

Prayer Group

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

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. Let the office know if you want to go, so you don't miss out on lunch.

Young Families Worker Support 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.



Next Week & Beyond

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,, please bring a plate. 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.

One Door Mental Health—Carer Support

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

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 with Rev Mark Armstrong. Contact Barbara McLean for transport on 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 10 June

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. NO 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

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 13 June from 10am.

Church Council Meeting

Our bi-monthly Church Council will be meeting on Thursday, 14 June from 4pm. Note that this is a trial at the new time of 4pm.

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 June.