

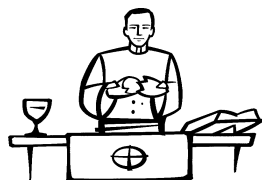
Diary Dates

Sun, 5	Sunday 9am Tamworth City Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn Church</i>	Thu, 9	8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Nursing Home Service at Cottage Homes 9:30am Yoga in StAR 4:30pm Church Music 5:30pm Aikido Karate in JH
Mon, 6	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING StAR 10am One Door Grp DH 5:30-8pm New Vogue JH	Fri, 10	8:30am Social Craft Group in the Dunn Hall 10am Senior Communion at the Village Hall 5pm PRC Meeting in Moree
Tue, 7	8am Meals on Wheels 9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am Adult Fellowship meeting in the St AR 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 7pm Friends of Nioka St AR	Sat, 11	9am-12noon Op Shop 9am NENW Pres Meeting in Moree 10am Family Fun Day DIFO 10am Friendship Force StAR 11am Loco Linedancers JH
Wed, 8	9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Rm 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH 6-7pm Meditation in Church	Sun, 12	Sunday 9am Tamworth City Worship Service & Baptisms with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i>

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 12 May—Easter 4

8:30am	Gowrie Service
9am	Tamworth City Baptism Service with Rev Chris Wright, E: P Turner, Annabel Ashworth, Marlene Weick, D: M Honeyman, D Cole, B Johnston, PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth HC Service
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



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Sunday, 5 May 2019

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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 Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



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Seasons of the Spirit

Easter 3—Turning Point of Transformation

Readings

Acts 9:1–6, (7–20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19.

Prayer

We meet you, O Christ, in the ebb and flow of our lives. We hear you in another's words. We trust you in our need for healing. You are with us in times of life's turning. May your Spirit help us to hear your voice, trust your call, and companion others in your way. Amen.

Reflection

Christ's call to a transformed way of life often comes through those who suffer, the ones with whom Christ identifies. Listening to this call means seeing differently, recognizing ways we have been blind to our complicity and participation in the brokenness of the world. Listening to this call brings us to turning points where we can no longer ignore questions of oppression and brokenness, sustain the unsustainable, benefit from unjust systems and practices. Listening to Christ's call puts us on a journey of transformation.

Biblical Background

Acts 9:1–6, (7–20) It is a haunting question, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" It is a question that has, in every age, hung on the lips of those who suffer persecution at the hands of people who have the power and authority to set the rules, or simply stand to benefit from the existing rules.

"Why do you persecute me because of my gender, my sexual orientation, my ethnicity, my status, my religion?" Up until his Damascus road experience, Saul is blind to his participation in the persecution of Christ, which according to Acts is manifest in the suffering and persecution of those whom Christ loves.

Saul and the religious authorities he represents stand to benefit more from the laws and order imposed by Rome than they would be by standing up against Rome. It is a reasonable calculation because Rome is never shy about using violence to impose the order and peace from which it benefits. The violence threatened by Saul to the Christians in Damascus is an extension of the violence of Rome. As is commonly believed by those benefiting from existing orders, Saul sets out for Damascus confident that,

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.



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.*

Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 3 May—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church

Sun, 5 May—11am West Tamworth Service followed by lunch.

Tue, 7 May—10am Memorial Lane at West Tamworth.

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

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

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

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"

Pastor Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 0408 660 025

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

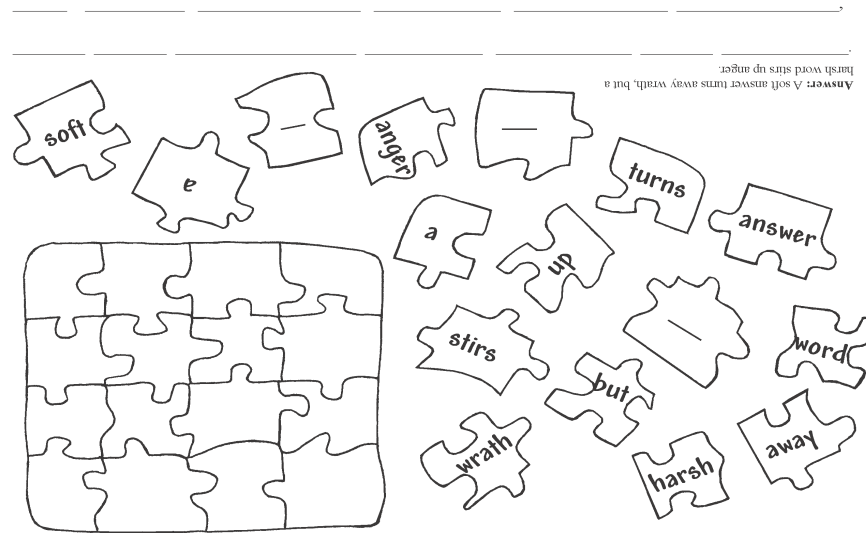
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



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Jigsaw Scramble

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



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	5	Psalm 30*	Fri	10	Acts 10:1-23a
Mon	6	John 10:22-30*	Sat	11	Acts 10:23b-35
Tue	7	John 10:31-42	Sun	12	Psalm 23*
Wed	8	Revelation 7:9-17*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	9	Acts 9:36-43*			

by defending the way things are, he is doing what is right and just.

Along the way, however, Saul has a life-changing experience. It is the beginning of a remarkable transformation that leaves open the possibility that transformation can happen anywhere, anytime for anyone.

Saul's encounter with Christ brings him face-to-face with the truth of his life and his world, setting him on a path of recovery and wholeness. Saul's is the type of transformation and turning point that his world and ours so desperately need. He is entering a movement, proclaimed by the prophets and made incarnate in Christ, in which love triumphs over evil, justice prevails over injustice, peace overcomes violence with love. It begins with Saul's moment of awareness, but it does not end there. Saul's ongoing transformation occurs in the context of community, itself becoming an agent of Christ's transforming love. Saul entrusts his movement toward wholeness to a representative from the very group that has suffered at his hands. Although understandably reluctant at first, as anyone who has suffered at the hands of another might be, Ananias baptizes Saul into a new way of life.

Saul's transformation begins with awareness about his own life and world, moves into community and continues with the challenging work of reparation, justice-making, and healing that this Christ-following way of life requires. As God says to Ananias, "I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name" (v. 16). This is no easy self-indulgent prosperity gospel that is at work in Saul. It is a transformation for the salvation of our world.

Today's additional texts depict transforming encounters with God in other ways. Psalm 30, speaks from a near-death experience and celebrates God who can transform weeping into joy. In Revelation 5:11-14 the community worships. It is an amazing image of love that restores and renews. Peter, in John 21:1-19, reverses his threefold affirmation of love. Peter's transformation and restoration come through an encounter with the risen Christ.



We are an Easter people. As people of faith, we are called to live the hard edge of the gospel that accepts in grace and offers justice to those who have been unjust towards that very community. What trust is required from you to risk transformation, especially places of brokenness, so God's spirit may bring restoration, renewal, transformation? What stories do you know that began personally, spread locally, and became global?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 5 May

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Bec's Emmaus Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 5 May from 3pm.

Church Fete

What a great day! Thank you everyone for being part of our annual Fete. Nice to see some rain too!

Lent Event

Last week to bring along your envelopes.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Mavis Chaffey following the death of her sister, Viv, last week. Also to the families of Susanne Alderson and Elizabeth Wallace who have passed away this week.

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).



Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the PRC meeting on 10 May and the NENW Presbytery Meeting on 11 May in Moree. 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

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).

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.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday mornings from 10am.

Worship on Sunday, 19 May

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Guest—Belinda Gonsalves. Elder: E Fairall, D: M Cupitt, F Kerr, 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.

Diary Dates to Note

- 29th 4pm Young Families Worker Support Group
- 2nd June Australia's Biggest Morning Tea after worship

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.



UNITING Support Group

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

One Door Mental Health Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 6 May from 10am.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Next rostered day will be Tuesday, 7 May from 8am.

Church Office

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

Adult Fellowship

Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, 7 May from 9:30am for morning tea, followed by our meeting. Everyone's welcome to join us.

Locomotive Line Dancing

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

Friends of Nioka

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

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.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 8 May from 10am.

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 a Mother's Day Pamper Surprise on 7th & 9th; Sleep Effect 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-12n.

Nursing Home Service

Rev Chris will lead the nursing home service at Cottage Homes on Thursday, 9 May from 9:30am. All singers and helpers welcome.

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.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 10 May from 10am in the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall with Rev Chris Wright. Contact Barb McLean on 6766 4039.

NENW Presbytery PRC & Meeting in Moree

PRC on Friday 10 May and Presbytery Meeting on Saturday 11 May.

Friendship Force Gathering

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 11 May from 10am.

Doing It For Our Farmers

We continue to work with 'Doing it for our Farmers' and other aid agencies to bring support and assistance to farmers in need. The next event will be a

Family Fun Day on 11 May at the Tamworth PACEWAY 10am-3pm. Gold coin donation entry. Lots of fun for everyone.

Locomotive Line Dancing 5th Birthday Social

Held in the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 11 May from 11am.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 12 May

Worship service and Baptisms with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: P Turner, D: M Honeyman, D Cole, B Johnston, PP J Phillips, O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Mother's Day.

Nergis Foundation

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

CAP Money Course

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

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.