

Diary Dates

Sun, 6 Tamworth City Worship & HC with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn
2:30pm Choral Society Concert at Carinya PAC

Mon, 7 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F
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, 8 8am Meals on Wheels
9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

Wed, 9 9am Op Shop Sorting
10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Room
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

Thu, 10 8:30am Prayer Group in Wesley Room
9:30am Yoga in Dunn H

Fri, 11 4:30pm Worship Music
8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village
2pm Induction of Rev Henry Swindon at Alblas Lodge

Sat, 12 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Op Shop
9am NENW Presbytery Meeting in Inverell UC
12noon Private Function in Jubilee Hall

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11:30am Korean Reborn



Jesus' body broken for you



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 13 May—7th Sunday in Easter/ Ascension Sunday

9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright E: R Duns, D: M Duns, J Carthew, R Barclay, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips

9am Hallsville HC Service

9:30am Tamworth Southside

11am West Tamworth HC

5pm Tamworth Southside



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

Love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12



Easter Reflection

Seasons of the Spirit—Loving Friends

Focus scriptures: John 15:9-17, Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98 & 1 John 5:1-6.

Prayer

Loving God, open our hearts to love more freely and more fully. Abide in our hearts. Flow into our lives with wonder and joy. Help us to offer ourselves generously, as we learn how to be a friend and show the gifts of true friendship. Amen.

Introduction

Through the scripture reading this week, we hear how we are connected to one another in love. We are grounded in Christ the vine, and the love of God runs – like sap – through us the branches, producing fruits of love. Creation celebrates and praises God. Even God’s judgment is filled with love, righteousness, and equity. We find our hearts alight, dancing with the Spirit.

Focus

John 15:9–17: Jesus shows us how to be a loving friend though his deepening relationship with the disciples. His love for God permeated his call and life. The writer of the gospel of John creates a visual parenthesis around this text, using imagery of Jesus as the vine and us the branches. We do not escape from essential sap running through our veins – God’s love is a part of our very makeup.

Jesus calls the disciples to abide or remain in his love. Because we love Jesus and Jesus loves us, we will show love. Christ’s embodiment of the love of God is both loving God and being loved by God. Jesus came to show this love. If we don’t love others, we don’t love God.

Jesus gives further encouragement to the disciples as he moves from the metaphor of vine and branches to disciples as friends – not servants. Jesus is preparing the disciples for his ascension and moves them from earlier

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, 4 May—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Jim Newton.

Sun, 6 May—11am West Tamworth
Church with Jim Newton. Lunch
afterwards.

Fri, 11 May—Hallsville No Church.

Sun, 13 May—8:30am Gowrie Service
and 11am West Tamworth HC
Service.

Tue, 15 May—10am Memory Lane at
Wet Tamworth

Fri, 18 May—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church.

Sun, 20 May—8:30am Gowrie

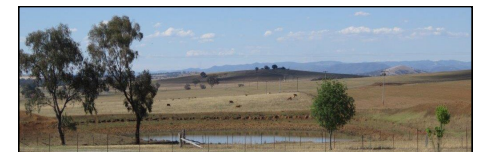
Service. 11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Chris Wright.
Trading Table.

Tue, 1 May—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth.

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"
Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337

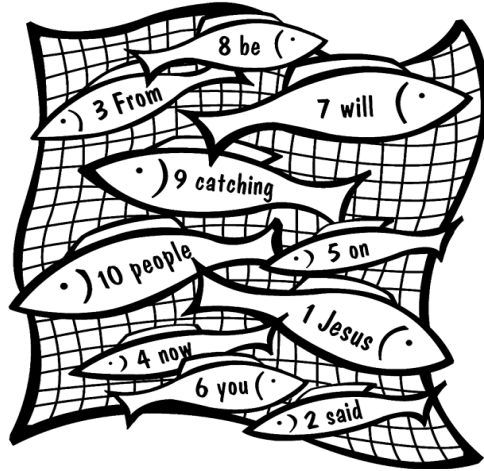


A Fish Story

In Luke 5:1–11, Jesus teaches people about God while he sits in a boat. Then he went fishing with his disciples. Read the story. Then choose words from the fish in the net that will fill each blank below. Then you can read what Jesus told his disciples.

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____
 " _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____
 _____ 9 _____
 _____ 10 _____ "

Answer: Jesus said, "From now on you will be catching people." Luke 5:11



How Big Is Your Faith?

Cross out every other letter (the first one is done for you). Then write the remaining letters in the space provided to find out how Jesus described heaven.

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Answer: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds, but grows to be the greatest of trees. Matthew 13:31-32

Lectionary Readings

Sun 6	Psalm 98*	Fri 11	1 John 5:9-13*
Mon 7	Acts 1:1-11	Sat 12	John 17:6-19*
Tue 8	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*	Sun 13	Psalm 1*
Wed 9	Psalm 93	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 10	Luke 24:44-53		

teachings of "the first shall be last and the last first" to being named as those who stand in Christ's place. The disciples referred to in this section of the gospel of John are neither numbered or named. This extends Jesus' call to love to all who follow Jesus. The abiding presence of Christ is good news for disciples of every age. As we love each other, we experience the love of Jesus for us, a love as full as the love of God for Jesus. Disciples are empowered and emboldened to be Christ's love in the world.

In living Peter's emboldened call in **Acts 10:44–48**, the Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word as he speaks. The Holy Spirit does not discriminate, rather the message of God is a message for all.

Psalm 98 calls all creation to join a new song, celebrating God's presence. God's faithfulness and steadfast love will be known by all.

1 John 5:1–6 speaks of a faith that conquers the world – a faith in the child of God, Jesus the Christ. Our direction is clear – to draw into the love of God is to obey God's commandments. These commandments are not burdensome but offer freedom.



We are charged by Jesus with a task as his friend – to love one another. Jesus sees this as the greatest commandment:

To love a neighbour, to love a friend, to love a stranger, to love a guest, to love an enemy. We are called to share God's love with the world around us. While we may want to play a game of choice, we are to love everyone. We are to show love, care, and respect – even when those we are called to love and serve may not have showered in a week, or don't carry the look we would prefer. God loves wholly, fully, completely.

We're called to do the same.

What does it mean to you that Jesus calls you friend?

How do such friends support one another as the community that is the Body of Christ?

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 6 May 2018—6th Sunday in Easter

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School Resumes. Morning Tea. Elder: M Duns, R Duns, J Bennett, M Hobson, P Battle, Door: N & J Dezius, M Cupitt, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Choral Society Concert

The Tamworth Choral Society are presenting "From Hammerstein to Bernstein Musical Melodies." A delightful selection of musical numbers, chosen from some of the great musical partnership of our time. Afternoon tea will follow. Sunday, 6 May at 2:30pm in the Carinya PAC. Adults \$15, Families \$30. Tickets available from Choir members or at the door.

Church Fete

What an exciting day. Lots of fellowship. Lots of fun. Thank you everyone for your dedication to holding our annual fete. A job well done to everyone!

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to John Nash, following the death of Dianne during the week. Dianne's funeral will be held on Tuesday at Tamworth Southside UC. We keep them in our prayers.

Our sympathy is also extended the family of Yvonne Cook who passed away last week.

This Week's Events

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).

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.

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.

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.



Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across out Presbytery . The next meeting will be on 12 May in Inverell.

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.

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. In recess during the holidays.

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.

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.



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.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

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.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting on Wednesday, 9 May from 10am in the St Andrew's Room.

Prayer Group

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

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 11 May from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Hall. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Induction of Rev Henry Swindon

UNITING and the New England Northwest Presbytery will be inducting Rev Henry Swindon into the Chaplain's role at the St Andrew's Village on Friday, 11 May from 2pm in Alblas. RSVP to our office by Tuesday, 8th if you would like to attend.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

The quarterly Presbytery meeting will be held in Inverell on Saturday, 12 May. Keep their deliberations in your prayers.

Private Function

Private Function in Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 12 May from 2pm.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 13 May 2018—7th Sunday in Easter (Ascension Sunday)

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Elder: R Duns, Door: M Duns, J Carthew, R Barclay, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson.

One Door Mental Health

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 14, 21 and 28 May 9am-12:30pm.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 15 May 9am-12noon.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Village Hall on Tuesday, 15 May 2pm.

Elder Nominations Close

Tuesday, 15 May.

Op Shop Volunteer's Morning Tea

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 16 May from 10am.

Occasional Choir

All singers are welcome to join us to practice a piece for Sunday, 27 May. We will practice on Thursdays, 17 and 24 May from 4:30pm in Church.

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, 18 May.

Friends of Nioka—Remembrance Service

Saturday, 19 May at 2pm. All are welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will following in the St Andrew's Room.

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.

Lay Ethical Training

NENW Presbytery are offering a Lay Ethical Training Workshop on Saturday, 26 May from 8:30am at Manilla Uniting Church. If you would like to attend please contact the office asap.

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.

Diary Dates

- 31 May—MSSC Planning Day
- 1 June—Craft, Lunch & DVD
- 2 June—Kairos Outside meeting & reunion
- 3 June—2pm Commissioning of Young Families Worker at Southside
- 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 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.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in your prayers this week.

