

DIARY DATES

Sun, 11 Remembrance Day 9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn	6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 6pm Meditation Service
Mon, 12 7-11am Power Outage 8am-12noon nbn? 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am UNITING Support StAR 1:30pm KYB Study at 26 Upper Street 4pm WW in Dunn Hall 5:30pm Dance Grp in JH	Thu, 15 8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall 10am Stepping Stones St AR 4:30pm Worship Music 4:30pm Occasional Choir
Tue, 13 9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9:30am Linedancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall	Fri, 16 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall 10am Craft Group in the St Andrew's Room 5pm Emmaus Mamamia Night in Jubilee Hall
Wed, 14 9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Rm 4:30pm Elders Fellowship in St Andrew's Room	Sat, 17 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 8am-12noon Frontier Services Cake Stall Bunnings 9am-12noon Op Shop 12noon Kairos Outside Reunion in St Andrew's Rm
	Sun, 18 9am Tamworth City Hymn Service with Barry Gillett. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth—CW 11:30am Korean Reborn

PREACHING PLAN

Sunday, 18 November 2018

9am	Tamworth City with Mr Barry Gillett, E: M Hobson, D: W Townsend, H Fergus, J Crosling; O: R Cathcart, PP: J Carthew
9:30am	Tamworth Southside HC Service
11am	West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright, trading table to follow
5pm	Tamworth Southside Dinner HC Service



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WELCOME TO TAMWORTH CITY

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading us in worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

THE WAY OF GIVING AND RECEIVING

Focus scripture: Mark 12:238-44.

Additional scriptures:

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; and Hebrews 9:24-28.

God of hope, lead all who are vulnerable to places of sanctuary where life may be sustained and hope may be found. Strengthen us to serve you in all we say, in all we do, in all we give.

Appearances loom large in today's passages. Gifts are not what they seem; the great come under scrutiny; widows receive honour. Solid things are revealed to be illusions, and valuables prove to be vanities. God's presence and our trust reveal the "real."

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

Jesus warns against leaders who seek to draw attention to themselves by their dress, by the greetings they evoke, and by the places they take not just in society but also within the worshipping community. Their ethics reek to high heaven (devouring widows' houses is about as low as you can go), while they keep up appearances with pious shows of long prayers. Communities where leadership is focused on prestige and trappings will invariably fail in their duty to care for the "little ones," to use a term from Mark's gospel referring to those who are vulnerable.

Jesus then draws attention to a destitute widow as she puts two copper coins in the temple treasury. She remains anonymous in contrast to the scribes who proudly project their egos to the world around them. In Greek, the word used for the widow's coins is *lepton*, which means "a tiny thing." This *lepton* was the smallest coin, the smallest unit of money in circulation during that time and place. It would take between four to eight of these coins to make a penny.

Jesus makes clear that this widow is "poor" (v. 42). There are two Greek words used in the New Testament for the word poor: one refers to someone

SOUTHSIDE SCENE

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC
3rd Sunday.

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

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays.

Prayer Team: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

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

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on Thursdays.

**Moore Creek Pot Luck Dinner &
Discussion:** 6:30-9pm 1st Wed.

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st
Saturday each month.

Fair Trade Market Evening: 1
December 6-9pm.

**World AIDS Day Remembrance
Service:** 2 December 5pm.

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATIONS

Tue, 6 Nov—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church.

Sun, 11 Nov—8:30am Gowrie Service
and 11am West Tamworth Service
followed by Peel Valley Church
Council AGM

Thurs, 15 Nov—2:30pm Peel Valley
Bible Study at West Tamworth.

Fri, 16 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church.

Sun, 18 Nov—11am West Tamworth
with Rev Chris Wright. Trading Table
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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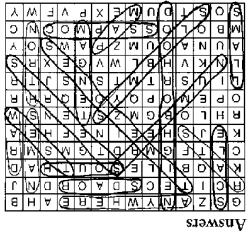
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Word Find



G	S	Z	A	N	Y	W	H	E	R	E	A	H	B
R	C	I	T	E	C	S	D	A	O	R	D	N	J
K	A	Q	B	I	L	E	S	O	U	T	H	A	D
C	L	T	F	G	M	R	D	T	G	M	S	M	R
K	E	J	S	H	E	E	I	N	E	F	H	E	A
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S	O	S	T	D	U	M	E	X	P	V	F	W	Y

- Anywhere
- Compass
- Draw
- Magnet
- Map
- Names
- Neighborhood
- North
- Number
- Roads
- Scale
- Small
- Star
- Streets
- South
- Symbols
- Time Zones
- West

God's Road Map

The Bible is like a road map showing us the way we should go. Fill in the blanks with the words you find in the WORD FIND. Some words may be used twice or may not be used at all.

- Lines from one side of the map to the other are from east to _____.
- You can _____ a map to show where you live.
- A _____ has a direction needle.
- The direction needle always points _____.
- On a map a _____ usually means a capital.
- Lines running up and down are north and _____.
- _____ are used on maps to show mountains, rivers, and cities.
- There is a _____ on each map to show how much distance is a mile.
- A local map shows _____ in a town.
- The area right around your home might be called your _____.
- If you are lost, a _____ will tell you which direction is north, south, east and west.
- A _____ can help you find your way in a new area.
- On maps of countries, there are lines that show _____ where you would change your watch when traveling.
- A map makes a very large area look _____.
- With a compass and a map you can find your way to just about _____.

1. west 2. draw 3. compass 4. north 5. star 6. south 7. symbols 8. scale 9. street 10. neighborhood 11. compass 12. map 13. time zones 14. small 15. anywhere

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sun	11	Psalm 127*	Fri	16	Daniel 12:1-3
Mon	12	1 Samuel 1:4-20*	Sat	17	Psalm 16*
Tue	13	1 Samuel 2:1-10*	Sun	18	Mark 13:1-8*
Wed	14	Hebrews 10:11-18	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	15	Hebrews 10:19-25			

who doesn't have a steady job (*penes*), the other describes someone who is a beggar (*ptoche*). Mark's widow is identified as *ptochoi*; she is the poorest of the poor.



It is significant that the widow possesses two coins, since this means that she potentially could have given one to the treasury and kept one for herself. Instead, she gives it all, "everything she had, all she had to live on" (v. 44). In Greek, this verse reads that she literally gives "her whole life."

The widow's presence in the temple demonstrates sacrificial love but it also exposes the oppressive nature of a system that has made her destitute. Those two coins hitting the bottom of the treasury sound a reminder to the "powers that be" of their responsibilities to her and to all who are powerless. Will her call to be served by those who claim to serve God be answered? In our claims to serve God, how do we respond to those who cry out for justice?

Jewish law is unambiguous in its demand for the care of widows. In **Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**, Boaz acknowledges his obligation and the story attributes the birth of Obed to God's blessing. As in many passages in Hebrew scripture, just action results in blessing.

Images of safety, security, and prosperity fill **Psalm 127**. The particulars are specific to the culture of the time and place, but the essence of the vision is universal and timeless. It's worthwhile to explore the connections between just giving and this picture of abundance for all. How does our trust in God enable blessings for all?

The affirmation in **Hebrews 9:24-28** is that Christ's offering is sufficient, justice has been done. Salvation is available to all who will live in trust. If justice has indeed been done, then we can have the courage to give everything.

As in the psalm, when God builds we can live in confidence.

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How does justice result in blessing for all, both givers and receivers? What does God's call for justice, sounded in the drop of two small coins into the treasury box, mean for you?

TODAY'S INFORMATION

Worship on Sunday, 11 November

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Service in Town Hall—Rev Chris Wright 10:30am.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Frontier Services

Frontier News—Out Today. Grab a copy to read about the work being carried out by Frontier Services around Australia.

UnitingWorld Everything in Common

UnitingWorld's Ethical Gift Catalogue is out now. Offering fits that give people the tools they need to overcome poverty and built hope. When you shop at Everything in Common, you're giving twice: once to friends and family to let them know you're on board with their passion for a better world; once to people in Asia, Africa or the Pacific who are working hard to make it happen. Booklets available to take today.

Plumbing

The repairs to the sewer line have been completed. We will have to wait for the soil to settle before relaying the pavers. This could take up to a month. Please use the Jubilee Hall side entrance to St Andrew's Room (or come through the office) in the meantime. Thank you for your patience.

Annual Reports

Available for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 18 November 10am.

Farmer Care Packages

Sue-Ellen continues to work with local farmers. Providing support and assistance through purchasing water, hay and farm supplies, offering food and vouchers as well as a listening ear.



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.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School and St Peter's Anglican Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers congregations seeking ministry agents and those who are without a ministry agent at this time (strength and encouragements for those leading).

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing to lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda, Alison and Dave. 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

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.

Advent Retreat Day

Join us for our Advent Retreat Day on Saturday, 1 December 9am-2pm at Burrabaroo Girl Guide Camp, Porcupine Lane, Tamworth. Our theme will be "Forgiveness". What to bring: your lunch, a bible, writing materials (pen & Paper, folding chair and/or cushion/run, sunscreen and a hat. Let the office know you'll be coming.

Southside Fair Trade Market Evening

Saturday, 1 December from 6-9pm. Join us for a light meal; hear stories of hope; experience gift shopping fair trade style; a hands and hearts event empowering the poor and marginalised. For catering please rsvp tsuoffice@gmail.com or phone 6765 3714.

Worship on Sunday, 2 December

Worship service and holy communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: E Sheppard, R & J Dezius, J Carthew, P Battle, Door: C Sheppard, E Gevert, J Phillips, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer. Christmas Bowl. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

World AIDS Day Remembrance Service

Tamworth Southside invites you to our annual World AIDS Day Remembrance service at 5pm on Sunday, 2 December. We mourn, we respect, we pray, we act, we remember.

Coffee Cake & Carols

Tamworth Choral Society invite you to come to their Coffee, Cake & Carols evening on Sunday, 2 December at 7:30pm in the St John's Anglican Church. \$15/head, \$30/family. Supper in the hall afterwards.

Diary Dates

- 3 December—One Door Mental Health Carer Support
- 4-11 December—Rainbow Cottage rehearsals in Jubilee Hall
- 7 December—Craft, Lunch & DVD in St Andrew's Room
- 8 December—6pm Carols in the Bicentennial Park
- 9 December—12noon Tamworth Songwriters in St Andrew's Room



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Essential Energy—Power Outage

We have been advised that there will be a power outage on Monday, 12 November from 7am-11am on the church premises.

UNITING—Support Group

UNITING support group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care until the end of November.

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 Street. Contact 6766 6891. Studying Galatians.

Church Office

Regular hours 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.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 November from 10am.

Elders Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 November from 4:30pm.

Meditation Service

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm in the Church Chapel area. You're most welcome.

Early Risers Prayer Group

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

Stepping Stones

Weekly young families group meeting in the St Andrew's Room with our Young Families Worker, Sarah. 9:30am for morning tea on Thursdays. Joan Crosling is helping out this week.

Occasional Choir

Practicing on Thursday, 15 November in preparation for Hymn Service on Sunday, 18 November. And Christmas Appeal Launch on Monday, 19th at 10am in Target. All singers welcome.

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, 16 November.

Emmaus—Mamamia Night

In Jubilee Hall on Friday, 16 November from 6pm-9pm.

Frontier Services Cake Stall

Cake stall at Bunning by Frontier Services on 17 November, commencing at 8am. Funds raised will be used by Frontier Services to assist drought affected farmers. We'd love to see as many as possible support this worthy event. For further details, please contact Annette Winter on 6765 4507 or 0428 654 507. Thank you, Annette.

Kairos Outside Reunion

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 17 November from 12noon.

Worship on Sunday, 18 November

Hymn service with Mr Barry Gillett at 9am. Elder: M Hobson, Door: W Townsend, M Cupitt, J Crosling, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart.

Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright 11am.



NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

2018 Christmas Appeal Launch

Everyone is invited to come to the Annual Christmas Appeal Launch at Target, near the entrance, on Monday, 19 November from 10am. Local member Kevin Anderson will be launching the appeal this year, Mayor, Col Murray will also be in attendance. Please join us.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 20 November from 8am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Our last meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, 20 November 12noon for 12:30pm lunch at Hallsville Uniting Church. Special thanks to the Red Cross for catering for our lovely lunch. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 21 November from 10am.

Wedding

Tamworth City Uniting Church on Saturday, 24 November.

Worship on Sunday, 25 November

Worship service and baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Archbold (M Duns B), Door: F Kerr, W Feggans, M Cupitt, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Congregational Christmas Lunch

Sunday, 25 November from 12noon at Joe Maguires Pub. We will have our own room. Numbers to Rob & Mariette Duns by Tuesday, 22 November. (6766 9909) Order and pay for your own meal and drinks. Come and enjoy fellowship together at our Christmas Lunch. All welcome.

NBN Change-over

We are hoping to sail through our change-over to NBN in the church office on Tuesday, 27 November.

Emmaus Board Meeting

Held in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 29 November from 6pm.