

Diary Dates

Sun, 17 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Will Pearson. Morning Tea.
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch

Mon, 18 9am-12noon Church Office
 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
 10am Uniting in St A Room
 12noon Op Shop Lunch at Southgate Inn

Tue, 19 Church Office Closed
 9am AIR in St AR
 9:30am LLine Dancers JH
 10am Pres Bookkeeper
 12noon Senior's Getting Together Lunch at Hallsville

Wed, 20 9am-2pm W-F Church Office
 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest
 6pm Meditation in Chapel
 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH

Thu, 21 9:30am Stepping Stones DH
 9:30am Yoga in St AR
 4:30pm Church Music

Fri, 22 6:30pm New Vogue JH

Sat, 23 9am-12noon Op Shop

Sun, 24 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch
 12noon Congregational Christmas Lunch at Dragon Palace



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 24 November—Reign of Christ Sunday

8:30am Gowrie—Evelyn Keane
 8:30am Hallsville—Markets
 9am Tamworth City—Rev Will Pearson—Elder: J Dezius; Door: N Dezius, J Crosling, B Mills; PPoint: J McClelland; Organ: R Greer
 9:30 Tamworth Southside
 11am West Tamworth—Evelyn Keane. Congregational AGM to follow.



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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today at Tamworth City. Rev Will Pearson will be leading our service. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



Sacredise Daily Worship

People who witness...

Thought for the Week

In the midst of a turbulent world it can be very difficult to hold on to hope and to continue to do the right thing when so many people around us are living by the values of expediency and selfcentredness. Contrary to what some preachers may say, Jesus did not promise to protect us from the pain of living in such difficult times. The Gospel reading for this Sunday makes that very clear. But, what Jesus did promise was that we would be empowered by God's Spirit to stay faithful and to witness to the world about the way of Jesus and the life it brings.

It may feel daunting to face the call to be a witness to Christ, but this doesn't mean that God is asking you to stand on street corners and preach. Rather, in the midst of a world of suffering, our best witness is to reject selfishness and think of others, to reject despair and continue to hope, to reject violence and work for peace, and to reject division and hatred in favour of love for those around us. These Christlike attitudes and actions do not require dramatic efforts. They are expressed in the simple routines of our daily lives.

This week we will meditate on living as people who witness, in our daily interactions and routines, to Christ's love and hope.

Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Reflection

It's amazing how, in spite of their history, the people of Israel still revered the Temple so highly. It's not that it was wrong for them to appreciate having a place to gather and to worship, but the Temple had tended to become an object of worship in itself. When it was destroyed at the time of the exile it threw the people into despair because they believed that, with no Temple, God could not longer be available to them. It took a number of prophets to remind them that God was not confined to a building. In today's reading, we see that the same

Southside Scene



Worship: 9:30am Sundays. HC 3rd Sunday. In recess 5pm Dec/Jan.

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

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

Prayer Team: 3pm Tuesdays.

Lectionary Study & Worship

Preparation: 4pm Tuesdays.

Motor Bike Ride: 9am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

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

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on alternate

Thursdays.

Men's Bowls: 9:45am 2nd & 4th

Friday North Tamworth Bowling Club

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

Hands & Hearts: Fairtrade Sunday, 1 December from 11am.

Carols on the Carpet: 5:30pm on 15th December. Farewell for Sarah.

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,

Peel Valley Congregations

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST

TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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

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Fri, 15 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church—Rev Henry Swindon.

Sun, 17 Nov—8:30am Gowrie Service and West Tamworth Service with Rev Henry Swindon. Trading Table.

Tue, 19 Nov—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

Thu, 21 Nov—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth.

Sun, 24 Nov—8:30am Markets at Hallsville, 8:30am Gowrie Service, 11am West Tamworth

Service and Congregational AGM to follow.



Word Match

In the shapes below cross out the two words that go together. Write the word that is left in the same shape above (some are repeated).

Shapes and words provided for matching:

- Bell: them table chairs
- Dove: to girl boy
- Candle: others pencil pen
- Heart: mother father as
- Flower: flower petal you
- Star: would spoon fork
- Balloon: have friend enemy
- Bell: apples do orange

Answers: Do to others as you would have them do to you. - Luke 6:31

Make Jesus Smile

Would Jesus smile or frown if we did these things? Circle the letter under the smiling face or the frowning face. Then write the circled letters in the blanks below.

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| 1. Give a person a smile | y | a | 1 | 12. Throw a fit at bedtime | k | i | 12 |
| 2. Take a flower to a sick person | o | f | 2 | 13. Clean your room | l | j | 13 |
| 3. Pick a neighbor's flowers without asking | g | u | 3 | 14. Pick up your toys | l | t | 14 |
| 4. Share a toy | r | n | 4 | 15. Go to your friends' without asking | d | b | 15 |
| 5. Hit someone | i | r | 5 | 16. Sit quietly in church | e | s | 16 |
| 6. Run into the street without looking | o | e | 6 | 17. Share your treats | g | p | 17 |
| 7. Push someone ahead of you | b | w | 7 | 18. Be selfish with your toys | g | r | 18 |
| 8. Let someone go ahead | a | h | 8 | 19. Invite someone to share a meal | e | u | 19 |
| 9. Give your seat to an elderly person | r | l | 9 | 20. Kick someone if they don't let you play | e | a | 20 |
| 10. Trip someone | m | d | 10 | 21. Cry if you don't get your way | r | t | 21 |
| 11. Thank your caregiver | w | c | 11 | | | | |

Jesus said, " _____ " Luke 6:35b
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
 Answer: "Your reward will be great"

Lectionary Readings

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| Sun 17 | Isaiah 12* | Fri 22 | 1 Corinthians 15:19-28 |
| Mon 18 | Jeremiah 23:1-6* | Sat 23 | Luke 23:33-43* |
| Tue 19 | Deuteronomy 17:14-20 | Sun 24 | Luke 1:68-79* |
| Wed 20 | Psalms 46 | * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings | |
| Thu 21 | Colossians 1:11-20* | | |

reverence for the Temple remained in the hearts of God's people. How shocking it must have sounded for the disciples when Jesus spoke so confidently and easily about the coming destruction of this grand edifice. Jesus' words were fulfilled in the war of 66 - 70 AD, when the Romans sacked Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple.

When Jesus spoke about these terrible events, he offered his followers no promise of escape or protection. Rather, he called them to remain faithful and to witness to God's grace and love through the turmoil. Persecution was to be seen as an opportunity to share faith, and betrayal was a chance to show the power of God by remaining faithful and loving throughout.

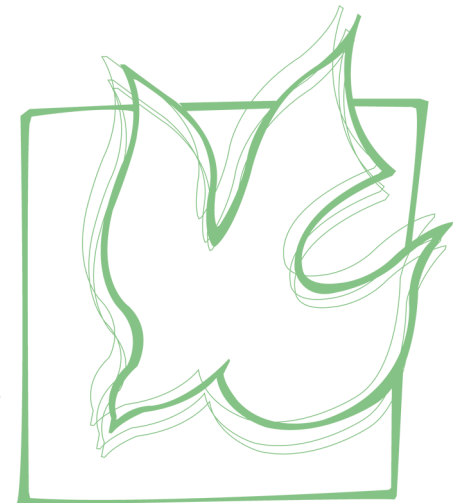
It's important for us to remember this call of Jesus as we face trials today. Few of us will be threatened with death for our faith, but we will be tempted to respond to the taunts and betrayals of friends and opponents with anger and vengeance. But, the way of Christ calls us to respond, even to our antagonists, with grace and love. How can you do this today?

Practice for Today

One of the best ways to express love to others – especially those who oppose or persecute us – is to speak words of blessing (benedictions) over them. When people see that we won't play their antagonistic game, it often softens their hearts and stirs an interest in the way of Jesus. Try to speak blessing over everyone you encounter today.

Breath-Prayer for Today

Bless everyone I interact with today, O God, whether friend or foe.



I will give you words and wisdom
 Luke 21:15

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Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 17 November

9am Worship Service with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: E Sheppard; D: M Honeyman, M & D Miles; PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

With Love to the World

Would you like to receive this daily devotional? Or continue to receive it? Please contact the office. The cost will remain \$20/year (billed in January).

Hospitality/Visitation

While Rev Will Pearson is here with us, he would like to visit as many people as possible. If you'd like to have a visit please let Will know (0431 150 253).

Congregational AGM

Congratulations—Deputy Chairperson: Peter Battle, Church Council Reps: Judith Harding, John McClelland, Heather McKenzie, Dorothy Miles, Sandra Perkins, Judy Phillips and Ray Pryor, Lay Preaching Rep: Barry Gillett, Presbytery Reps: Margot Hobson and Peter Battle, Presbytery Alternates: Judith Harding and Paul Turner.

Doing It For Our Farmers

We continue to support our local farmers with drought relief packages, vouchers and prayers. There is always someone in need. Keeping those affected by the bushfires in our prayers as well.

Target/UnitingCare Christmas Appeal

Do you know someone who'd appreciate some help this Christmas? Let the office know. You can buy a Bauble at Target or make a donation to the office. Wrap a box in readiness for our big drive from Monday, 16 December. Collection day is 19th December. Every little bit helps. This year we are including our DIFOF farmers, so it's all hands on deck!

2019 Christmas Appeal reminders: 1 November books open for those who need to put their name down; closing on 10 December.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. Funding 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

Housekeeping Item

Please report all incidents/accidents to the office, even if there is no further action. We need to keep a record for our insurance. Thank you.

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.



Children & Young Families Ministry Coordinator



The Tamworth Uniting Churches are seeking to continue a Children & Families Ministry Coordinator in their ministry. 12-month position commencing 19 January 2020. The applicant will be a committed Christian who brings energy, creativity and enthusiasm to:

- **resource** ministry with children and families;
- **facilitate** the development and implementation of innovative and dynamic ministry;
- **assist** in the pastoral oversight for children and their families;
- **encourage** and **model** best practice in the area of children and families' ministry.

Registrations of interest in the position will close on Tuesday, 26 November. Contact the Uniting Church office on 6766 5311, email tamworthcity.uca@gmail.com for further information and job description.

Coffee Cake & Carols

Tamworth Choral Society invite you to their Coffee, Cake & Carols to round off their 70th Anniversary Platinum series of concerts we will be celebrating the 100th Birthday of Sir David Willcocks, famous for his arrangements of Christmas Carols. Our format this year will be that of the famous Nine Lessons & Carols. Sunday, 8 December from 7:30pm at St John's Anglican Church. Tickets \$10/head (\$20/family).

Diary Dates to Note

- 10th 10am Rainbow Cottage Rehearsals; 7pm Church Council
- 10th & 12th 10am Stepping Stones Christmas Parties
- 12th 9:30am Nursing Home Service, 2pm & 7pm Advent Studies
- 13th 10m Senior's Communion at the Uniting St Andrew's Village
- 15th 9am Kids & Youth Vision Service; 5:30pm Carols on the Carpet at Tamworth Southside (farewell for Sarah)
- Thinking ahead—NENW Presbytery 2020 Preaching Workshop 7/8 Feb.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

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

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery and fire affected areas also. Our annual Preaching Workshop 7/8 February 2020.

This Week's Events

Church Office

Open Monday, 18 November, Closed Tuesday, 19 November.

Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Kairos Outside Sewing Group will be meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Mondays 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).

UNITING Support Group

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

Op Shop Christmas Lunch

Monday, 18 November 12noon for 12:300 lunch at the Southgate Inn.

Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday this week. *Nicolette*.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 19 November from 9am.

Locomotive Line Dancing

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 19 November from 12noon for 12:30pm at Hallsville Uniting Church. Thank you to Red Cross ladies for a lovely lunch.

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.

Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area. During School Terms.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursdays from 5 September 9:30am.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 24 November

9am Worship Service with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: J Dezius; D: N Dezius, J Crosling, B Mills; PP: J McClelland; O: R Richardson. Study in Notice Sheet. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Congregational Christmas Lunch

Sunday, 24th November meeting from 12noon at the Dragon Palace. Please RSVP to Rob and Mariette Duns 6766 9909.

Advent Studies

Rev Will Pearson has offered to take our annual Advent Studies commencing 28 November at 2pm and 7pm. The studies will be in the notice sheet each week so that everyone can join in.

Hands & Hearts Fair Trade Downunder

Southside's annual event on Saturday, 30 November from 5:30pm. Come along and enjoy hearing new stories from our host Ros Jamieson, as she shares the back ground of the artisans whose products we are privileged to buy. Christmas shopping made easy! Put your money to good use supporting people in third world countries out of poverty. Catered event, \$8/head, please RSVP by 27 Nov. Jeannine Lewis 0423 365 278.

Worship on Sunday, 1 December - Advent 1

9am Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: A Ashworth, P Turner, E Sheppard, J Carthew, P Battle; D: M Partridge, J Phillips, E Gevert; PP: M Miles; O: R Greer. Sunday School. Food Hamper/ Christmas Appeal Sunday. Morning Tea.

Property Committee Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 3 December from 4:30pm.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 3 December from 7pm.

Bereavement Support

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 4 December from 10am.

Compassionate Friends Remembrance Service

You are invited to join the Compassionate Friends Remembrance Service on Wednesday, 4 December from 5pm in the Church followed by a light supper in the St Andrew's Room.

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, 6 December.

Adult Fellowship & Lunch n Chatter Christmas Lunch

Join us on Friday, 6 December from 12noon for our Christmas Lunch. Please let Lorraine Furze (6761 7371) know you will be there for catering. Thank you.

Carols in Bicentennial Park

Everyone's invited to join in the Community Carols in Bicentennial Park on Saturday, 7 December from 6:30pm. Bring along a picnic blanket/chair and a lovely night under the stars singing carols.

Worship on Sunday, 8 December - Advent 2

9am Worship Service and Baptisms with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: N Dezius; D: J Dezius, W Townsend & Kathy; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.