

DIARY DATES

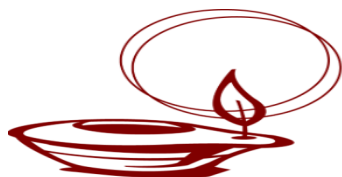
<p>Sun, 18 9am Tamworth City Hymn Service with Barry Gillett. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth—CW 11:30am Korean Reborn</p> <p>Mon, 19 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am Christmas Appeal launch at Target 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am UNITING Support StAR 1:30pm KYB Study at 26 Upper Street 4pm WW in Dunn Hall 5:30pm Dance Grp in JH</p> <p>Tue, 20 8am Meals on Wheels 9am-2pm Church Office T-F 9am AIR in St Andrew's Rm 9:30am Linedancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 12noon Seniors Getting Together at Hallsville UC 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall</p>	<p>Wed, 21 9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Friends of Nioka Bereavement Grp in StARm 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 6pm Meditation Service</p> <p>Thu, 22 8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall 10am Stepping Stones St AR 4:30pm Worship Music</p> <p>Fri, 23 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall</p> <p>Sat, 24 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop 3pm Wedding</p> <p>Sun, 25 9am Tamworth City Worship Service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth—CW 11:30am Korean Reborn 12noon Congregational Lunch at Joe Maguires Hotel</p>
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PREACHING PLAN

Sunday, 25 November 2018

<p>8:30am Gowrie Service & Hallsville Christmas Markets 9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright (Baptism), E: M Cupitt (M Duns), D: F Kerr, W Feggans, M Honeyman; O: R Greer, PP: J McClelland 9:30am Tamworth Southside Service 11am West Tamworth Service 5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service</p>
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WELCOME TO TAMWORTH CITY UNITING CHURCH

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Barry Gillett will be leading our Hymn Service today followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

THE WAY OF FAITHFULNESS

Focus scriptures

Mark 13:1–8; 1 Samuel 1:4–20; 1 Samuel 2:1–10; Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25

Prayer

Eternal God, help us to discern and hold fast to your presence in the midst of every changing circumstance, that we may live with hope and love with courage at all times. Amen.

Biblical Background

In crisis, time seems to stand still and our faith can become battered by fear, rather than buoyed by trust. “How long, O God” sounds a familiar lament, but history remains in God’s good care. God’s promises will be fulfilled. God’s presence links past, present, and future in hope.

We know that the temple, which so captured the awe of the unnamed disciple in verse one, was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. From this passage, we learn that Mark’s community believed that Jesus knew it would fall. Either Jesus is predicting that specific downfall, or he is speaking more generally to the reality that eventually all human structures and systems fall. Scholars are uncertain about whether or not Mark’s gospel was written before, during, or after 70 CE. Jesus’ words would have taken on even more power if the community were hearing them as the temple was falling, or in its aftermath.

With the fall of the temple, the whole structure of the Jewish faith at that time would be changed. Everything Jesus challenged of the authority and power located in that structure would come apart. We know of two groups within Judaism who existed before the temple’s destruction: the Sadducees and the Pharisees. However, only the Pharisees survived the changes of this period. How does the community that follows Jesus – his disciples, Mark’s community, and we – survive in times of collapse and turmoil? Jesus attempts to prepare his followers for times such as these.

Jesus focuses on the issue of deception. Is it true that in times of turmoil people are more easily deceived? Does our fear and uncertainty cause us to follow any and all claims of stability and authority? Those who preach absolutes and claim to know what’s happening and what to do about it

SOUTHSIDE SCENE

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays. HC **Men’s Breakfast:** 7:30am on 1st 3rd Sunday. Saturday each month.

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.

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

World AIDS Day Remembrance Service: 2 December 5pm.

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATIONS

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

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

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

Sun, 25 Nov—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service

Fri, 30 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church.

Sun, 2 Dec—11am Peel Valley Worship & Christmas Lunch at Hallsville.

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:

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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

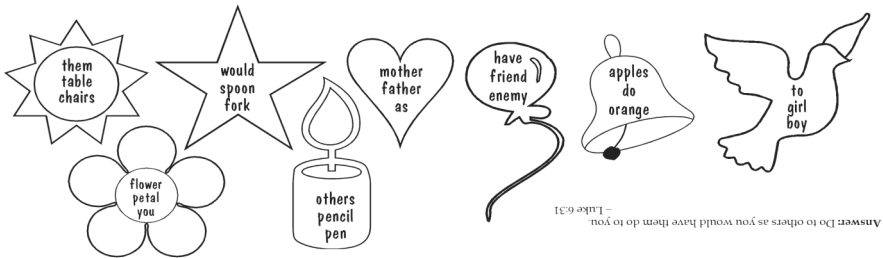
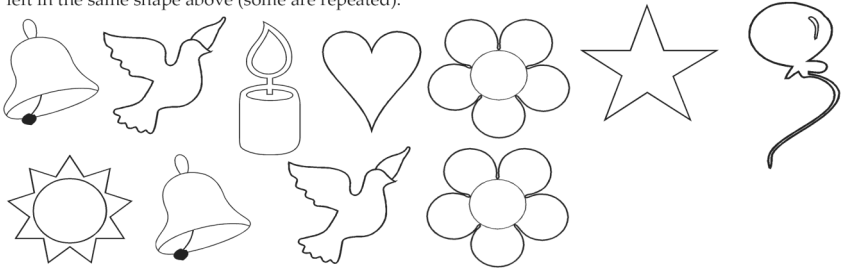
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, Bruce Jarrett, Barbara Murray, Doss Wark



K I D S K L I P S

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).



Answer: 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
 Answer: "Your reward will be great."

LECTIONARY READINGS

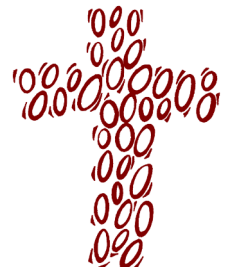
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| Sun 18 | Mark 13:1-8* | Fri 23 | John 12:20-33 |
| Mon 19 | 1 Samuel 8:1-22 | Sat 24 | 18:33-37* |
| Tue 20 | 2 Samuel 23:1-7* | Sun 25 | Psalm 132:1-12* |
| Wed 21 | Daniel 7:9-14 | * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings | |
| Thu 22 | Revelation 1:4b-8* | | |

seem to attract a crowd. Popularity is not necessarily a hallmark of wisdom or insight. Jesus tells his followers not to be alarmed and not to allow themselves to be led astray. We are to keep our focus on Christ.

This chapter of Mark is among a number of apocalyptic passages in the Bible, that is, it describes the end of time. Common among these passages are descriptions of disaster and destruction, of things coming undone. In the gospel of Mark, the time of upheaval is not only the end but also a beginning. In the final words of this section of Mark's apocalypse, Jesus reveals, "This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Birth pangs. New creation. Jesus prepares disciples and followers of every age for transformation. That which lasts and endures will be God's renewing of life in God's good purposes, according to God's time. Speculation about when and where and how misses the point. The main point is that God remains sovereign, and God's promises can be trusted. Even in the midst of suffering, even in the midst of upheaval, rebirth and hope are the ways of God.

Our lives are played out in **1 Samuel 1:4-20**, for the characters are all too real. The story hits close to home. Certainly, Hannah feared that Elkanah might turn his back on her; that Peninnah would continue to be the mirror in which she looked and saw her barrenness reflected back at her. Yet her fears led her to the sanctuary, where she discovered God waiting to respond.



Hannah's song in **1 Samuel 2:1-10** celebrates the God who works in extraordinary and life-changing ways. Hannah sings not only of her own victory over despair, but also of the ways of God in "raising the poor from the dust." Things that seem to be permanent fixtures of life come under the judgment and grace of God to bring about new life and fresh possibilities.

The author of **Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25** asserts that we may hold fast to hope because of God's faithfulness. Difficult times cannot outlast the God revealed in Jesus Christ. In trusting God, we find not only encouragement for ourselves but also strength and insight to encourage others.

Questions

How has faith sustained you through difficult times? What do you believe is most enduring in life? How might members of your congregation encourage each other in hope and faithfulness?

TODAY'S INFORMATION

Worship on Sunday, 18 November

Hymn service with Mr Barry Gillett at 9am.

Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright 11am.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Frontier Services Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who support our great morning.

Plumbing/Path

Please use the Jubilee Hall side entrance to St Andrew's Room (or come through the office) or back doors in the meantime. Thank you.

Farmer Care Packages

Lovely article in the Country Leader about 'Doing it for our Farmers'. Providing support and assistance to farmers in need.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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. Singers most welcome too!

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). Currently a Pre-Christmas \$1 Sale!

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

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.

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.

Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Phone 1300 881 826.

Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (and get co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).



Wedding

Saturday, 8 December in the church.

Carols in the Park

The combined churches Carols in the Park this year will feature Colin Buchanan on Saturday, 8 December from 6:30pm in Bicentennial Park. Come along and enjoy an evening with your family.

Worship on Sunday, 9 December

Advent 2 Worship service, Children's presentation and Youth Vision support with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Archbold, Door: C E Fairall, M & D Miles, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Christmas Appeal Food Hamper. Sunday School. Sausage Sizzle and Morning Tea.

Diary Dates

- 10 December—5pm Carols in the Corridors TBH
- 12 December—6pm Compassionate Friends Remembrance Service
- 13 December—7pm Church Council Meeting
- 14 December—10am Senior Communion at the Village
- 14 December—6pm Carols on the Grass at Tamworth Southside

PRAYERS

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Children's Ministries, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Young Families Worker and groups, Mission Outreach and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Church on the Way, the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholic Churches and the Father's House in our prayers.

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.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

Church Office

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

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.

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.

Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group

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

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. Mariette Duns is helping out this week.

Wedding

Tamworth City Uniting Church on Saturday, 24 November.



NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

Worship on Sunday, 25 November

Worship service and baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: M Cupitt (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. Keep us in your prayers.

Advent Study Groups

Rev Chris will be leading Advent Study Groups again this year for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Studies will be printed in the notice sheet from next week for you to join in. Group will be held at 2pm and 7pm on Wednesdays 28 Nov, 5, 12, 19 Dec. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Emmaus Board Meeting

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

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 (\$7/head); hear stories of hope; experience gift shopping fair trade style; a hands and hearts event empowering the poor and marginalised in third world countries. For catering please rsvp tsucoffice@gmail.com or phone 6765 3714.

Worship on Sunday, 2 December

Advent 1 Worship service and holy communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: E Sheppeard, R & J Dezius, J Carthew, P Battle, Door: C Sheppeard, E Gevert, J Phillips, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer. Christmas Bowl. Christmas Appeal Food Hamper. 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.

One Door Mental Health—Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 3 December from 10am.

Rainbow Cottage Rehearsals

10am-12noon Tuesday, 4 Dec to 11 Dec in preparation for their concert night on Tuesday, 11 December.

Property Committee Meeting

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

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 4 December from 7pm.

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, 7 December.

Lunch & DVD

Our last Lunch & DVD for the year will be on Friday, 7 December from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch and share a meal and DVD together. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 67661 7371.