

## Diary Dates

<p><b>Sun, 3</b> 9am Tamworth City Worship and Sacrament of Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church &amp; Lunch</p> <p><b>Mon, 4</b> 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am Uniting in St A Room 4pm Kairos Meeting 4pm Young Families Meeting</p> <p><b>Tue, 5</b> 9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am Adult Fellowship 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am Pres Bookkeeper 10am One Door Support DH 4:30pm Property C'tee StAR 7pm Friends of Nioka StAR</p> <p><b>Wed, 6</b> 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest 4pm Worship C'tee StAR 6pm Meditation in Chapel 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH</p>	<p><b>Thu, 7</b> 9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music</p> <p><b>Fri, 8</b> 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village J Furze 6pm NENW Pres PRC at Manilla</p> <p><b>Sat, 9</b> 9am-12noon Op Shop 9am NENW Presbytery at Manilla</p> <p><b>Sun, 10</b> 9am Tamworth City Worship and Christmas Appeal Launch with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Congregational Annual General Meeting. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church &amp; Lunch</p>
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## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 10 November—Pentecost 22

8:30am	Gowrie—Meg Mangan
9am	Tamworth City—Rev Will Pearson—Elder: B McLean; Door: R Barclay, R & P Pryor; PPoint: J Phillips; Organ: R Richardson.
9:30	Tamworth Southside
11am	West Tamworth—Meg Man—HC
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



3 November 2019

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



# Sacredise Daily Worship

## Healing and transformation...

### Thought for the Week

It should not surprise us that the Scriptures return often to the themes of repentance and forgiveness. One reason for this constant repetition is that these foundational ideas are harder to understand and practice than we may at first consider. For many of us, repentance has come to be viewed as a personal apology to God for things we have done wrong, and forgiveness is what God gives us in return. However the Biblical picture is far richer and more challenging than this. In the Bible, God's forgiveness is given before we even know that we need it – that's the miracle of Christ's life, death and resurrection, and it is demonstrated in the Zacchaeus story which is the Gospel reading for this week.

But, when forgiveness touches our hearts, it automatically leads us into two responses. The first is that we respond in repentance – which simply means to change. We stop doing the destructive things that rob us and others of life, and we embrace a new, life-giving way of behaving, thinking and speaking. The second response is that we begin to extend God's forgiveness to others, recognising that as we accept them in Jesus' name, so God's Spirit can work healing and transformation in them through us.

This week, we will meditate again on the profound gifts of forgiveness and repentance.

### Reading

Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18

### Reflection

There's a reason that the names of Sodom and Gomorrah are in quotation marks in the New Living Translation. It is not to these cities that God is speaking, but to God's people who have become no better than these towns in their injustice, idolatry and lack of hospitality. While they continue to perform the rituals of their faith, they have ignored the spirit of it - treating the poor with no dignity or respect and exploiting

# Southside Scene



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

**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.

**Website:** [www.tsuc.org.au](http://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

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

**Fri, 1 Nov**—6pm Hallsville Friday

Family Church with John Nash.

**Sun, 3 Nov**—11am West Tamworth with John Nash. Lunch to follow.

**Sun, 5 Nov**—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

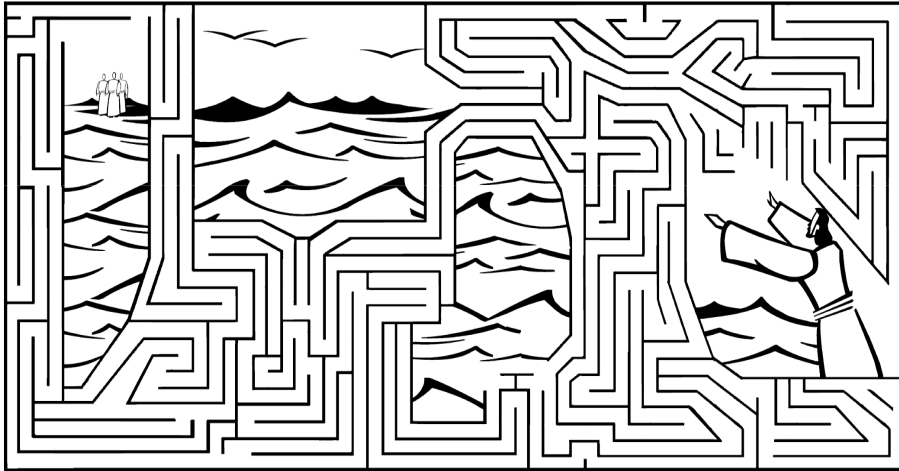
**Sun, 10 Nov**—8:30am Gowrie Service, 11am West Tamworth Service & HC with Meg Mangan.

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



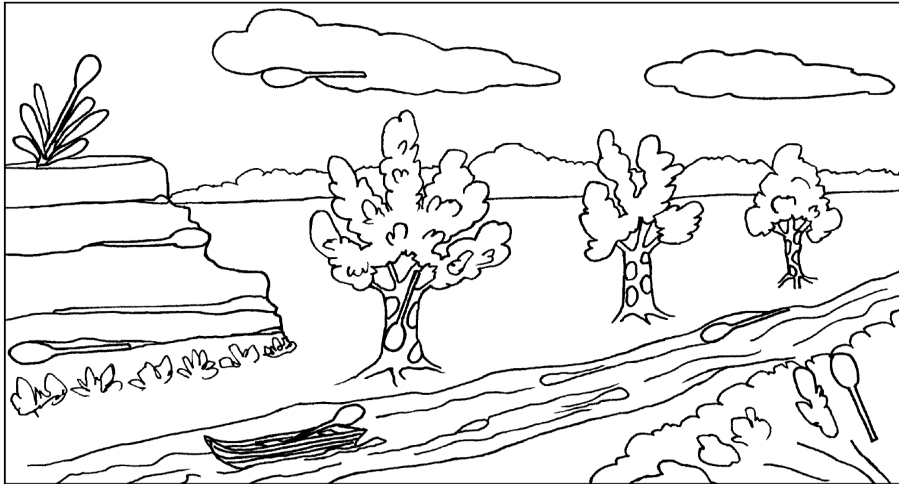
## Rough seas

Help the disciples get to Jesus at the other side of the lake.



## Hidden picture

How many paddles can you find?



## Lectionary Readings

Sun	3	Psalm 119:137-144*	Fri	8	Luke 20:27-38*
Mon	4	Romans 1:8-17; 4:13-25	Sat	9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*
Tue	5	Luke 6:20-31			
Wed	6	Romans 5:12-21	Sun	10	Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21*
Thu	7	Haggai 1:15b-2:9*			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

labourers, taking advantage of widows and orphans, and neglecting the generosity and hospitality that were supposed to be at the heart of their religion. Isaiah's words are a warning to the people that if they do not change, the consequences of their actions would destroy the nation.

But, Isaiah also offers an invitation. Though the sin of the people is visible and staining like scarlet, God promises to make the people as white and clean as new-fallen snow. It's an invitation to return to following God's ways and embracing God's values. In the Gospel for this Sunday, Zacchaeus demonstrates how accepting and transforming this grace of God can be - and this is what God offers God's people through Isaiah. It is also what God offers to us. Though we may already be followers of Jesus, we all have parts of our lives that need to be "saved" - places where we fail to treat others with justice and dignity. That's why repentance is a lifelong practice that is constantly needed to shift us to ever-greater levels of wholeness and Christ-likeness.

Where do you need God to wash your sin white as snow?

## Practice for Today

When we are faced with the truth about ourselves – the bad attitudes, unkind words and harsh actions – we can only find healing and liberation by acknowledging these things and consciously choosing to turn away from them. Today, whenever you recognise that your "dark side" is showing, take a moment to receive God's forgiveness and repent.

## Breath-Prayer for Today

As you forgive me, O God, you give me the power to turn away from my darkness.



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# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 3 November

9am Worship Service and the Sacrament of Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. ANNUAL REPORTS OUT TODAY. Morning Tea.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Battle family following the death of Ivy Battle recently. We keep Peter and his family in our prayers.

## Frontier News

Out Today! Certificate of appreciation for our fundraising on the board.

## UnitingWorld Update

Out Today!

## 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.

## 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).

## Annual General Meeting

Our Congregational AGM is coming up on Sunday, 10 November at the conclusion of worship. Nominations for church council received from: Judith Harding, John McClelland, Heather McKenzie, Dorothy Miles, Sandra Perkins, Judy Phillips and Ray Pryor. Lay Preaching Rep nomination Barry Gillett. Give prayerful thought to taking on the position of Deputy Chairperson, two NENW Presbytery Reps and alternates in the coming week.

## 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.

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## Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery. Our meeting coming up on 9 November at Manilla.

## 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

## 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.*

## Bread Tags for Wheelchairs in South Africa

*Please save your bread tags—they can be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Now collecting in Australia too! Leave in the office.*

## Morning Tea Support

*We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (or 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).*

## 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.*

## Venture Christian Bookshop— Quirindi

*108 George Street, Quirindi 6746 1065. Serving Christ in the community since 1985. Cards for every occasion, bibles, music CD's, DVD's, adult and children's books, giftware also available. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com*

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### **Association of Independent Retirees**

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

### **Senior's Getting Together Fellowship**

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

### **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. 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.

### **Diary Dates to Note**

- 2019 Christmas Appeal reminders: 1 November books open for those who need to put their name down; 16-18th December Christmas hampers and gifts prepared; 19th Collection.
- Thinking ahead—NENW Presbytery 2020 Preaching Workshop 7/8 Feb.

## 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 Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda in your prayers this week.

### **Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches**

We keep the activities of the C3 Church, the Baptist Church (130th Anniversary next week), Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union activities, St John's Anglican Church and the Community Presbyterian Church in our prayers.

## This Week's Events

### **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.

### **Kairos**

Kairos New England will be holding a public meeting at Hallsville Uniting Church on 4 November from 4pm. With a view to restarting Kairos in Tamworth Correctional Centre. Contact Ian Silver 0439 254 293.

### **Young Families Worker Meeting**

Meeting in the Wesley Room from 4pm on Monday, 4 November.

### **Church Office**

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *Nicolette*.

### **Adult Fellowship**

Monthly meeting and get together on Tuesday, 5 November from 9:30am for morning tea in the St Andrew's Room. Everyone's welcome to join us.

### **Locomotive Line Dancing**

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

### **One Door Carer Support**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Tuesday, 5 November from 10am.

### **Property Committee**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 November from 4:30pm.

### **Friends of Nioka**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 November 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.

### **Worship Committee**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 6 November from 4pm.

### **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. Making Advent Calendars this week.

### **Yoga Group**

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

### **Seniors Communion**

Monthly Senior's Communion at the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall from 10am on Friday, 8 November with Rev Jim Furze.

### **NENW Presbytery**

Meeting at Manilla: PRC 8th and full meeting from 9am on 9th.

## Next Week & Beyond

### **Worship on Sunday, 10 November**

9am Worship Service with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: B McLean; D: R Barclay, R & P Pryor; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Christmas Appeal Launch. Congregational AGM at the end of Worship. Morning Tea.

### **Remembrance Day**

Monday, 11 November.

### **Police Workshop**

The Police will be using the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November from 8am-5pm.

### **One Door Carer Support**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Tuesday, 12 November from 10am.

### **Stepping Stones**

The Breastfeeding Assn will be visiting the group at Southside at 10am on Tuesday, 12 November.

### **Compassionate Friends**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Tuesday, 13 November from 10am.

### **Elder's Fellowship**

Meeting in the DUNN HALL on Wednesday, 13 November from 4:30pm.

### **Nursing Home Service**

Join Rev Chris Wright at Cottage Homes from 9:30am on Thursday, 14 Nov.

### **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, 15 November.

### **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.

### **Church Office**

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

### **Op Shop Christmas Lunch**

Monday, 18 November 12noon for 12:30 lunch at the Southgate Inn. \$20/head. RSVP to the office by Friday, 15 November. Thank you everyone.