

DIARY DATES

Sun, 4	9am Tamworth City Worship and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.		6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
		Thu, 8	6pm Meditation Service
			8:30am Early Risers Prayer
			9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall
			10am Stepping Stones St AR
			10am Rainbow Training WR
			11am Uniting Meeting S'side
Mon, 5	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH		4:30pm Worship Music
	10am-4pm Op Shop M-F		4:30pm Occasional Choir
	10am UNITING Support StAR	Fri, 9	8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
	12noon Op Shop Lunch		9am Organ Tuning
	1:30pm KYB Study at 26 Upper Street		10am Senior Communion at the Village Hall
	4pm WW in Dunn Hall		5pm Dance in Jubilee H
	5:30pm Dance Grp in JH	Sat, 10	8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
Tue, 6	9am-2pm Church Office T-F		9am-12noon Op Shop
	9:30am Linedancers JH		9am Presbytery at Quirindi
	9:30am Adult F'ship StAR	Sun, 11	Remembrance Day
	10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper		9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
	5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall		11:30am Korean Reborn
	7pm Friends of Nioka St AR		
Wed, 7	9am Op Shop Sorting		
	10:30am Linedancers JH		
	4pm Worship Committee		

PREACHING PLAN

Sunday, 11 November 2018

8:30am	Gowrie Service
9am	Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, E: R Duns, D: E M Duns, W Purss, H McKenzie; O: R Richardson, PP: J Phillips
9:30am	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service—Holy Communion
5pm	Tamworth Southside Dinner Service



4 NOVEMBER 2018

WELCOME TO TAMWORTH CITY UNITING CHURCH

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

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SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

THE WAY OF LOVE

Focus scripture

Mark 12:28–34

Additional scriptures

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; and Hebrews 9:11–14

God of grace, we learn to love because you loved first. This knowledge draws us ever closer to you. May we overflow with love for one another, for you, and all Creation. Amen.

The Bible is full of stories of God's outpouring of love for God's people, communities, and Earth. God's very nature is loving. This week's scriptures explore what it means for people to offer love. There is a commandment for people to love self, neighbour, and God – and to keep these in balance. There are faithful family bonds of love, love is shown as the foundation of relationship, and love is named as the most important rule of faith.

REFLECTION

The laws of Judaism are an integral part of their covenant with God. At the same time, there is a passion to try to reduce them in their volume to a few pithy sayings. The story is told of the famous Rabbi Hillel being asked to recite the law and responding, with "What you hate for yourself do not do to another."

In today's reading, a scribe asks Jesus to declare his take on the essence of the law, and Jesus responds with simple and powerful words: Love the one God with all your being, and love your neighbour as yourself.

In the first instance, Jesus quotes the *shema*, a Hebrew "creed" from Deuteronomy 6:4–5. This statement of God being one, and the commandment for us to love God, was considered central to Judaism. Jesus also quotes Leviticus 19:18 about how we will love our neighbours. It is intriguing that he does not include verse Leviticus 19:17 which suggests that this love can be confined only to our own community. In leaving this verse out, Jesus suggests that love for neighbour includes everyone – indeed, all Creation.

Beyond that, Jesus reminds us of the need to love ourselves. One can

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

Fri, 2 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church.

Sun, 4 Nov—11am West Tamworth
with Rev Tony Winter, Frontier
Services Service followed by lunch.

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.

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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Codes

Use the code to find what it says in John 10:10.

A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	L	M	N	T	U	V	Y
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8 3 1 10 5 12 7 1 12 12 7 5 15

10 1 15 7 1 14 5 9 8 6 5

1 11 4 7 1 14 5 8 12

1 2 13 11 4 1 11 12 9 15

Answer: I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Color

Color the spaces with dots all the same color. Then color the other spaces different colors.



LECTIONARY READINGS

Sun	4	Psalm 146*	Fri	9	Hebrews 9:24-28*
Mon	5	Romans 5:12-21	Sat	10	Mark 12:38-44*
Tue	6	Ruth 2:1-23	Sun	11	Psalm 127*
Wed	7	Ruth 3:1-18			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings
Thu	8	Ruth 4:1-22			

interpret "love your neighbour as yourself" to mean "as much as" but the closer translation is more "in the same way as." While some over history (notably John Calvin and Karl Barth) have suggested we must not love ourselves, modern scholars will tell us how important this is. And so will ancient theologians. Thomas Aquinas declared "to know and to appreciate your own worth is no sin."

An analogy can help. Whenever one rides in an aircraft one hears the instruction regarding oxygen masks and the specific words "if you are travelling with someone who needs assistance, attach your mask first before assisting others." The point is clear: If I do not take care of myself, I cannot take care of others. If I do not love myself, I cannot love others.

Perhaps the stronger image is to imagine the words "God, self, and others" as words on separate pieces of a mobile, held in balance and tension. Jesus, in the way he gives these commandments, implies that none is more or less important than the other – to live a life of faith we need to keep these important aspects of our life in balance. When we do that we may hear Christ say to us, "you are not far from the reign of God."

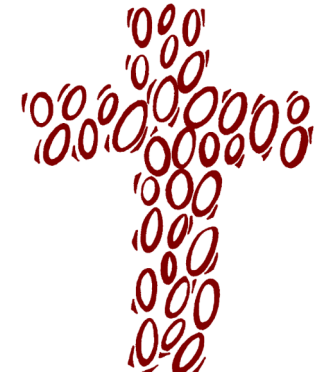
When the future looks bleak for Naomi, **Ruth 1:1–18** tells of Ruth's courage and love when she refuses to abandon her mother-in-law but commits herself to Naomi's welfare, no matter what the consequences.

Psalm 146 challenges us to put our trust in God, noting many of the great (and loving) things God does, executing justice for all. In an echo of the gospel, **Hebrews 9:11–14** points out that life in Christ is ultimately better than any acts of sacrifice we might think of offering God. As the legal scholar pointed out to Jesus, loving God, self, and others is "much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices" (Mark 12:33b).

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The gospel notes that the commandment to love self, neighbour, and God are the most important commandments.

There is no rule, theory, ambition, or new year's resolution that is greater than this. What are the most important facets (aspects, or traits) of your faith?



TODAY'S INFORMATION

Worship on Sunday, 4 November

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Occasional Choir. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

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.

Korean Reborn Church joined In Fiesta la Peel 2018

Pastor Daniel and his crew whipped up a storm at the Fiesta la Peel. Enjoying sharing their Korean faire with everyone. The money they raised has gone to drought relief.



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

Should be available today 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 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 the Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the School Scripture, the Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, the Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church and the Community Presbyterian Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: our next Presbytery meeting on 10 November at Quirindi.

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. See note about afternoon tea.

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.

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.

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 from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. 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 Honeyman, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Congregational Christmas Lunch

Sunday, 25 November from 12noon at Joe Maguires Pub. 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.

Diary Dates

- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo 9am
- 1 December—Southside Fair Trade Market 6-9pm
- 2 December—Southside World AIDS Day Remembrance Service 5pm
- 2 December—Choral Society Coffee Cake & Carols at 7:30pm St John's



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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).

Op Shop Volunteers' Lunch

Monday, 5 November from 12 for 12:30pm at Squareman Inn.

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*.

Adult Fellowship

6 November will be our AGM commencing with morning tea at 9:30 in the St Andrew's Room. We will go to lunch at Connections following the meeting. All welcome.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 6 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, 7 November from 4pm.



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. Judy Rae is helping out this week.

Rainbow Cottage Training

Meeting in the Wesley Room on Thursday, 8 November from 10am.

Uniting Planning Meeting

Meeting at Tamworth Southside on Thursday, 8 November from 11am.

Occasional Choir

Practicing on Thursday, 8 November in preparation for Hymn Service on Sunday, 18 November. And Christmas Appeal Launch on Monday, 19th at 10am in Target. All singers welcome.

Senior's Communion

Monthly senior's communion in the village hall at the St Andrew's Village on Friday, 9 November from 10am. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Organ Tuning

Friday, 9 November in the church.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, 10 November at Quirindi Uniting Church.

Worship on Sunday, 11 November

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: R Duns, Door: M Duns, W Purss, H McKenzie, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Remembrance Day.

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

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

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.

One Door Mental Health Support Group

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

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.

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.

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

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: M Hobson, Door: W Townsend, M Cupitt, J Crosling, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright 11am.

