

Diary Dates

Sun, 19 **9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Mission Envelopes (Joy Balazo Project). Morning Tea.**
 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch
 3pm Combined Churches Choir practice at St John's

Mon, 20 4-5am Wheely Bean—JH Kitchen M-F
 9am One Door Mental Health in St Andrew's Room
 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee HI
 10am Christmas Appeal Launch at Target
 10am-4pm Op Shop Mon-Fri
 10am KYB in Vestry
 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
 4pm Weight W in DH
 5:30pm New V. Dance in JH

Tue, 21 8am Meals on Wheels Kitchen Rostered day

9-2 Church Office Open T-F
 9am Assn. Independent R
 10am Pres. Bookkeeper
 12noon Senior's Getting Together Xmas lunch at Hall.
 5pm Weight Watchers DH

Wed, 22 9am Op Shop Working Bee
 6pm New Vogue Dance JH

Thu, 23 4pm Rainbow Cottage Int.
 4:30pm Church Music Team

Fri, 24 8:30am Weight W. DH

Sat, 25 8am Weight Watchers DH
 9am-12noon Op Shop
 12noon Congregational Christmas Lunch at Carmen's

Sun, 26 **Christ The King Sunday**
9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch
 3pm Combined Churches Choir practice at St John's

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 26 November 2017

8am Hallsville—Markets
 9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E: R Duns, D: M Duns, S Perkins, M Honeyman, AV: J McClelland, O: R Richardson.
 9am Hallsville—Mr Patrick Johnston.
 9:30am Tamworth Southside—Mr David Bissett
 11am West Tamworth—Mr Patrick Johnston
 5pm Tamworth Southside—Mr David Bissett

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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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Sacredise

Thought for the Week:

What we hope for and desire has the power to motivate us to profound and transforming action. In fact, if we want to know what our real motivations are, we need only look at what we actually do. It is our actions, not our words or even our dreams, that reveal the truest hopes and desires of our hearts. And, if we claim to hope for something, but do nothing to move toward it, we are only deceiving ourselves and our so-called hopes are really just a fantasy.

Nowhere is this more true than when it comes to the Reign of God. Through last week we explored the hope we have in the coming of God's Reign, and the power of that hope to sustain and strengthen us through the best and worst of times. But, if that hope is real, it must be seen in how we live. If we really believe in God's Reign, that must filter through every thought, attitude, word, action and interaction.

This week we meditate on how our hope in God's Reign translates into hopeful, transforming action.

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection:

We cannot read the parables in Matthew 25 without remembering Jesus' urgent call to be ready for the coming of God's Reign in Matthew 24. When we also remember that chapter and verse numbers were not part of the original manuscript, but were added much later, we can see that the writer placed all of these stories together to make a point. They are all intended to tell us something about the ever-coming Reign of God and our need to be ready to participate in its coming. Also, when we read about a master going on a trip and leaving servants with a job to do, we must take note that there is a similar story just a few verses before this in 24:44-51. So, now that we have a sense of the context, we can turn to the old familiar parable of the talents.

The gifts that are given to the three servants represent the resources they have to contribute to the master's influence and wealth. Two servants, who clearly have a good relationship with the master, use their abilities and

Southside Scene

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

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

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

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

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

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

www.tamworthsouthside.org.au or

Facebook: *Tamworth Southside
Uniting Church*

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
and our community.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 17 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Meg Mangan.

Sun, 19 Nov—8:30am Gowrie Service
with Meg Mangan and 11am West
Tamworth Service with Rev Chris
Wright. Trading Table.

Tue, 21 Nov—10am Memory Lane
Morning Tea at West Tamworth
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet
new friends, singalong, activities, &
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly.

Fri, 24 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Pat Johnston.

Sun, 26 Nov—8am Hallsville Markets;

9am Hallsville Service and 11am West
Tamworth Service with Pat Johnston.

AGM—Congratulations Executive:
Chair—Margaret Crowell; Deputy
Chair—Ross Davidson; Treasurer—
Tony Orr; Deputy Treasurer—Alan
Littlejohns; and Secretary Evelyne
Keane.

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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



- 13th 10am Compassionate Friends & Remembrance Service at 6pm
- 15th 10am Craft Group/School Term 4 ends
- 16th 6pm Carols in the Park

Diary Date

- 2018—2/3 February annual NENW Presbytery Preaching with Paul: the Corinthian Correspondence. Flyers now available. Register at the office.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Children’s Ministry; Christian Education; Scripture in Schools; Sunday School’ Families & Youth; Mission Outreach 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

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the NorthWest Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, The Church on the Way, the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholic Churches, the Father’s House and Trinity Church.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Pray for the various outreach programs in this Advent Season. Connecting with our local communities and sharing God’s love and abundant grace.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	19	Psalm 123*	Fri	24	Jude 17-25
Mon	20	Ezekiel 34:1-10	Sat	25	Ephesians 1:15-23*
Tue	21	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Sun	26	Psalm 100*
Wed	22	Ezekiel 34:17-31	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	23	Matthew 25:31-46*			

so, when the master returns, they are ready to show how they have participated in the master’s work. The third, who is afraid of the master and views him as harsh, buries what he has been given. And so when the master returns he has contributed nothing to the master’s work. As a result he is judged harshly (as are the others who fail to be ready in the other parables). The point here is not just about whether we use the resources we have been given or not. *It’s about what we use them for.*

All of these stories are about the unexpected coming of God’s Reign, and our capacity to participate in what God is doing whether we see God’s presence or not. If we use our talents well, but only for our own benefit, we have failed to be ready and to participate in the coming of God’s Reign. But, if we use our talents for the sake of God’s Reign – for the blessing and upliftment of others – we have shown ourselves to be part of God’s mission.

How can you use your resources of time, talents and treasures for the sake of God’s Reign today?



Practice for Today:

One of the simplest ways to participate in the work of God’s Reign is to become well-practiced in the discipline of giving. Whether it’s our time, friendship, expertise, compassion, material resources, or solidarity, we all have something to contribute that can bless and uplift those around us. Today, find every opportunity to participate in God’s mission through the act of giving.

Breath-Prayer for Today:

What you have given me, O God, I use as my contribution to your mission.

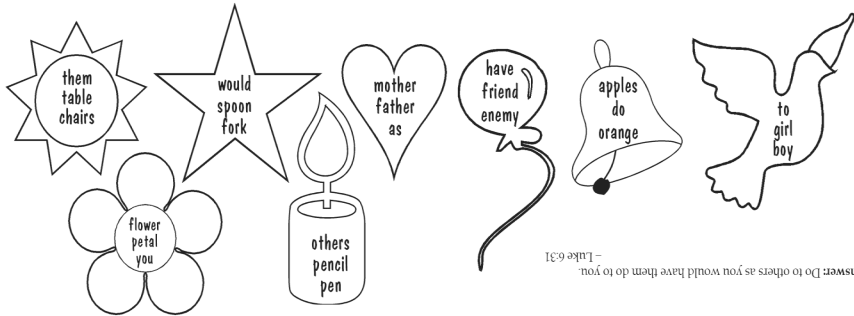
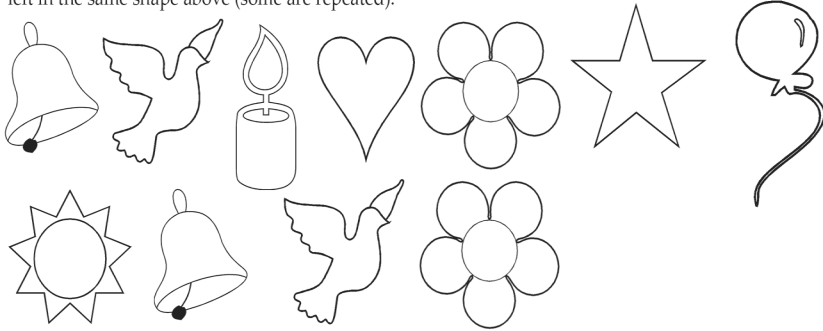
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Word Match

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"

Rainbow Cottage Practices & Concert

Rainbow Cottage will have some practices for their end of year concert in the Jubilee Hall each day 10am-12noon Tuesday 5th to Friday, 8th. Their concert will be on Tuesday, 12 December from 5pm.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 7pm on Tuesday, 5 December.

Aged Care Services

Rev Chris Wright will be leading our monthly Aged Care Services on Wednesday, 6 December from 10:15am at McKay & Alblas. All helpers and singers most welcome.

Rural Home Nursing

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 7 December from 12noon.

Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 7 December from 4:30pm.

Senior's Communion Service

Our monthly Senior's Communion Service will be held on Friday, 8 December from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall led by Rev Chris Wright. Contact Barbara McLean on transport 6766 4039.

Private Function

Family gathering in Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 9 December from 3pm.

Worship on Sunday, 10 December 2017—Advent 2

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright and Children and Youth Vision supported Projects. Sausage Sizzle and Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 11th 5:30pm Carols in the Corridors at TBH
- 12th 5:30pm Rainbow Cottage Concert/7:30pm Church Council

Craft Group

The Craft Group is held on the first and third Friday each month. Bring along your craft and we'll share in some chit chat, morning tea, and get a bit of craft done too. Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891. Next on 1 December.

Craft & Fellowship Christmas Lunch

Join us on Friday, 1 December from 12noon for a Christmas lunch in the St Andrew's Room. \$10/head for lunch. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371. Everyone's welcome...

Private Function

Using our Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 2 December from 2-10pm.

Bendemeer UCA 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Join the Bendemeer Community in celebrating 150years of the Uniting Church in Bendemeer on Saturday, 2 December from 6pm. Everyone's most welcome to join in.

Worship on Sunday, 3 December 2017—Advent 1

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Christmas Visits

The Evangelism group will be looking for visitors to distribute gifts and a Christmas chat to about 65 folk. A most enjoyable experience. Say you'll help out. Talk to Edna Sheppard or Fran Kerr.

20th Coffee Cake & Carols

The Tamworth Choral Society would like to invite you to their annual Coffee Cake and Carols at 7:30pm on Sunday, 3 December in the St John's Church.

One Door Mental Health Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 4 December from 10am.



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 19 November 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Mission Envelope Sunday. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room. 11 West Tamworth for Rev Chris Wright.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Combined Churches Choir

In preparation for the Carols in the Park there will be a Combined Churches Choir practice on Sundays 19 & 26 November and 3 & 10 December 3-4pm at St John's. All welcome.

Congregational AGM

Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary are mid-term with one year remaining. Election Results: Lay Preaching Rep—Barry Gillett, Presbytery Reps—Margot Hobson & Fran Kerr, Presbytery Alt—Peter Battle & Paul Turner, Church Councillors—Fran Kerr, Heather McKenzie, Dorothy Miles, Sandra Perkins, Judy Phillips, Les Rae, Paul Turner, Annette Winter and Tony Winter (2-year appointments). All elders are members of Church Council. Congratulations everyone.

Water! Water! NO Water!

We have capped the old rusted water line to the Church for the time being. All water will need to be accessed from the St Andrew's Room.

Mission Envelopes

Mission Envelopes focus for October and November 2017. Supporting another Joy Balazo project at the Peace Village in the Philippines. Looking to raise over \$1,000 to buy 100 Poultry Layers. Please give generously. Envelopes can be left on the plate each Sunday.



Occasional Choir

We are getting together an Occasional Choir to sing some Australian Christmas Carols on Sunday, 17 December, Advent 3. Everyone's welcome to join in (men and women). Practices will be on Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm in the Church.

This Week's Events

One Door Mental Health—Workshop

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 20 November 9am-12noon.

Christmas Appeal Launch

Monday, 20 November at 10am in our local Target Store. Join the fun... Come and sing, share a friendly hello to those passing by...

UnitingCare Target Christmas Appeal

We have been working hard since 1999 to make Christmas a little easier for those who are struggling in our community. You can get involved by coming to the launch on 20 November at Target or donating wrapping items of sticky tape and paper or donate a gift or buy a bauble at Target or make a financial donation to the appeal or help out on Sunday, 17 with food hampers, Monday, 18 with gift sorting and wrapping. Distribution will be on Wednesday, 20 December. Thank you for your support during this time.

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 Groups

Groups meet at 10am in the St Andrew's Room (Betty keys 6766 6624), or at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (Lorraine Turner 6766 6891).

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 21 November from 8am.

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Church Office

Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. *Nicolette*

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on 21 November from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 21 November 12noon for 12:30pm start at Hallsville Uniting Church, with the Red Cross catering. A lovely afternoon.

Op Shop Working Bee

Sorting each Wednesday in the Vestry. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Morning tea in the Office. All helpers welcome.

Rainbow Cottage Interviews

Using the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) on Thursday, 23 Nov. from 4pm.

Congregational Christmas Lunch

Make sure you book in for our annual Congregational Christmas Lunch on Saturday, 25 at Carmen's. Let Pat & Ray Pryor know you will be there, TODAY.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 26 November 2017—Christ the King

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 28 November from 10am.

Advent Studies

Rev Chris Wright will be leading a three-week Advent Study commencing on Wednesday, 29 November. Two sessions—one at 2pm and one at 7:30pm. The studies will also be available in the notice sheet each week. Come and join a group to share your study with others.

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