

Diary Dates

<p>Sun, 5 9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Holy Communion. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch</p> <p>Mon, 6 4-5am Wheely Bean—JH Kitchen M-F 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee Hl 10am-4pm Op Shop Mon-Fri 10am KYB in St Andrew's Rm 10am One Door Mental Health Carer Support DunnH 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 4pm Weight W in DH 5:30pm New V. Dance in JH</p> <p>Tue, 7 9-2 Church Office Open T-F 9am-4pm One Door Mental Health Workshop Dunn H 9:30am City Adult Fellowship at Connections Café for meeting & lunch 10am Pres. Bookkeeper</p>	<p>Wed, 8 5pm Weight Watchers DH 7pm Friends of Nioka in St Andrew's Room 9am Op Shop Working Bee 9am-4pm One Door Mental Health Workshop Dunn H 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Room 4pm Worship Committee in St Andrew's Room 6pm New Vogue Dance JH</p> <p>Thu, 9 4pm Church Music Team</p> <p>Fri, 10 8:30am Weight W. DH 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village NENW PRC Meeting Arm.</p> <p>Sat, 11 Remembrance Day 8am Weight Watchers DH 9am-12noon Op Shop 9am NENW Presbytery Meeting Armidale UCA</p> <p>Sun, 12 9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.</p>
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 12 November 2017

<p>9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright E:M Weick, D: R & P Pryor, F Kerr, AV: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.</p> <p>9:30am Tamworth Southside—Mr Rob Wood</p> <p>11am Peel Valley Combined at Gowrie—Ms Evelyn Keane Congregational AGM and lunch follow</p> <p>5pm Tamworth Southside—Mr Rob Wood</p>



Sunday, 5 November 2017

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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

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Other Useful Local

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Thought for the Week:

The emphasis in the Christ-following life is always on the work of God. It is God's mission that is important. It is God's Reign that determines the values and priorities of our lives. It is God's grace that enables us to be a part of what God is doing. It is God's love that draws into the way of Jesus, and it is God's life that flows into and through us. But this does not mean that we have no role to play.

When we speak of "letting go and letting God" we too often think of sitting back and waiting for God to make things happen. Our only task, then, is to hold on to certain ideas that we believe are the key to experiencing God's presence and power. The problem with a passive faith like this is that it inevitably leads us into some degree of hypocrisy. While we may say and think certain things, the focus of action is all on God, and so we may find that our lives begin to drift subtly from the values that we claim to believe.

This is why integrity is such an important value in God's Reign. It is only when our thoughts, attitudes, feelings, values, priorities, words and behaviour all align that our lives truly reflect God's mission. And it is only when we live with integrity that we can really experience the fullness of God's life, because then we're not just passive observers, but active participants in what God is doing. When our faith embraces every part of our lives, including our actions, it becomes vibrant, creative and life-giving to all around us.

This week we seek to bring our ideas, attitudes, words and actions into one aligned whole.

Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Reflection:

Jesus had no argument with the teaching of the religious leaders of his day. He recognised their authority as teachers of the Scriptures, and he encouraged his followers to listen carefully to what they said. But, Jesus did have a problem with the way the religious leaders lived, because their proud and legalistic ways contradicted their teaching. Their position as religious

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, 3 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with John Nash.

Sun, 5 Nov—8:30am Gowrie Service,
9am Hallsville Baptism Service and
11am West Tamworth Service with
John Nash. Lunch to follow.

Tue, 7 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, 10 Nov—No Hallsville Service.

Sun, 12 Nov—11am Combined Peel
Valley Service at Gowrie with Evelyn

Keane. Congregational AGM and
lunch to follow

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: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
Bruce Jarrett, Marie Meyer, Barbara



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

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Kairos Outside Sewing Group will be meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Monday mornings from 9:30am-3pm each week during school terms.

Hospital Visit

Are you scheduled to go into hospital? If so, you need to let us know if you want visitors (your Pastoral Partner, an Elder, or the Office). The current system at the Hospitals does not allow us access to this information easily.

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.

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.

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,



Lectionary Readings

Sun	5	Matthew 23:1-12*	Fri	10	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
Mon	6	Hebrews 11:29-40			
Tue	7	Hebrews 12:1-6, 12-15	Sat	11	Matthew 25:1-13*
Wed	8	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*	Sun	12	Psalm 78:1-8*
Thu	9	2 Thessalonians 3			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

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leaders had brought them great status and influence and it had gone to their heads. So, they lived their lives on a stage, doing everything for show, and making it appear that they were more "spiritual" than others. Yet, their hearts had lost the humility and grace that characterised the Scriptures they taught. They had become divided people, and their hypocrisy was destroying them and their nation.

This is why Jesus encouraged his disciples to reject any power games, titles and hierarchies. It is not that Jesus denied the need for leaders. It is rather that Jesus saw leadership as a function, not a position. For Jesus all people are equal as sisters and brothers, and all are called to be servants to one another. Rather than seeking influence and status we are to seek humility and integrity - to let our gentle, self-giving lives speak far louder than our words, and for our words to align with what people see in our lives.



How can you embrace Jesus' way of humble integrity today?

Practice for Today:

It is easy to use our experience, our age, our knowledge, our position, our wealth, or our force of personality to make others feel less, or to boost our egos. We may even do this without realising it, which is why we need the Spirit's help as we examine our hearts. Today, invite the Spirit to lead you in the discipline of self-reflection, and notice any time you make yourself feel good by placing yourself above others. Then confess it, and turn back to humble service.

Breath-Prayer for Today:

Forgive me, O God, when I place myself above others, and teach me your humble integrity.

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God's Road Map

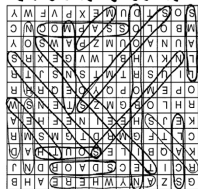
The Bible is like a road map showing us the way we should go. Fill in the blanks with the words you find in the WORD FIND. Some words may be used twice or may not be used at all.



1. Lines from one side of the map to the other are from east to _____.
2. You can _____ a map to show where you live.
3. A _____ has a direction needle.
4. The direction needle always points _____.
5. On a map a _____ usually means a capitol.
6. Lines running up and down are north and _____.
7. _____ are used on maps to show mountains, rivers, and cities.
8. There is a _____ on each map to show how much distance is a mile.
9. A local map shows _____ in a town.
10. The area right around your home might be called your _____.
11. If you are lost, a _____ will tell you which direction is north, south, east and west.
12. A _____ can help you find your way in a new area.
13. On maps of countries, there are lines that show _____ where you would change your watch when traveling.
14. A map makes a very large area look _____.
15. With a compass and a map you can find your way to just about _____.

1. west 2. draw 3. compass 4. north 5. star 6. south 7. symbols 8. scale 9. streets 10. neighborhood 11. compass 12. map 13. time zones 14. small 15. anywhere

Word Find



Answers

G	S	Z	A	N	Y	W	H	E	R	E	A	H	B
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Anywhere	Roads
Compass	Scale
Draw	Small
Magnet	Star
Map	Streets
Names	South
Neighborhood	Symbols
North	Time Zones
Number	West

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 28th Bereavement Support Group in St Andrew's Room
- 1st Craft, Lunch & DVD
- 2nd Bendemeer 150th Celebrations

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

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church, the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church and the Hospital Chaplain.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the upcoming PRC Meeting on 10 November, the NENW Presbytery Meeting on 11 November and the Induction of Rev Joanne Smalbil in Armidale on 11 November. Congregations working the lay leaders across our Presbytery.

Scripture in Schools

Keep in your prayers the Tamworth Secondary Christian Education Teachers from around our High Schools (Andrew Wilcher & Ross Fotheringham—Farrer volunteers, Belinda Gonsalves—Oxley 3 days, Alison Holder—Peel/Manilla 2 days, and Dave Tankard—Tamworth 2 days).

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.

Kairos Outside

Keep in your prayers those leading and attending on 18/19 November.

Private Function

Jubilee Hall from 4pm on Saturday, 18 November.

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.

One Door Mental Health—Workshops

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...

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

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.

Congregational Christmas Lunch

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

Worship on Sunday, 26 November 2017

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



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 5 November 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Holy Communion. International Day of Prayer. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. **Annual Reports circulated today.** Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Frontier Services

We had a call during the week from Martin Shields, to thank our Congregation for our regular support of Frontier Services over many years. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

With Love to the World

If you would like to take up a subscription to aid your devotions, please talk to Nicolette in the office. Our next annual order will be placed soon.

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.

This Week's Events

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).

One Door Mental Health—Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 6 November from 10am-12noon.

Church Office

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

One Door Mental Health—Workshops

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on 7th and 8th November from 9am-4pm.

Adult Fellowship

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, 7th November. Usual meeting time 9:30am (different venue though—we'll be at Connections Café) morning tea then our meeting. Please come along and join us.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 7 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! Morning tea in the Office. All helpers welcome.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 8 November from 10am.

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 8 November from 4pm.

Senior Communion

Monthly Senior Communion will be held in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 10 November with Rev Armstrong. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Remembrance Day—Saturday, 11 November.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, 11 November at Armidale Uniting Church. Including the induction of Rev Jo-anne Smalbil.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 12 November 2017

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

Congregational AGM

Reports for our AGM on 12th November will be out on Sunday, 5 November.

Police Staff Training

Workshops will be held in the St Andrew's Room all week. Monday to Friday 13-17 November from 8am-4pm. There will be no access to the St Andrew's Room on these days.

Op Shop Christmas Lunch

Don't forget to book in at the office for our Op Shop Christmas Lunch on Monday, 13 November from 12noon at the Squareman Inn. Cost will be \$15.

Elders Fellowship

Our next get together will be on Tuesday, 14 November from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

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 17 November.

New Men's Group

A combined churches Men's Ministry Dinner at Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo, 17 November from 7pm. Cost \$25/head. Guest speaker Mike Spencer, "One People, One Destiny". Contact Tony Richardson 0401 418 864