

Diary Dates

Sun, 13	8am-8pm KOWNE in JH 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship with Barry Gillett. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch 5pm Evensong at St John's	Fri, 18	8:30am Social Craft in DH 10am Craft Group St AR 11am Online Road Trip & Lunch at Comm. Centre 12noon Pulse Lunch 6pm New Vogue Dance JH
Mon, 14	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am Uniting in St A Room	Sat, 19	9am-12noon Op Shop 9am St John's Fete 5pm Fiesta La Peel
Tue, 15	9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9am AIR in St A Room 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am Pres Bookkeeper 2pm Senior's Getting Together Fellowship in the Village Community Hall	Sun, 20	9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship with Rev Will Pearson. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch
Wed, 16	9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest 6pm Meditation in Chapel 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH		
Thu, 17	9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music 6pm Emmaus Board St AR		

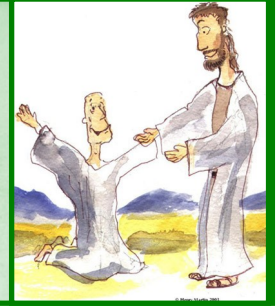


Thankful Hearts Raise
to God!

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 20 October—Pentecost 19

9am	Tamworth City Service—Rev Will Pearson; E: B McLean; D: R & M Duns, S Hardin; PP: J Carthew, O: R Cathcart
9:30	Tamworth Southside HC Service
11am	West Tamworth—Rev Will Pearson, trading table
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside HC Service



13 October 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

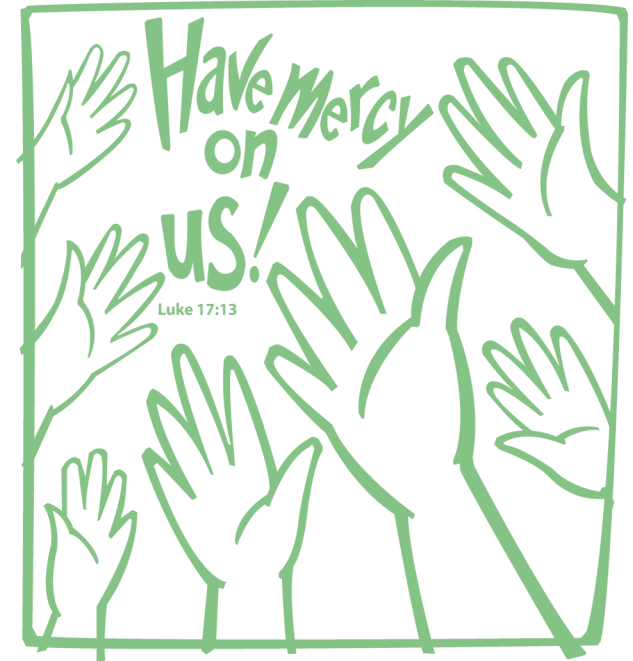
We welcome all those worshipping
with us today. Mr Barry Gillett will be
leading our service. Please stay for a
chat and morning tea.

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Seasons of the Spirit

Get Up and Go...

Readings

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7, Psalm 66:1–12, 2 Timothy 2:8–15 and Luke 17:11–19.

Prayer

O God, you are the God who moves. You move over the waters of chaos and bring creation. You move ahead of us on our journeys through the wildernesses of life. You moved into the flesh, and you came to those of us others avoided. May you move in our hearts as well. Move us toward compassion. Move us toward peace. Move us toward thanksgiving. Amen.

Reflection

An emerging theme of the second half of the Pentecost season is the call to live now the promise of God's future realities. Perhaps this is no surprise in a year when we read from the gospel of Luke, a book filled with the work of justice and with calls to live and proclaim such. The readings this week bring God's reality into the lives of the marginalized, as an inbreaking of justice for those who have been cast out of their community.

Biblical Background

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 the prophet envisions the restoration of community. The Judean people are in exile in Babylon, but it is there, away from the place they would have called "home," that the prophet proclaims the word of God to be a word of the re-establishment of community. The people are to settle themselves and to invest in the place they have landed for the long haul. They are to attend to one another's needs. They are to break bread. They are to build families. A vital component of the establishment of community in this passage is also the establishment of hope.

Psalm 66:1–12 Invoking the Israelites' particular liberation narrative, the Exodus, and the broad embrace of God, the writer reminds that the times of trouble, trial, and testing are never far away. There is a constant need to reorient one's life and the life of the community toward thanksgiving if we are to live as people who are truly free from bondage.

Luke 17:11–19 "When Jesus saw them, he said, 'Go...'" (Luke 17:14). Though this is a shortened version of this command, we too find ourselves called to go. But where are we to go? And what are we to go and do?

In this story in the gospel of Luke, Jesus is approached by ten people with

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 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.

Sun, 13 Oct—8:30am Gowrie Service

& 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Meg Mangan.

Tue, 15 Oct—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

Thu, 17 Oct—2:30pm Study Group at West Tamworth.

Fri, 18 Oct—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with Ross Davidson.

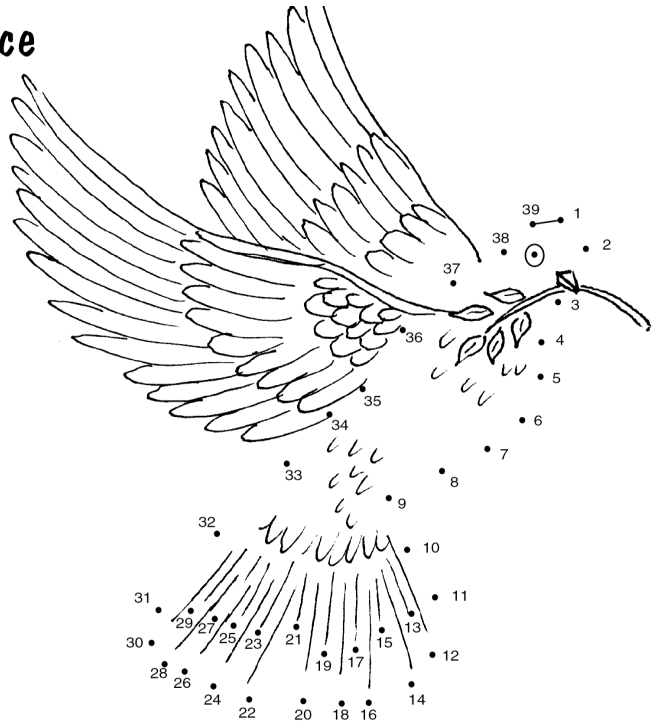
Sun, 20 Oct—11am West Tamworth with Rev Will

Pearson, trading table.



Dove of Peace

Here is a symbol of peace.
Connect the dots.



Peacemaking

In our world there is always trouble between nations. In Romans 14:19 there are wise words about peace. Unscramble these words to learn what this verse is.

ELT SU ENTH EUSRUP AWHT SAMEK
ORF PACEE DAN TAULUM DINGBLUIUP

What can you do to have peace in your life? Think of those around you. Are there disagreements and troubles sometimes? What can you do to have fewer arguments and problems?

Answers: Romans 14:19 Let us then pursue what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding.

Lectionary Readings

Sun	13	Psalm 66:1-12*	Fri	18	Genesis 32:22-31
Mon	14	Psalm 121	Sat	19	Luke 18:1-8*
Tue	15	Jeremiah 31:27-34*	Sun	20	Psalm 119:97-104*
Wed	16	2 Timothy 3:1-9	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	17	2 Timothy 3:10-4:5			

skin diseases as he travels to Jerusalem. They beg for him to show them mercy. Mercy was something they probably found in short supply in their lives, as people with skin diseases were typically excluded from their communities (Lev 13:46). The text even notes that as they cry out to Jesus, they keep their distance (17:12). Society's rules have been ingrained into them, and these ten with skin diseases act accordingly.

As he is apt to do, Jesus hears the pleas for mercy. He commands them to present themselves before the priests (17:14). In order to be restored to the communities from which their diseases have cast them, these people must be declared free of any infliction by a priest. They abide and are healed as they go seek restoration.

But one of the healed returns to Jesus. He prostrates himself and gives thanks. It is only then that the text mentions this one person happens to be a Samaritan. This is interesting and bears further exploration for two reasons. Earlier in the gospel of Luke, Samaritans had been unkind to Jesus by refusing to welcome him into their villages (9:53). But now a Samaritan is the example of offering humility and thanksgiving before God. It is of interest to note that the ethnic indication of "Samaritan" only comes after the person has been healed. While inflicted and therefore exiled, ethnicity means little to this group of ten.

For both the healed who go to present themselves to the priests and for the Samaritan who returns to Jesus, the command to go is a command to be part of the community and to be restored.

The author of 2 Timothy 2:8–15 finds himself in a similar predicament to those in the passage from Jeremiah. This person finds himself imprisoned (2:9). But prison cannot confine or keep out the reaches of community. The author notes earlier in the book that he has found support from Onesiphorus in spite of his imprisonment (1:16). Noting that strength that can be derived from the community, the individual, and the relationship the early church had with Christ, the author leans on communal words, drawing from what was probably part of a hymn or creed in the early church. "If we have died together, we will also live together" (2:11b, *Common English Bible*) and "if we are disloyal, he stays faithful" (2:13a).

Questions

Where are we to go? What are we to go and do? Today's scriptures remind us that our call to go and to build community is grounded in the love of God which heals, nurtures, builds up and is eternally faithful.



Today's Information

KOWNE—Kairos Training Weekend

8am-8pm in the Jubilee Hall today.

Worship on Sunday, 13 October

9am Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

St John's Evensong

You are invited to join the St John's Evensong on Sunday, 13 October from 5pm. Special guests St Peter's Cathedral Choir and TAS Chapel Choir. All welcome to join the choir in music and prayer and enjoy supper afterwards.

Church Council Notes

- Supply agreement for IIM for Rev Betty Stroud has been approved and signed. Rev Betty Stroud will commence her ministry with us on 8th January 2020.
- Request from Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Orchestra to perform in our church in February approved – more details at a later date.
- Luncheon to be held on 18th October with Karen Mitchell-Lambert as guest speaker updating us on the Pulse Program.
- Combining with Southside Uniting Church at Southside for 9.30am Service on Sunday 27th October for a special Rural Fire Service Blessing lead by Rev Will Pearson.
- "Safe Church" requirements discussed – need to appoint a Safe Church Officer and also have a record of congregation members who have qualifications in medical procedures.
- Request to go to Presbytery for financial assistance for Doing it for our Farmers. Request is for two month's rent (\$2,500) on the warehouse they are now leasing to support farming families doing it tough.
- Next Year's Fete discussed – request for ideas on whether to hold another Fete or other ways to help raise funds in place of Fete.
- Information was shared about the possibility of alternative methods of attending Calrossy School in 2020 for drought affected families. Visit their website at calrossy.nsw.edu.au for more details.

All Saints Day

Friday, 1 November.

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, 1 November.

Lunch & Chatter

Monthly Lunch & Chatter will be held on Friday, 1 November from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room.

Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 1 November from 6pm.

Worship on Sunday, 3 November

9am Worship Service and the Sacrament of Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. Elders: M & R Duns, J Archbold, W Standen, P Battle; D: G Chaffey, H Fergus, J Carthew; PP: M Miles; O: R Greer. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Annual Reports Out Today. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- 5th 9:30am Adult Fellowship, 7pm Friends of Nioka
- 6th 4pm Worship Committee
- 8th 10am Senior's Communion

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property & Finance/Admin Committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal in your prayers this week.



Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next duty is on Tuesday, 22 October from 8am.

Sleep Effect

Meeting in Dunn Hall on Wednesday, 23 October from 9am.

Pastoral Partners

Quarterly get together on Wednesday, 23 October from 7:30pm in the St Andrew's Room. A good chance to support one another in our ministry of caring for our congregation.

ACW World Community Day Service

Australian Church Women Inc invite you to join them for their World Community Day Service on Friday, 25 October from 10:30am at the Mary Help of Christians Church on Hillvue Road. The theme this year is "Open Hearts, Serving Hearts." Everyone is welcome.

Nominations for Church Council Close

Friday, 25 October in the Church Office (by 2pm).

Knowing God, Knowing Yourself Retreat

Retreat Christian Ministries invite you to participate in their Knowing God, Knowing Yourself Retreat on Saturday, 26 October 9am-3pm. More details and registrations on our website www.retreatchristianministries.com.au.

Worship on Sunday, 27 October

We are looking forward to joining with Tamworth Southside Congregation for the Blessing of the Fleet, Rural Fire Services, on Sunday, 27 October, commencing at 9:30am. Rev Will Pearson will lead the service (Will has been engaged in counselling at the fires throughout the New England area over recent months.) It's great to have this community connection together.

Stepping Stones

McKay House visit on Tuesday, 29 October from 10am.

Rainbow Cottage

Management Committee meeting on Wednesday, 30 October from 5pm.

Annual Reports Due

Thursday, 31 October.

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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 and Reports

Our Congregational AGM is coming up on Sunday, 10 November at the conclusion of worship. In readiness all Annual Reports should be submitted to the office by Friday, 25 October (convenors please note). Nominations are open for the position of Deputy Chairperson, church councillors, two NENW Presbytery Representatives and two alternates, and one Lay Preacher rep to Church Council. Nominations will close on Friday, 25 October.

Wheelchairs

The office was contacted this week and offered some wheelchairs in reasonable condition. If you need one, please contact 0418 552 683.

Thank you

Barb McLean would like to extend a special thank you to her church family for their support, visits, phone calls, loving and caring gestures over recent months during her illness. Thank you everyone.

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.

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. Resume 14 October.

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.

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Church Office

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

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 15 October from 9am.

Locomotive Line Dancing

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

Senior's Getting Together

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 15 October at 2pm in the UNITING St Andrew's Village Community Hall.

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.

Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area. During School Terms. Resuming 16 October.

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. This week it's "Well Nourished with Kylie Norman."

Yoga Group

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

Emmaus Board Meeting

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 17 October from 6pm.

Social Craft Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Friday mornings from 8:30-11am.



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, 18 October.

Senior's Computer Club

You are invited to join the Senior's Computer Club for their Over 55's free, fun and informative Online Road Trip & Lunch on Friday, 18 October 10:30am-12:30pm. Use the internet for search for information, tutors on hand for new users and those who might just need a little bit of assistance, use their equipment or bring yours, prizes too. Contact Trish on 0447 670 234 to register by Wednesday, 16 October.

Uniting Pulse Group

Visiting from Sydney on Friday, 18 October. Meeting with NENW Presbytery folk involved in ministry with children for lunch at 12:30pm, venue TBA.

New Vogue Dance

Friday, 18 October from 6pm in Jubilee Hall.

St John's Anglican Church Fete

Saturday, 19 October from 9pm.

Fiesta la Peel

Discover a melting pot of cultures from over 40 countries. Food, craft, entertainment and more! Saturday, 19 October from 4pm in the Fitzroy Plaza, Kable Avenue and Bicentennial Park. Free entry! Food and trade stalls. Free taste plates from around the world. Street and stage entertainment. Kids activities. All welcome, our Multicultural Street Festival.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 20 October

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: M Hobson; D: R & M Duns, S Hardin; PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Will Pearson.