

## Diary Dates

**Sun, 14 9am Tamworth City  
Worship with Rev Chris  
Wright. Morning Tea.  
11:30am Korean Reborn**

**Mon, 15 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH  
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
10am UNITING Support in St  
Andrew's Room  
1:30pm KYB Study at 26  
Upper Street  
4pm WW in Dunn Hall  
5:30pm Dance Grp in JH**

**Tue, 16 9am-2pm Church Office T-F  
9am AIR in St Andrew's Rm  
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper  
2pm Senior's Getting  
Together at Village Hall  
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

**Wed, 17 9am Op Shop Sorting  
10:30am Pastoral Partners  
Exec in St Andrew's Rm  
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH  
6pm Meditation Service**

**Thu, 18 8:30am Early Risers Prayer  
9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall  
10am Stepping Stones  
Playgroup in St A's Room  
4pm Young Families Support  
Group in Wesley Room  
4:30pm Worship Music**

**Fri, 19 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall  
10am Craft Group in StAR  
Kairos Outside Weekend at  
Keep it Dam**

**Sat, 20 8am SU Collectors Fair  
8-11am WW in Dunn Hall  
9am-12noon Op Shop  
9:30am Makes You Wonder  
at Southside**

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11:30am Korean Reborn**



## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 21 October 2018

9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, E: J Archbold, D: M & D Miles, J Crosling; O: R Greer, PP: J Carthew  
9:30am Tamworth Southside Service  
11am West Tamworth Service HC with Rev Chris Wright. Trading table to follow.  
5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service



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## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

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



# Sacredise Bible Reflection

## Thought for the Week

Two words come together in the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary this week: compassion and suffering. You may read about Job's feeling of being abandoned by God this Sunday, or possibly the call of the prophet Amos for God's people to live with compassion. Alternatively, you may hear the story of the wealthy ruler who was told by Jesus to sell all his possessions and give to the poor. Whichever reading is the focus for your worship this week, they all highlight what theologians call "God's preferential option for the poor" – God's deep concern for justice, equality and the end to poverty and unnecessary suffering in our world.

It's tempting, when confronted with suffering, to intellectualise it. We can debate for hours why God allows suffering, and what we should do with those who suffer. But all our theories simply create distance between those who are not suffering and those who are. Suffering is not a problem to be solved. It's a reality that every human being must face to a greater or lesser degree. Suffering is a call to compassion and connection. When we are the ones who suffer, we are invited to experience God's presence and grace within our pain, and through those who show compassion and support. When others are suffering, we are called to be the embodiment of God's compassion as we serve and care for our struggling sisters and brothers. Either way the most appropriate response to suffering is loving action.

This week, we will explore the Gospel's challenge to embrace suffering – for the sake of our faith, for the sake of others, as a normal part of human life, and as a call to be Christ's hands and feet.



## Reading

Mark 10:17-31

# 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.

[www.tamworthsouthside.org.au](http://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.*



# Peel Valley Congregations

**Sun, 14 Oct**—8:30am Gowrie Service  
and 11am West Tamworth HC Service  
with Meg Mangan.

**Tue, 16 Oct**—10am Memory Lane at  
West Tamworth.

**Thu, 18 Oct**—2:30pm Study Group at  
West Tamworth.

**Fri, 19 Oct**—6pm Hallsville Family  
Church with Rev Henry Swindon.

**Sun, 21 Oct**—11am West Tamworth  
Service with Rev Chris Wright.  
Trading Table.

**Fri, 26 Oct**—6pm Hallsville Family  
Church.

**Sun, 28 Oct**—8am Hallsville Market,  
8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am  
West Tamworth Service.

**Sun, 11 Nov**—PV CC AGM

## GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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

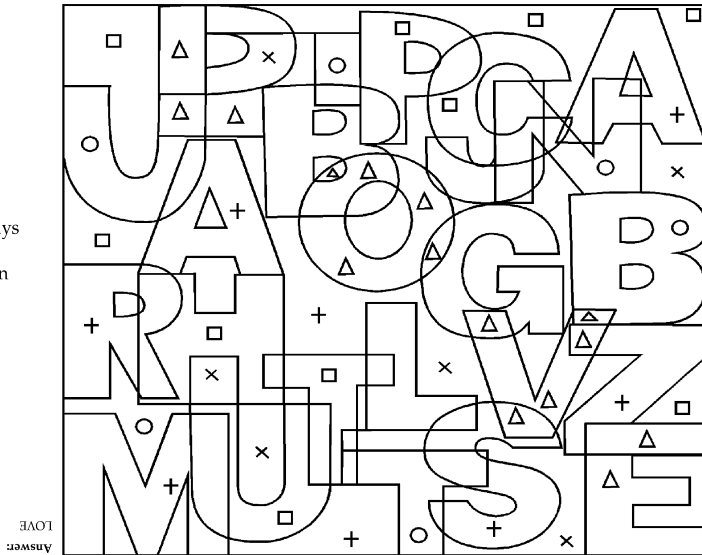
*Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"*

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337



## A Very Important Word

This puzzle hides an important word. Jesus says it is the most important thing we can do. Shade in the  $\Delta$  spaces to find the word.

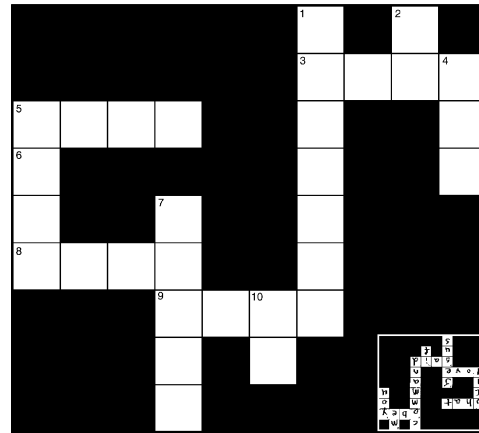


Answer: LOVE

## Jesus' Words to Us

In the Bible, Jesus asks his followers to do certain things. Choose words from the Word List to fill spaces in the crossword puzzle. Then use the crossword numbers to arrange the words to reveal Jesus' words to us.

**Word List**  
I  
if  
me  
you  
said  
obey  
love  
will  
what  
Jesus  
command



Answer: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

(7) \_\_\_\_\_

(9) \_\_\_\_\_, " (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5 down) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (5 across) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_."

## Lectionary Readings

Sun 14	Psalm 22:1-15*	Fri 19	Isaiah 53:4-12
Mon 15	Job 38:1-7*	Sat 20	Mark 10:35-45*
Tue 16	Job 40:1-14	Sun 21	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c*
Wed 17	Hebrews 5:1-10*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 18	Hebrews 6:9-20		

## Reflection

There are two ways we can miss the message of today's reading. The first is to take Jesus' response to this one particular person and make it a legalistic law for everyone to follow - which would basically be impossible. The second would be to assume that, because Jesus was dealing with one specific person, his words have no application to our lives. The point of this passage is Jesus' explanation to his disciples that it is hard for those who are wealthy to enter the Reign of God. Remember that Jesus is not speaking about life after death. The Reign of God is about a radically different way of living before we die.

The struggle that the wealthy have is that the values and principles of God's Reign are so completely different to those of the human systems of our world. Human systems of power and wealth always tend to favour some and ignore others. They always end up perpetuating injustice, because human beings are broken and sinful. But, God's Reign is about equality and generosity. It is about "living simply so that others may simply live". It is about sharing power, resources and opportunities. The problem is, the more wealth we have, the more we are invested in the human systems of this world and the harder it is to live according to the values of God's Reign.

The crunch is that, if you are able to access this Daily Worship resource, you are probably among the wealthy. How can you reduce your investment in human empires and increase it in God's Reign today?

## Practice for Today

The reason the Bible teaches us to give is not so much because others need us to. It's because we need to. The only way to stop wealth taking hold of our hearts, and leading us to the greed and hoarding that causes so much suffering, is to give it away. Today, find every opportunity you can to give.

## Breath-Prayer for Today

Help me today to give what I must to heal my heart, and to ease the suffering of others, O God.

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# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 14 October

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Morning Tea.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone, you and the community have been very generous. Sue-Ellen has been coordinating lots of exciting and rewarding work with local farmers and some further afield including food distribution, hay distribution and water carting.

## AngliCare—Diploma of Counselling

AngliCare College are offering the Diploma of Counselling. 2yrs full time or up to 4yrs part time. Study at home. Supported by local experienced counsellors. Contact College of Counselling Studies 6762 0844.

# 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.

## 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 Group

Returning on Monday, 15 October. 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 in Term 4.

## Church Office

Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. All hall bookings through the office please. Thank you, *Nicolette*.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Makes You Wonder Workshop with Rev Dr Ian Robinson on 20 October, and 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.

# Maintenance Items

## Home Communion

*Do you know someone who might like to have an Elder bring Holy Communion to them in their home? Please let Judith Archbold know (6766 6716).*

## 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. Donating \$1,000 recently.*

## 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.*

## 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.*



### **Emmaus Going Forth**

Saturday, 3 November in Jubilee and Dunn Halls.

### **TSCEA Afternoon Tea**

You are invited to support our Scripture Teachers at an afternoon tea on Saturday, 3 November 2-4pm in the Carinya PAC. Cost by donation. Supporting Scripture teachers at Farrer, Oxley, Peel, Tamworth High Schools.

### **Worship on Sunday, 4 November**

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Bennett, M Weick, R & M Duns, Door: E Gevert, S Perkins, J Phillips, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

### **Diary Dates**

- 5 November—Op Shop Annual Lunch
- 6 November—Adult Fellowship
- 7 November—Worship Committee
- 10 November—Presbytery in Quirindi
- 25 November—Congregational Christmas Lunch
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

## Prayers

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and 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.

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

We keep the activities of the Harvest Church, Liberty Church, Calrossy School, St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, NorthWest Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church in our prayers.



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

Meeting in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Tuesday, 16 October from 2pm.

### **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.

### **Pastoral Partners Executive Meeting**

Wednesday, 17 October from 10:30am in St Andrew's Room..

### **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.

### **Young Families Worker Support Team**

Meeting in the Wesley room on Thursday, 18 October from 4pm.

### **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, 19 October.

### **Kairos Outside**

Keep in your prayers those leading and attending Kairos Outside this weekend 20/21 October at Lake Keepit.

### **Collectors Fair & Garage Sale**

Saturday, 20 October a Collectors Fair & Garage Sale in aid of Scripture Union 7am-2pm at 70 Upper St. 30 tables of everything imaginable. Contact Rosemary Andersen 6766 1910. Donations if items welcome or just come on the day.

### **Makes You Wonder**

REGISTER TODAY for the Makes You Wonder workshop to be held on Saturday, 20 October from 9am-3pm at Tamworth Southside, led by Rev Dr Ian Robinson. *Makes You Wonder* will help you... To find your own voice in sharing your own faith in your own world; To find confidence in the power of being simply yourself ; To find fresh and biblical ways to share these discoveries in small steps with those who have no church background. To be intentional to lead with more authenticity. Register at the Office.

*Why are you a Christian or a follower of Jesus now? Not why did you become a Christian or follower of Jesus, but why are you still one, why do you continue in following Jesus, why do you continue in your relationship with God? OR Looking down the other end of the same telescope, What difference would it make to you life if you were no longer a Christian?*

## Next Week & Beyond

### **Worship on Sunday, 21 October**

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Archbold, Door: G J Crosling, M & D Miles, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

### **Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster**

Next rostered day will be Tuesday, 23 October from 8am.

### **Stepping Stones—Helpers Meeting**

Would you like to get involved with Stepping Stones? Come along and find out more. You might like to do morning tea, chat with mums, take care of children, make new friends. Information day on Wednesday, 24 October 10am in the St Andrew's Room.

### **Pastoral Partners**

Quarterly meeting on Wednesday, 24 October from 7:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

### **ACW World Community Day**

Australian Church Women invite everyone to our World Community Day service on Friday, 26 October from 6pm at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. The theme this year is Women Serving Open Heartedly—Listen, Care, Love, Assist! All man, women and children are invited to come along to thank and bless our community services and carers.

### **St John's Fete**

Saturday, 27 October from 8:30am.

### **Know Yourself Course**

CCS NENW are offering the Know Yourself Course on 27-28 October and 10-11 November. Cost \$200/pp. This course helps you to understand yourself and others so you can manage the challenges of personal and work relationships. Each session includes activities, discussion and small group sharing. Phone 6762 0844 or email [admin@ccsnenworg.au](mailto:admin@ccsnenworg.au).

### **Worship on Sunday, 28 October**

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: B McLean, Door: R & P Pryor, M Partridge, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

### **Rainbow Cottage Management Committee**

Meeting on Wednesday, 31 October from 5pm at Rainbow.

### **All Saints Day**

Thursday, 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, 2 November.

### **Lunch & DVD**

Our monthly Lunch & DVD will be on Friday, 2 November from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch followed by a movie. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

