

Diary Dates

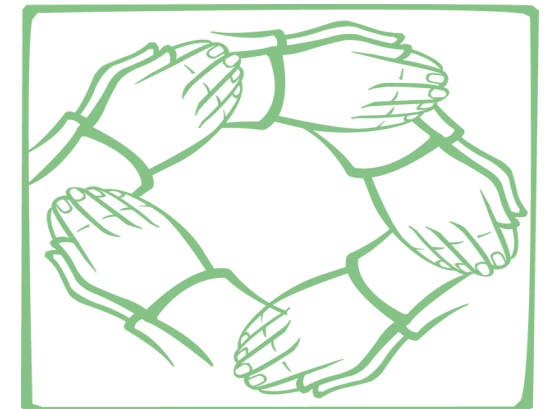
Sun, 20	9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch	11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch
Mon, 21	9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am Uniting in St A Room	Mon, 28 9:30am Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am Uniting in St A Room
Tue, 22	8am Meals on Wheels Ktchn 9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am Pres Bookkeeper	Tue, 29 9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am Pres Bookkeeper 10am Stepping Stones McKay House Visit
Wed, 23	9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest 9am Sleep Effect in DH 6pm Meditation in Chapel 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH 7:30pm PastoralP'tners StAR	Wed, 30 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest 5pm Rainbow Cottage Meet 6pm Meditation in Chapel 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH
Thu, 24	9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music	Thu, 31 9am Annual reports Due 9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music
Fri, 25	8:30am Social Craft in DH 9am CCouncil nom due 10am World C'ty Day MHCh 6pm New Vogue Dance JH	Fri, 1 8:30am Social Craft in DH 10am Craft Group StAR 12noon Lunch StAR 6pm Bec's Reunion Grp StAR
Sat, 26	9am-12noon Op Shop 9am Knowing God Knowing Yourself Retreat	Sat, 2 9am-12noon Op Shop
Sun, 27	9:30am Tamworth City Worshipping with Tamworth Southside for Blessing of the Rural Fire Service Fleet with Rev Will Pearson. Morning Tea.	Sun, 3 9am Tamworth City Worship and Sacrament of Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch



20 / 27 October 2019

Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today at Tamworth City. Next week at Tamworth Southside for the Blessing of the Rural Fire Service Fleet at 9:30am. Rev Will Pearson will be leading our services. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



Pray Always.
Don't lose heart

Luke 18:1

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Seasons of the Spirit

Faith Persists...

Readings

Jeremiah 31:27–34; Psalm 119:97–104; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1–8

Prayer

Eternal God, empower us in the call to preach the good news, to live peace even when inconvenient, to encourage others with patience, and endure in the truth. Like the widow who pleaded for her justice, we plead that you help us “to not lose heart.” Amen.

Reflection

We continue in this season of movement and growth, moving into and growing toward God’s promises of justice and peace, which will be proclaimed and realized with the coming of the Messiah during Advent and Christmas. The peaceful and just way of Christ is already here, and yet it is coming, too. We might wrestle with what is commonly called “the already and the not-yet.” How then do we proclaim and live this way in a world that seems to encourage injustice, recklessness toward others, and self-service? The readings this week reveal the call of faith to persist in the ways of peace and justice even in the face of the world’s ambivalence and division.

Biblical Background

Jeremiah 31:27–34 outlines a new covenant between the people of Israel and Judah and God; we come to see that the ways of justice, love, and faithfulness begin with and flow from God. This covenant comes after the one God made with the ancestors of the people of Israel and Judah. The prophet describes how the former covenant was broken by unfaithfulness and how this new covenant is of a different nature. God empowers the people, engraving on their hearts the ways of justice and faithfulness, and inviting them into the very heart of God from which these ways flow.

Like the prophet, the writer of 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 reminds its readers that they can go forward in the ways of God’s promises. The letter reminds them of the instruction they have been given; instruction that is wise, just, and humble.

Luke 19:1–8, finds the reader immersed in a parable about persistence.

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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Fri, 18 Oct—6pm Hallsville Friday

Family Church with Ross Davidson.

Sun, 20 Oct—11am West Tamworth with Rev Will Pearson, trading table.

Sun, 27 Oct—8:30am Gowrie Service, 11am West Tamworth Service with Evelyn Keane. 8:30 am Markets at Hallsville.

Fri, 1 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with John Nash.

Sun, 3 Nov—11am West Tamworth Service with



Mystery message

The vowels (a, e, i, o, u) in the Scripture below are not correct. Replace the incorrect vowels with the correct ones.

“u wondstirm swupt dawn in tho
leka end tha baot wes follung wath
wutar, und thoy wara un dengur... Ond ha wuka
op ind ribokad tha wond ind thu rogeng wuvos;
thay caosid, ond tharu wos i culm.” — Luke 8:23b-24b

And the wind rose up and rebuked the sea, and the waves were calmed. . . . And the boat was filled with waves, and they were in danger
Answer

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 27 October—Pentecost 20

- 8:30am Markets at Hallsville, Gowrie Service with Evelyn Keane
- 9:30 Tamworth City & Tamworth Southside blessing of the Rural Fire Service Fleet at Tamworth Southside
- 11am West Tamworth Service with Evelyn Keane
- 5:30pm Tamworth Southside HC Service

Sunday, 3 November—Pentecost 21

- 9am Tamworth City—Rev Will Pearson—HC Elders: M & R Duns, J Archbold, W Standen, P Battle; Door: G Chaffey, H Fergus, J Carthew; PPoint: M Miles; Organ: R Greer.
- 9:30 Tamworth Southside
- 11am West Tamworth—John Nash Lunch to follow
- 5:30pm Tamworth Southside HC Service

Lectionary Readings

Sun 20	Psalm 119:97-104*	Mon 28	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4*
Mon 21	Joel 1:1-3; 2:12-22	Tue 29	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Tue 22	Joel 2:23-32*	Wed 30	Luke 19:1-10*
Wed 23	2 Timothy 4:6-22	Thu 31	Romans 3:19-28
Thu 24	Luke 18:9-14*	Fri 1	Ephesians 1:11-23
Fri 25	Luke 18:15-17	Sat 2	Revelation 7:9-17
Sat 26	Luke 18:18-30	Sun 3	Psalm 119:137-144*
Sun 27	Psalm 65*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	

Jesus tells the story of a powerful judge who has no interest in serving justice for the oppressed. This judge only cares for his own best interests. A widow comes before him to plead for a ruling in her favour against those who oppose her (we are given no reasons as to why she has “adversaries”). As a widow, this woman has lost any access she had to justice, other than her persistent belief that it is possible.

Still, perhaps aware of the judge’s responsibility to be fair in cases of widows and other oppressed members of the community (Deuteronomy 24:17–22), the widow comes to the judge repeatedly. The judge continually refuses her requests. Eventually, the woman’s persistence breaks through the judge’s callous nature and he rules in her favour.

This story of a persistent woman helps us to see divisions in our world between justice and injustice, the ways of God and the ways of the world, and the power of God to overcome. We are reminded that justice is eternal and that God empowers us to speak the words of God’s heart: words of compassion, words of faithfulness, and words of persistence.

Psalm 119:97–104 reminds the reader that the instruction we have been given to help us persist is something for which we should be thankful. Gratitude is undoubtedly at the heart of the work of justice because it promotes humility (though this can be difficult to see because a quick glance at the psalm makes it read as boasting at best and hubris at worse). This psalm also reminds the reader that instruction in the ways of God’s heart is life-giving. To follow these instructions is not only good for one’s own self but good for the community.

Questions

How do we proclaim and live God’s ways in a world that resists them? How do we find ourselves faithful to justice when our society makes it easier to serve ourselves? This week’s scriptures remind us of the power of God’s teaching and the endurance to persist. If we persist in this broken world by speaking out against injustice, surely it is God’s mercy that strengthens us to do so.



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 20 October

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Will Pearson.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Church Council Notes

- Supply agreement for IIM for Rev Betty Stroud has been approved and signed. Rev Betty Stroud will commence her ministry on 8th January.
- 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 of the Fleet 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.

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).



Worship on Sunday, 10 November

9am Worship Service with Rev Will Pearson. Elders: B McLean; D: R Barclay, R & P Pryor; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Sunday School. Christmas Appeal Launch. Congregational AGM at the end of Worship. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates to Note

- 11th Remembrance Day
- 12th 10am One Door Mental Health Carer Support
- 13th 9am Sleep Effect; 10am Compassionate Friends; 4:30pm Elder’s Fellowship
- 14th 9:30am Nursing Home Service
- 15th 10am Craft Group
- Save the Date for our Congregational Christmas Lunch 26th November!

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Children’s Ministry—Christian Education, Scripture in Schools, Sunday School, Young Families Worker, Mission Outreach and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Church on the Way, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic Churches—St Nicholas, Mary Help of Christians, St Patricks, The Father’s House, and Trinity Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery. Our meeting coming up on 9 November.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. Funding from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAI, BSB 032 621, A/c No. 372 372. Thank you.

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.

Safe Church Workshop

Did you miss out on the last Workshop? You can catch up with details at the Gunnedah Workshop on Saturday, 2 November from 12noon in the Gunnedah Uniting Church Hall. Please register with the office.

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.

Adult Fellowship

Monthly meeting and get together on Tuesday, 5 November from 9:30am for morning tea in the St Andrew's Room. Everyone's welcome to join us.

Friends of Nioka

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

Worship Committee

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

Seniors Communion

Monthly Senior's Communion at the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall from 10am on Friday, 8 November with Rev Jim Furze.

Kairos Outside for Women

Our dates for KOWNE are coming up on 25-27 October. There is no cost to participants for the weekend. There are a few ways to get involved:

- Do you know someone who'd like to come? Contact Lyn Haack 6785 1489
- Pray for the women attending and the team.
- Support the prayer vigil www.3dayol.org.
- Help transport guests and equipment. Contact Carol Knight 0427 248 508.
- If you would like to donate to help the running of the weekend A/c Name Kairos Prison Ministry Aust Kairos Outside New England; BSB 032 170; A/c No. 318 595.

Grab a sheet with more details from the back of the church.

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.

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.

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.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

Church Office

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

Locomotive Line Dancing

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

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.

Sleep Effect

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

Meditation Service

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

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

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.

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.

Yoga Group

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

Social Craft Group

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

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).

New Vogue Dance

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Friday 25th October from 6pm.

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.

Next Week & Beyond

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.