

Diary Dates

**Sun, 21 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris
Wright. Sunday School.
Morning Tea.**

11am West Tamworth
11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 22 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, 23 Plumbing Work
8am Meals on Wheels
9am-2pm Church Office T-F
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

**Wed, 24 9am Op Shop Sorting
10am SS Helpers in St AR
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
6pm Meditation Service**

7:30pm Pastoral Partners
**Thu, 25 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall
10am Stepping Stones
Playgroup in St A's Room
4:30pm Worship Music**

4:30pm Occasional Choir
**Fri, 26 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
6pm World Community Day
at Tamworth Southside
Sat, 27 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Op Shop
9am St John's Fete
9:30am CCS Know Yourself**

**Sun, 28 9am Tamworth City
Worship with Rev Chris
Wright. Morning Tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn**



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 28 October 2018

8am Hallsville Markets 8:30am Gowrie Service—Rev H Swindon
9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, E: B McLean, D: R & P Pryor,
M Partridge; O: R Cathcart, PP: J McClelland
9:30am Tamworth Southside Service
11am West Tamworth Service—Rev H Swindon
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

We live in a world where the quest for greatness has become almost obsessive. Reality television offers the promise of fame and wealth to anyone willing to put themselves "out there". Everything – from corporations to churches to individuals – is measured by the size of buildings, bank accounts or networks. And, while the growth of social media has connected us as never before, it has also created a whole new competition for greatness as we strive for ever increasing numbers of "friends," followers," or "visitors".

This desire to be "special" or "exceptional" is not new. James and John wrestled with it as they secretly approached Jesus hoping to secure the best seats in God's Reign. The other disciples had it too, which is why they got so upset when they heard what James and John had done. In the Old Testament, Job, who had perhaps become a little too obsessed with his own righteous suffering, was faced with a God who reminded him of his place, and, in the Isaiah reading we see this God revealed in the Suffering Servant who makes no claim to greatness, but saves his people.

This week we will be faced with two very important challenges. The first is to define greatness differently – in terms of service and sacrifice for others. The second challenge is to give up our quest to be extraordinary, and embrace the simplicity, the humility and the ordinariness of following Jesus just where we are. In a world driven crazy by the quest for greatness, embracing the glory of our own ordinary lives may be one of the most significant contributions we can make!

Reading

Mark 10:35-45

Reflection

The disciples had heard Jesus talk about God's Reign for quite some time, but they still hadn't understood it. Even after hearing Jesus predict his death

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 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

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 with Rev
Henry Swindon.

Sun, 4 Nov—11am West Tamworth
Service followed by lunch.

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."*

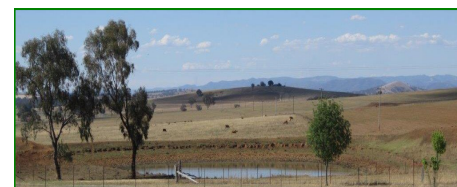
Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

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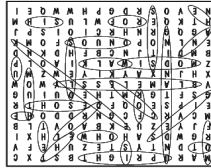
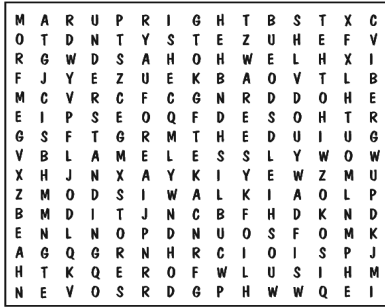
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
Bruce Jarrett, Barbara Murray, Doss Wark



Word Find

Find the words from Proverbs 2:6-7 in the Word Find.

- for the lord gives wisdom from his mouth come knowledge
- and understanding he stores up sound for the upright he
- is a shield to those who walk blamelessly

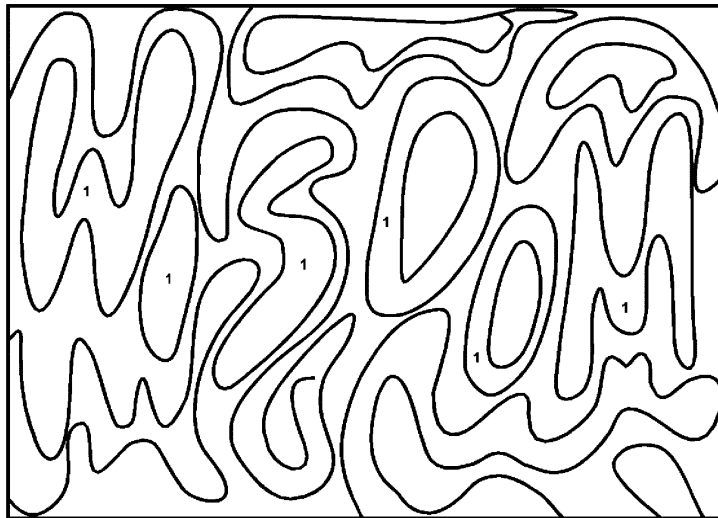


Wisdom

As God's people grow older they learn things along the way. Ask some of the older people at church if they have a little bit of wisdom to help you live with God at the centre of your life.

Give each one a piece of paper that they can write on. When you get the papers back, put them together to make a book.

Punch holes and tie the papers together with string. Make a cover with heavy paper or light cardboard. Decorate the cover with crayons, markers, or paint.



Answers: Wisdom

Colour the Spaces
Colour all the spaces with the number 1. Colour the other spaces with another colour. Did you find a word? Write the word here.

How can we find that in our lives?

Lectionary Readings

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| Sun 21 | Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c* | Fri 26 | Hebrews 9:1-10 |
| Mon 22 | Job 42:1-9 | Sat 27 | Mark 10:46-52* |
| Tue 23 | Job 42:10-17 | Sun 28 | Psalm 34:1-8* |
| Wed 24 | Hebrews 7:23-28* | * Denotes Sunday lectionary readings | |
| Thu 25 | Hebrews 8:1-13 | | |

more than once, James and John still thought that the "glory" Jesus spoke of would be about power, wealth and recognition – and they wanted some of that. So, they asked Jesus for the best seats – at his side, as advisors to the Monarch of God's Reign. Imagine how they must have dreamed of the praise they would receive, and the special treatment they would enjoy.

But, even though they thought they had managed to get in before anyone else, Jesus told them that those places were already reserved. What they didn't know was that, when Jesus spoke about thrones and crowns, he meant the cross where he would be mocked as "king of the Jews" and would wear a crown of thorns. This is where God's glory would be revealed – and while James and John would both ultimately suffer for Jesus, the places beside him in this "glory" were reserved for two criminals who were crucified on his right and left.



The glory of following Jesus is not in receiving special treatment – not from God nor anyone else. It is in sharing in the life-giving sacrifice of Jesus. It is in making our lives matter by participating in God's mission in the world. It is in learning that the true joy in life is not to be served, but to give oneself in service to others that is meaningful and that leaves the world a better place. How can you embrace this glory today?

Practice for Today

It is common to praise God for God's greatness and glory, or to celebrate the cross because of the glory it offers us. But, we seldom celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus as an example for us to follow. We seldom praise God for the opportunity to share in Christlike acts of service. Today, try to praise God for the gift of humility and sacrificial service, and see what impact it has on your life.

Breath-Prayer for Today

For inviting me to share in your mission of selflessly serving the world, O God, I give you praise.

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Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 21 October

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Mission Envelopes will be going out this week with proceeds this month going to the Peace Project in the Philippines.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Synod Launches Fair Treatment Campaign

The Uniting Church campaign calling on the Australian Government to reform drug policy was officially launched last Friday, 12th by Sir Richard Branson at Sydney Town Hall. Fair Treatment is a grassroots campaign that seeks the decriminalisation for possession and personal use of small amounts of illicit drugs, as well as investment into harm reduction treatment. The Synod website & Fair Treatment Facebook page have details.

Same Gender Forum

Forty members of the church council and congregation enjoyed a pleasant night with the moderator, Rev Simon Hansford. There were lots of questions and lots of respectful discussion and explanation. People holding differing positions on the issue were all heard. Thank you to the fellowship committee for coffee and desert. *Rev Chris Wright.*

Annual Reports

Another year slipping by already. Could all convenors please put together their annual reports for submission to the office by 2 November.

Farmer Care Packages

I have had a number of farmers in the office this week and we have been able to help with food and vouchers to give them a hand. They are very appreciative of all that we have been able to do, thanks to your generosity.

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.

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Prayers

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 Church on the Way, the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholic Churches, the Father's House, Trinity Church and the Uniting Churches (Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley) in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: 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

Reverse Parking

We've had a couple of near-misses recently. Would everyone using the car park please reverse park into parking spaces. This will mean that when it gets full it will be easier to get out and pedestrians will be safer. Thanks.

Library

We have a library of books/DVDs in the Vestry. Do you have any you no longer require of a religious nature to donate to our Library? Maybe you'd like to borrow a book. Talk to Peter Battle 6766 7455.

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Adult Fellowship

6 November will be our AGM commencing with morning tea at 9:30 in the St Andrew's Room. We will go to lunch at Connections following the meeting. All welcome.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 6 November from 7pm.

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 7 November from 4pm.

Rainbow Cottage Training

Meeting in the Wesley Room on Thursday, 8 November from 10am.

Uniting Planning Meeting

Meeting at Tamworth Southside on Thursday, 8 November from 11am.

Senior's Communion

Monthly senior's communion in the village hall at the St Andrew's Village on Friday, 9 November from 10am. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, 10 November at Quirindi Uniting Church.

Worship on Sunday, 11 November

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: R Duns, Door: M Duns, W Purss, H McKenzie, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. Remembrance Day.

Diary Dates

- 14 November—Elders Fellowship 4:30pm
- 25 November—Congregational Christmas Lunch 12noon
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo 9am

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.

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

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.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

Plumbing Work

Weather permitting we will be undertaking our plumbing work on Tuesday, 23 October. This will limit access to the car park and St Andrew's Room.

Church Office

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

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.

Stepping Stones—Helpers Meeting

Would you like to get involved with Stepping Stones? You might like to do morning tea, chat with mums, take care of children, etc. Information day on Wednesday, 24 October 10am in the 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.

Pastoral Partners

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

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.

Occasional Choir

Practicing on Thursday, 25 Oct and 1 November for Sunday, 4 November. All singers welcome.

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 men, 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. Phone 6762 0844 or email admin@ccsnewworg.au.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

MSSC Meeting

Southside will be hosting the Presbytery MSSC Meeting on Thursday, 1 Nov.

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.

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. Occasional Choir. Food Hamper Sunday. Elder: J Bennett, M Weick, R & M Duns, Door: E Gevert, S Perkins, J Phillips, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Op Shop Volunteers' Lunch

Monday, 5 November from 12 for 12:30pm at Squareman Inn. Don't forget to register with the office or the shop. Cost \$15/head.

