

# Diary Dates

**Sun, 28** 9am Tamworth City  
Worship with Rev Chris  
Wright. Sunday School.  
Morning Tea.

11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 29** 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, 30** 9am-2pm Church Office T-F

9:30am Linedancers JH

10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper

5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

**Wed, 31** 9am Op Shop Sorting

5 Rainbow Management

6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH

6pm Meditation Service

**Thu, 1** All Saints Day

8:30am Early Risers Prayer

9:30am MSCC meeting at  
Southside

9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall

10am Stepping Stones

Playgroup in St A's Room

4:30pm Worship Music

4:30pm Occasional Choir

Annual reports due today

8:30am WW in Dunn Hall

10am Craft Group

12noon Lunch & DVD

8-11am WW in Dunn Hall

9am-12noon Op Shop

2pm TSCEAI Afternoon Tea

Fri, 2

Sat, 3

**Sun, 4**

**9am Tamworth City  
Worship and Holy  
Communion with Rev Chris  
Wright. Food Hamper  
Sunday. Sunday School.  
Morning Tea.**

11:30am Korean Reborn



# Preaching Plan

**Sunday, 4 November 2018**

9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright HC, E: M Duns, M Weick, R Duns, P Battle, D: E Gevert, J Phillips, S Perkins; O: R Greer, PP: A Winter

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

11am West Tamworth Service—lunch to follow

5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service



28 October 2018

# Welcome to Tamworth City

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.

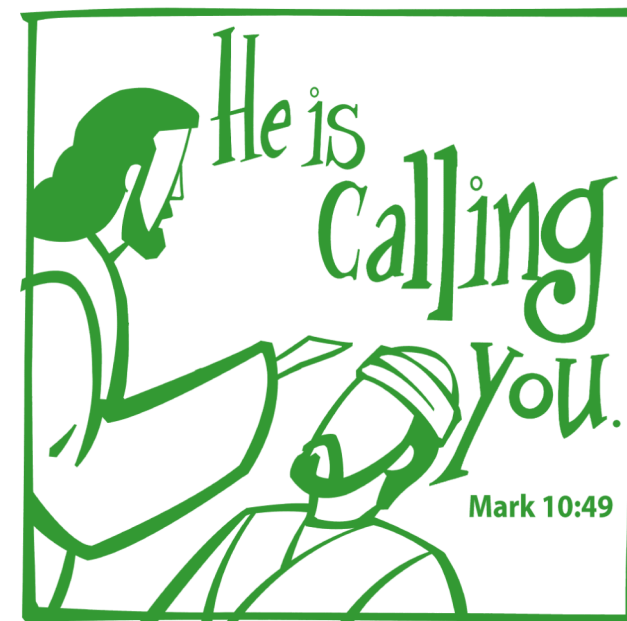
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- **UNITING St Andrew's Village** 1800 864 846 Chaplain Rev Henry Swindon 0466 445 632
- **UNITING Rainbow Cottage** 6766 7655 Sharn Mason "Alive in Christ, Serving God, Empowered by the Spirit" 1



# Sacredise Bible Reflection

## Thought for the Week

Although it does not remove the scars of Job's suffering - he would always carry the grief of his dead children, and the emotional residue of his sickness and humiliation - his story ends with God restoring him way beyond his original prosperity. It's important to remember that Job is considered one of the books of Wisdom Literature along with Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs. This means that it wasn't meant to be a documentary of one person's life, but a parable of human suffering and restoration. The message, then, is that when the innocent suffer, God will ultimately vindicate, heal and restore them. This is one of the readings for this Sunday. In Mark's Gospel, as we will see, there is another restoration – that of the blind man, Bartimaeus. It's good to be reminded that, although we will all endure suffering, God is in the business of restoration. Even when our suffering is the result of our own foolishness or wrong choices, there is always the opportunity to begin again. There is always a second (or third or fourth) chance. There is always the invitation to new life.

What is significant in the restoration passages this week is that God's restoration is never just an individual thing. It always involves restoration to new relationships – with God, with family and friends, with our community, and even with ourselves. The wonderful gift of this is that, as our relationships are restored, our healing is sustained by a supporting and protective network. But, this renewal of relationships also means that when any individual is restored, the healing extends through that person to others.

This week we will explore the amazing, restorative, grace of God.

## Reading

Mark 10:46-52



# 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.

**Fair Trade Market Evening:** 1  
December 6-9pm.

**World AIDS Day Remembrance  
Service:** 2 December 5pm.

[www.tamworthsouthside.org.au](http://www.tamworthsouthside.org.au) or



# Peel Valley Congregations

**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.

**Fri, 2 Nov**—6pm Hallsville Friday  
Family Church.

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

**Tue, 6 Nov**—10am Memory Lane at  
West Tamworth Church.

**Sun, 11 Nov**—8:30am Gowrie Service  
and 11am West Tamworth Service

followed by Peel Valley Church  
Council AGM

## GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

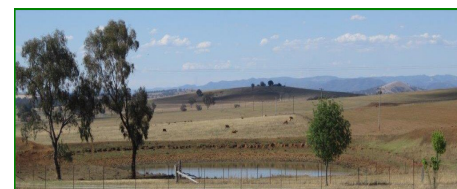
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experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of  
the friendship of Jesus."*

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

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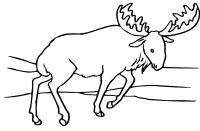
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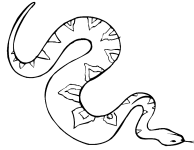


## Unscramble

Unscramble the names of these animals.



O T A G O E M S O L A O N P T E E



T R N E E S P F B L O A F U L K E

Answers: Goat, Moose, Antelope, Serpent, Buffalo, Elk

## God Speaks

In Psalms, God speaks of the wild animals. Cross out any of the following letters (GJPOXZ) in each grouping to reveal Psalm 50:10-11.

FOR  
 FZOR PEXVJEQRZYG WPIZLJD ZAGNPIQMJAXLG OPFZ JTGHP  
 QFXOZRJEGSJTZ JIQSP MJIQZNE, GJTHZE CPQAJGTGLZE QONZ  
 GAPX THZOUPSGANZD HGPILZLQS. ZI KGNZQOJW PAQLXL  
 TQHXEP PBIXZRGDS OXF TPHJZEZ PAJIJGR, AGNPD PAJPLL  
 ZTPHAXTZ MPZOVJGZEXS IGPN TPQZHE FJIPELGZDX GIS PXMZIJNEG.

Answers: For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the field is mine. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

## Lectionary Readings

Sun 28	Psalm 34:1-8*	Fri 2	Isaiah 25:6-9
Mon 29	Ruth 1:1-18*	Sat 3	Mark 12:28-34*
Tue 30	Hebrews 9:11-14*	Sun 4	Psalm 146*
Wed 31	Romans 5:1-11	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 1	Revelation 21:1-6a		

## Reflection

In the Gospel of Mark we meet one of the few people who receive healing from Jesus who is actually named – a blind man named Bartimaeus. Only Mark names him, but the writer gives us none of his history. All we know is that he is blind, he is a beggar, and he is sitting beside the road in Jericho.

However, what happens when Jesus passes by is the real point of the story. As a result of his shouting, Jesus calls him near and in response he throws off his cloak and goes to Jesus. In the New Testament the cloak is often a symbol for the person (which is why Paul instructs us to "put on Christ" in Galatians 3:27). So here, Mark is telling us that Bartimaeus is about to become a new being. Then when Jesus heals him, we read that he followed Jesus on the way. The way is one of the terms for the new community of believers (followers of the way – see Acts 22:4). So here, Mark is describing Bartimaeus as a new believer.

The point that Mark is trying to make is that Bartimaeus' healing is not just about his eyes. It's about his life, his whole person, his relationship with God, and his connection with his community. Where before he was an outcast, he is now part of the community of faith. Where before he was broken and rejected, now he is healed and included. It's a wonderful parable of restoration – and an invitation to us to be restored in a similar way.

Where do you need to become a new person on the way today?

## Practice for Today

The Scriptures are full of the cries of those who felt broken and needed God's restoration. When we are beaten down by life, or by our own foolishness, it is comforting to know that we can place our lives in God's hands, and trust in God's restoring power. Today, pray for any areas of your life that need restoring.

## Breath-Prayer for Today

Where I am broken, O God, please heal and restore me.

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# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 28 October

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

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## Plumbing

Thank you for keeping the car park fairly free last Tuesday. The repairs to the sewer line have been completed. We will have to wait for the soil to settle before relaying the pavers. This could take up to a month. Please use the Jubilee Hall side entrance (or come through the office) for the St Andrew's Room in the meantime. Thank you for your patience.

## Annual Reports

Could all convenors please put together their annual reports for submission to the office by 2 November. We would like to have them circulated before our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 18 November 10am.

## Farmer Care Packages

Sue-Ellen continues to work with local farmers. Providing support and assistance through purchasing water, hay and farm supplies, offering food and vouchers as well as a listening ear.

## 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 until the end of November.



## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, C3 Church and School Scripture in our prayers.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: MSSC Meeting at Tamworth Southside on 1 November 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

## 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.

## Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Phone 1300 881 826.

## 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.

## Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (and get co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).



### **Elders Fellowship**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 November from 4:30pm.

### **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, 16 November.

### **Kairos Outside Reunion**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 17 November from 12noon.

### **Worship on Sunday, 18 November**

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: M Hobson, Door: W Townsend, M Cupitt, J Crosling, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

West Tamworth Service—Rev Chris Wright 11am.

### **Diary Dates**

- 19 November—Christmas Appeal Launch at Target 10am
- 20 November—Senior's Getting Together at 2pm
- 21 November—Friends of Nioka Bereavement Group 10am
- 25 November—Congregational Christmas Lunch 12noon
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo 9am

## Prayers

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee activities, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Calendar**

Keep the people of the Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius and Seyshelles in your prayers this week.



### **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.

### **Church Office**

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

### **New Hall Hire Regular**

The Locomotive Line Dancers will be hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing. Also on the first Wednesday from 10:30am-12:30pm and Occasional Social Dances on a Sunday afternoon.

### **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.

### **Rainbow Cottage Management Committee**

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

### **Meditation Service**

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm in the Church Chapel area. You're most welcome.

### **All Saints Day**

Thursday, 1 November.

### **Early Risers Prayer Group**

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room.

### **MSSC Meeting**

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



### **Stepping Stones**

Weekly young families group meeting in the St Andrew's Room with our Young Families Worker, Sarah. 9:30am for morning tea on Thursdays. Margot is helping out this week.

### **Occasional Choir**

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

### **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.

### **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.

## **Next Week & Beyond**

### **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.



### **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.

### **Organ Tuning**

Friday, 9 November in the church.

### **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.

Remembrance Service in Town Hall—Rev Chris Wright 10:30am.

### **One Door Mental Health Support Group**

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

### **Compassionate Friends**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 14 November from 10am.