

## Diary Dates

<b>Sun, 6</b>	2am Daylight Savings!!! (Clock forward 1 hour) <b>9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship &amp; Holy Communion Service with Peter Battle. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.</b> 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch	9:30am Cottage Homes Service 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music
<b>Mon, 7</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday	<b>Fri, 11</b>
<b>Tue, 8</b>	Church Office Closed 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am Pres Bookkeeper 7pm Church Council meeting in St Andrew's Room	8:30am Social Craft in DH 10am Senior's Communion at St Andrew's Village Hall 6pm New Vogue Dance JH
<b>Wed, 9</b>	9am-2pm W-F Church Office 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest 9am Sleep Effect in DH 10am Compassionate Friends Meeting St AR 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH	<b>Sat, 12</b>
<b>Thu, 10</b>	9am Organ Tuning Today 9:30am Stepping Stones DH	8am-8pm KOWNE Training Weekend in Jubilee Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop <b>Sun, 13</b>
		8am-8pm KOWNE in JH <b>9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship with Barry Gillett. Morning Tea.</b> 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch 5pm Evensong at St John's

## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 13 October—Pentecost 18

8:30am	Gowrie Service—Meg Mangan
9am	Tamworth City Service—Barry Gillett; E: J Archbold; D: M Cupitt, E Fairall, F Kerr; PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth—Meg Mangan HC
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



6 October 2019

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Peter Battle will be leading our service and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.

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## Seasons of the Spirit

### The Heirloom of Faith

#### Readings

Lamentations 1:1–6; Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; and Luke 17:5–10.

#### Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for all those whose faith and witness have enlightened us and brought us closer to you. Strengthen us by your Spirit that we may encourage the faith of others. We ask in the name of Christ, our Redeemer and guide. Amen.

#### Reflection

We receive the faith in many different ways – from parents and friends, teachers, the study of scripture, and from living in the Christian community. We are strengthened by hearing the faith stories of others and by passing on our own. We have a responsibility to nurture this faith and hand it on to others. It is the good treasure entrusted to us.

#### Biblical Background

Lamentations 1:1–6 and Lamentations 3:19–26 (alternate reading to Psalm 137), are from a series of poems weeping over Israel's fate. The leaders have been carried off into exile in Babylon; these poems are written for those left behind. The prophet weeps over Jerusalem – the "widow" who has been left desolate. The second passage adds a note of hope. God's steadfast love will never end. God's mercies are new every day.

Psalm 137 is the lament of those in exile. How can Israel worship God away from the temple? How can Israel remain faithful in a foreign land? There they must guard the faith treasure entrusted to them. The closing verses of this psalm seem unbelievably harsh, but they reflect the pain and anger of an oppressed people. We are called to serve others in obedience to God's teaching rather than in the hope of reward.

2 Timothy 1:1–14 The second letter to Timothy is addressed to a young leader in the Christian community. It is a letter of encouragement and instruction to the early church. Labelled "Pastoral Letters/Epistles," the letters to Timothy were probably not written by Paul – they speak to a church that is more structured than that of Paul's day. Paul's name is

## 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](http://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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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.

**Fri, 4 Oct**—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church - Sue Budden.

**Sun, 6 Oct**—11am West Tamworth Service Sue Budden. Lunch to follow.

**Sun, 13 Oct**—8:30am Gowrie Service & 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Meg Mangan.

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

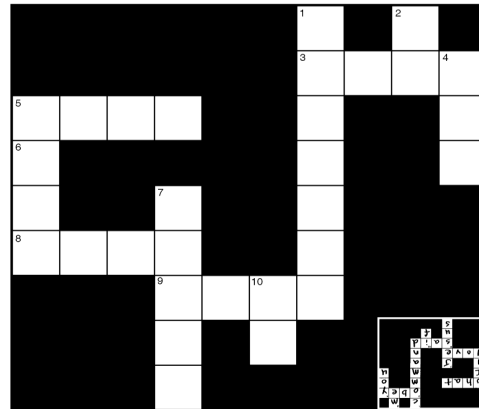
**Fri, 18 Oct**—6pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with



## 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."

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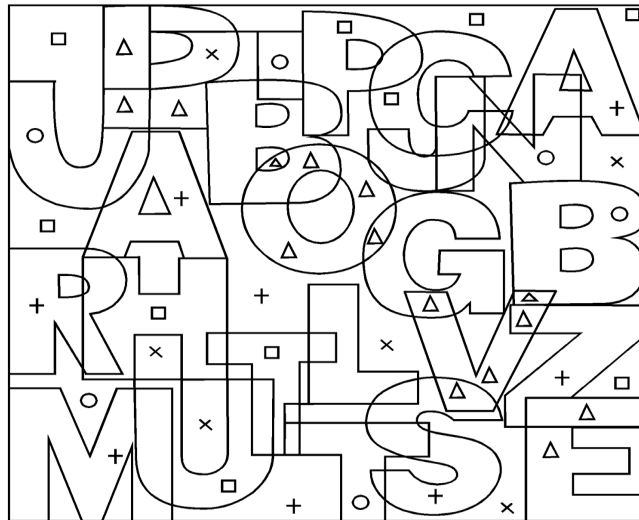
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(8) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (4) \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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

## Lectionary Readings

Sun	6	Psalm 137*	Fri	11	Luke 17:11-19*
Mon	7	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-9	Sat	12	Luke 17:20-37
Tue	8	Jeremiah 29:10-14	Sun	13	Psalm 66:1-12*
Wed	9	2 Timothy 2:8-15*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	10	2 Timothy 2:16-26			

attached to them, giving them the authority of Paul's teaching.

With great affection, the author writes, "To Timothy, my beloved child" and tells him that he is remembered daily in prayer. What a wonderful message to receive from a teacher and fellow worker! Faith is nurtured in human relationships, from generation to generation.

As Timothy did, we learn the faith from parents and/ or other teachers and are sustained by the prayers of others. The faith lived in others and now lives in us; it is something alive and growing. The author reminds Timothy and the early church to rekindle the gift of God that they received in baptism, a "spirit of power and love and self-discipline." We, too, recall the promises made at baptism and look for ways to live out our baptismal ministry every day as we grow in understanding. At baptism, the gathered community promises to support and nurture the candidates. All in the church have a responsibility to hand on to others what has been learned of the Christian faith.

The letter encourages the fledgling church, reminding it that God, who saves and calls, is faithful and trustworthy in good times and bad. Paul is described as a herald (one who proclaims a message), an apostle (one who is sent), and a teacher (one who helps others to grow in the faith). The faith is that "good treasure" entrusted to Timothy and the early church – and to all of us. It is a gift of God to guard and to share, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

In Luke 17:5–10, Jesus speaks to the disciples about humility and obedience. The disciples feel that they will need more faith. Jesus tells them that even a small amount of faith in God will be enough. It is God's power that changes things. Faith is the good treasure that is its own reward.

### Questions

Today we consider faith, the "good treasure" entrusted to us (1 Timothy 1:14). What is the nature of faith? How is the faith handed on from generation to generation? How can our faith lead us to hope when we find ourselves in the strange land? We give thanks for those who have led us and encouraged us in the faith.



# Today's Information

## Daylight Savings

Did you remember?

## Worship on Sunday, 6 October

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## 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.

## Half a Million Steps

Around 70 people gathered to watch the UC Documentary on Monday night, hosted by the NSW ACT Synod Moderator, Rev Simon Hansford. A powerful and moving documentary telling the personal stories behind a movement to reform drug laws and policy and make fair treatment available to all.

## 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.

## 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. Thank you everyone we have raised another \$500.

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## Diary Dates to Note

- 29th Stepping Stones McKay House Visit
- 30th Rainbow Cottage Management
- 1st Craft Group, Lunch, Bec's Reunion Group

# Prayers

## Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, ordained ministry, councils of the church, those who deliver and receive home communion today. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in your prayers this week.

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church, the Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church and the Hospital Chaplain in our prayers.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.*

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### **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.

### **Worship on Sunday, 20 October**

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

11am West Tamworth—Rev Will Pearson.

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

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

### **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.

### **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](http://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.

## *This Week's Events*

### **Public Holiday**

Monday, 7 October—Labour Day.

### **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). Closed Monday, 7 October.

### **Locomotive Line Dancing**

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

### **Tamworth City Church Council**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 8 October at 7pm.

### **Church Office**

Open Wednesday to Friday this week. Closed Tuesday, 8 October. Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *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.

### **Sleep Effect**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Wednesday, 9 October at 9am.

### **Compassionate Friends**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 9 October at 10am.

### **New Vogue Dance Group**

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

### **Organ Tuning**

Our organ tuners will be in Tamworth on 10 October..

### **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.

### **Nursing Home Service at Cottage Homes**

Service at Cottage Homes, Kitchener Street on Thursday, 10 October at 9:30am.

### **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.

### **Senior' Communion**

Monthly Senior's Communion at the St Andrew's Village on Friday, 11 October from 10am in the Community Hall.

### **New Vogue Dance**

Friday, 11 October in the Jubilee Hall from 6pm.

### **KOWNE—Kairos Training Weekend**

8am-8pm in the Jubilee Hall on 12 and 13 October.

## *Next Week & Beyond*

### **Worship on Sunday, 13 October**

9am Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Elder: J Archbold; D: M Cupitt, E Fairall, F Kerr; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

### **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.

### **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.

### **UNITING Support Group**

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care.

### **Association of Independent Retirees**

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

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

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

### **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.

### **Emmaus Board Meeting**

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

### **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.

