

Diary Dates

Sun, 7	9am Tamworth City Worship and HC with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn		4:30pm Worship Music 5pm Emmaus Board in DH 7:30pm Coffee & Dessert in St Andrew's Room SGM Talk
Mon, 8	10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am UNITING Support in St Andrew's Room 4pm WW in Dunn Hall 5:30pm Dance Grp in JH	Fri, 12	8:30am WW in Dunn Hall 10am Senior Communion at Village with Rev H Swindon
Tue, 9	9am-2pm Church Office T-F 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall	Sat, 13	8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 8am Doing it for our farmers Garage Sale 9am-12noon Op Shop 4pm Fiesta la Peel
Wed, 10	9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Rm 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 6pm Meditation Service	Sun, 14	9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn
Thu, 11	8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9am Ethics in the Church 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in St A's Room		



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 14 October 2018

8:30am	Gowrie Service with Meg Mangan
9am	Tamworth City with Rev Chris, E: A Ashworth, D: G Chaffey, B Mills, S Hardin; O: R Richardson, PP: J Phillips
9:30am	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service HC with Meg Mangan
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 and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



Sacredise Bible Reflection

Thought for the Week

This Sunday, if one of the Lectionary readings was used in your worship, it may have struck you how concerned God is about relationships. This week the readings ranged from God's creation of men and women to be companions for one another, to the pain and brokenness of divorce; from Job's struggle to be faithful to God and his bitter wife, to Jesus who humbled himself in order to serve human beings, whom he considers his brothers and sisters. Today's readings are just a fraction of the biblical teaching on relationships. For God it all boils down to loving God and loving one another.

But this isn't always as easy as it sounds. People can be extremely difficult to love. People can be antagonistic, selfish and arrogant. People can disagree with us and mock us for our faith. Some of this very human sinfulness was reflected in the disciples as they rebuked those who brought children for Jesus' blessing. They probably thought they were helping Jesus - protecting him from trivial things. But, they were getting beyond themselves, and they needed to learn the humility, spontaneity and openness of children – which is why Jesus tells them that his followers must learn to receive God's Reign like children.

You can't follow Jesus without facing the challenge to be in relationships. Our families, friends, strangers, companions in faith, and even our enemies, are all included in God's love, and in God's call for us to love. The truth is, it is only when we learn to embrace love to this extent that we really find the abundant life that God desires for us.

Reading Mark 10:2-16

Reflection

It's interesting that, in all the debate around sexuality in the church, we have ignored Jesus' very strong words about divorce. For Jesus, remarriage after divorce is the same as adultery – yet few Christians make an issue of divorce and remarriage. I must confess: I am very glad that we have chosen

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, 5 Oct—5:30pm Hallsville Family
Church with Meg Mangan.

Sun, 7 Oct—11am West Tamworth
Service with John Nash. Lunch After.

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.

Fri, 19 Oct—5:30pm Hallsville Family

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

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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

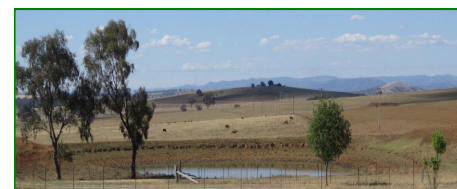
Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337
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Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

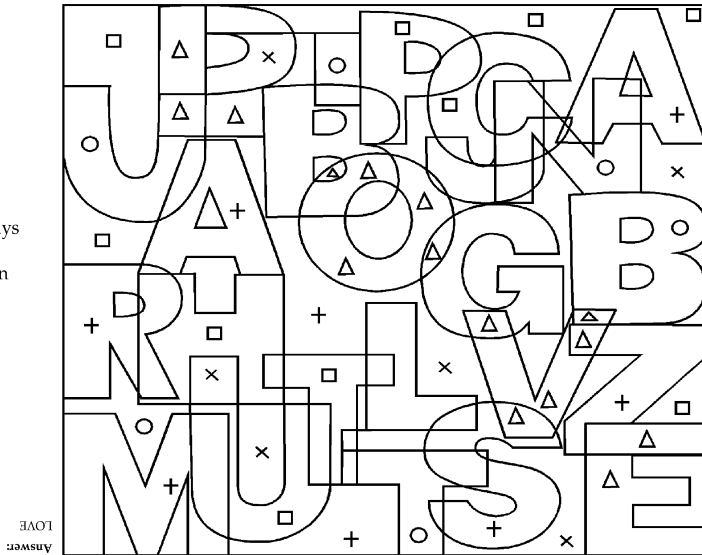
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



A Very Important Word

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

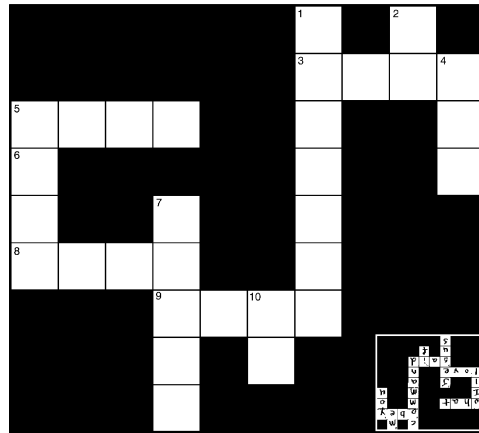


Answer
LOVE

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 7	Psalm 26*	Fri 12	Hebrews 4:12-16*
Mon 8	Job 23:1-9, 16-17*	Sat 13	Mark 10:17-31*
Tue 9	Job 24:1-12	Sun 14	Psalm 22:1-15*
Wed 10	Job 36:1; 37:14-24	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 11	Hebrews 4:1-11		

the way of grace in dealing with this very painful human reality.

For Jesus, as always, the issue is about more than just the actual act of divorce. It was about what goes on in our hearts. When two people commit to each other, they are meant to become one. But, for too many couples, self-interest and self-protection trumps their intimacy and union. This is what it means to be what Jesus called "hard hearted". Jesus' words, then, don't just apply to breakdown in marriage relationships. They apply to every relationship. Jesus challenges every one of us on our hard heartedness – our tendency to protect ourselves and our own interests at the expense of our relationships, be it with friends, family, or companions in faith.



This is also why children become such an important part of this passage. Children are not saints, but they are openhearted. They love easily, and give themselves easily. It's only as we grow and get hurt that we start to close and protect our hearts. But, in God's Reign, a child-like open-heartedness is not an option. It's the way of grace and love.

How can you open your heart a little more today?

Practice for Today

The only way to heal a hard heart is to allow it to be broken. We break our hearts by acknowledging our self-interest and self-protectiveness, and by choosing to become more vulnerable to God and others. This means being willing to embrace the hurt – and the healing – that love always brings. Today, spend time in heart-breaking confession and ask God to help you open your heart to love.

Breath-Prayer for Today

Break my self-protective heart, O God, and open me to love.

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Today's Information

Daylight Savings

Did you remember?

Worship on Sunday, 7 October

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Special Morning Tea celebrating Ivy Battle's 90th Birthday.

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. A garage sale will be held on Saturday, 13 October at the old Carpet Court building in Peel Street.

Frontier Services BBQ

Well done team! We raised \$381.90.

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

In recess over the school holidays. Returning on Monday, 15 October. Contact 6766 6891. Studying Galatians in Term 4.



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.

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

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).

Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Kairos Outside Sewing Group will be meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Monday mornings from 9:30am-3pm each week during school terms.

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

Venture Christian Bookshop—Quirindi

108 George Street, Quirindi 6746 1065. Serving Christ in the community since 1985. Cards for every occasion, bibles, music CD's, DVD's, adult and children's books, giftware also available. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

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.

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.

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.

Diary Dates

- 3 November—Scripture Teachers Fundraising Afternoon Tea
- 25 November—Congregational Christmas Lunch
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

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 Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church, Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain and St Paul's Anglican Church in our prayers.

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.

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.

Compassionate Friends

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

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.

Presbytery Ethics Course

9am-3pm in the Chapel and Vestry.

Stepping Stones

Weekly young families group meeting in the St Andrew's Room with our Young Families Worker, Sarah. 9:30am for morning tea.

Emmaus Board Meeting

5-8pm in Dunn Hall & Jubilee Kitchen.

Church Council/Information Evening

The Church Council have invited the Moderator, Rev Simon Hansford to come and share information with us about recent Assembly Decisions on Same Gender Marriage. We will have a Coffee and Dessert Information Evening in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 11 October from 7-9pm. All interested congregational members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the office for catering.

Senior Communion

Our monthly Senior Communion will be on Friday, 12 October from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Barbara 6766 4039.

Fiesta la Peel

A multicultural celebration in Fitzroy Street on Saturday, 13 October from 4pm. Dozens of countries represented. Come and experience their hospitality and entertainment. Free entry. Food for sale. Come and celebrate our Tamworth Community's diversity.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 14 October

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: A Ashworth, Door: G Chaffey, B Mills, S Hardin, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

School Term 4

Commencing Monday, 15 October.

Kairos Sewing Group

Resuming 15 October. Meeting in the Jubilee Hall each Monday during school terms 9:30am-3pm.

KYB Study Group

Our KYB Study Group meet at 1:30pm on Mondays in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

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

Pastoral Partners Executive Meeting

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

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.

Makes You Wonder

Grab a registration form 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?

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.

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.