

Diary Dates

Sun, 1	2am Daylight Savings 9am Worship Service with Rev Bill Fischer. Holy Communion. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch</i> SYNOD meeting	Mon, 9	4-5am Wheely Bean—JK M-F 9am-12noon One Door Mental Health in St Arm 9am School Term 4 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee Hl 10am-4pm Op Shop Mon-Fri 10am KYB in Dunn Hall 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St 4pm Weight W in DHI 5:30pm Vew V. Dance in JHI
Mon, 2	Labour Day Public Holiday SYNOD meeting	Tue, 10	9-2 Church Office Open T-F 10am Pres. Bookkeeper 5pm Weight Watchers DH 7:30pm Ch Council in St ARm
Tue, 3	4-5am Wheely Bean—Jubilee Kitchen Tue-Fri Church Office CLOSED SYNOD meeting 10am-4pm Op Shop Tue-Fri 10am Pres. Bookkeeper 5pm Weight Watchers DH 7pm Friends of Nioka StARm	Wed, 11	9am Op Shop Working Bee 10am Compassionate Friends meeting in St ARm 1pm UNITING in St ARm 6pm New Vogue Dance JH
Wed, 4	9am Op Shop Working Bee 10:15am Aged Care HC Service with Rev Chris 6pm New Vogue Dance JH	Thu, 12	9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall 4pm Church Music Team
Thu, 5	9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall 4pm Church Music Team 4:30pm Property C'tee St AR	Fri, 13	8:30am Weight W. DH 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village 4pm International Dance Comp in Jubilee Hall
Fri, 6	8:30am Weight W. DH	Sat, 14	8am Weight Watchers DH 8:30am St John's Fete 9am-12noon Op Shop 4pm Fiesta La Peel
Sat, 7	8am Weight Watchers DH 9am-12noon Op Shop Kairos Outside Training	Sun, 15	9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11am West Tamworth—Rev C
Sun, 8	9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Baptisms. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch</i> Kairos Outside Training		



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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Bill Fischer will be leading Worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion on 1 October. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship and the Sacrament of Baptism on 8 October. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Seasons of the Spirit

Focus scripture—A Rule of Love

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b–14; and Matthew 21:33–46 .

Most communities to which we belong have rules or guidelines to help us be together. These rules are not meant to be oppressive; they are meant to ensure that everyone’s rights are respected. One way we can show our love for each other in community is in the way we honour and respect each other’s rights.

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20

Exodus can be seen in two parts. The first half (chapters 1–19 and 32–34) describes the story of Moses and the freeing of the Israelites from slavery. The second half (chapters 20–31 and 35–40) consists of instructions from God on how to live as freed people. Today’s reading starts the second half of the epic narrative where Moses, the leader appointed by God, is affirmed as God’s spokesperson on Mount Sinai as he receives the ten commandments delivered by God.

The original form and Hebrew language in Exodus 20 suggest that the commandments first may have been simply a list of ten words – murder, idolatry, adultery, and so on. These words were shorthand for a rule of life to guide the people of Israel along their journey to becoming the nation that was promised to Abraham.

The ten commandments summarize God’s rule for life. In the first commandment, we are called to acknowledge God as God alone and are called to honour our relationship with God. In the commandment regarding Sabbath, we are called to match the rhythm of our lives with God’s rhythm. In the remaining commandments, God’s loving wisdom lays out a life lived in relationship with other people that reflects God’s relationship with us.

The reformer and theologian Martin Luther (this year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation)



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Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
HC 3rd Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th
Tuesday each month.

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

Faith Art Group: 1pm Thursdays,
alternate weeks, school terms.

Men’s Choir: 5:30pm on Thursdays.

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.*

Mission Statements: *To build up individuals
and teams, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
using our spiritual gifts to serve each other
and our community.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 29 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with Meg Mangan

Sun, 1 Oct—8:30am Gowrie HC
Service & 11am West Tamworth HC
Service with Meg Mangan. Lunch to
follow.

Tue, 3 Oct—10am Memory Lane
Morning Tea at West Tamworth
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet
new friends, singalong, activities, &
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly.

Fri, 6 Oct—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with P Johnston.

Sun, 8 Oct—11am West Tamworth
Service with P Johnston.

Sun, 15 Oct—9am Hallsville service
with Margaret Crowell and 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"

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Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers those congregations seeking ministry placements:
Tamworth Southside, Narrabri/Moree and Peel Valley.

Scripture in Schools

Keep in your prayers the Tamworth Secondary Christian Education Teachers from around our High Schools (Andrew Wilcher & Ross Fotheringham—Farrer volunteers, Belinda Gonsalves—Oxley 3 days, Alison Holder—Peel/Manilla 2 days, and Dave Tankard—Tamworth 2 days).

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 8 October 2017

9am Tamworth City—Rev Bill Fischer HC E:J Carthew, M Weick, P Battle D: H McKenzie, F Kerr, AV: A Winter, O: R Greer.

9:30am Tamworth Southside—Rob Wood

11am West Tamworth—Patrick Johnston

5pm Tamworth Southside—Rob Wood

Sunday, 15 October 2017

9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright Baptisms E:R Hely D: J Shottek, W Purss, W Standen, AV: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.

9am Hallsville—Margaret Crowell

9:30am Tamworth Southside—David Bissett HC

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright—Trading Table

5pm Tamworth Southside—David Bissett HC



Lectionary Readings

Sun	1	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16*	Sun	8	Psalm 19
Mon	2	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*	Mon	9	Exodus 32:1-14*
			Tue	10	Exodus 32:15-35
Tue	3	Exodus 21:1-11	Wed	11	Philippians 4:1-9*
Wed	4	Exodus 22:20-31	Thu	12	Philippians 4:10-23
Thu	5	Philippians 3:1-14*	Fri	13	Isaiah 25:1-9
Fri	6	Philippians 3:15-21	Sat	14	Matthew 22:1-14*
Sat	7	Matthew 21:33-46*	Sun	15	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*

taught that every negative in this list implies a positive. For example, "do not kill" implies "support the living." The commandments offer a vision of the world that God promises to bring to fulfillment.

The ten commandments are sometimes referred to in scripture as God's law or the Law of Moses. They form the cornerstone of Israelite society. All were called to obey these concrete expressions of God's wisdom and will, regardless of occupation or social class. In the Hebrew Scriptures, "the law" also refers to all of the cultural knowledge that one generation passes on to another. Later, the term *Torah* is used to refer to the Law – encompassing the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Verses 18–20 tell how the Hebrew people tremble in fear at creation's witness to God's holy power – "thunder and lightning, sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking." They plead with Moses to be their mediator, to relay the words of God to them, and to carry their words to God. Moses accepts this role.

The writer of **Psalm 19** extols the Creator's "ordinances": "more to be desired are they than gold...sweeter also than honey." God's loving wisdom sustains the community of creation and brings joy and purpose to all who live within it.

In **Philippians 3:4b–14**, Paul claims the wisdom and joy of being grounded in Christ. When Paul speaks of "confidence in the flesh," he refers to those things that give people "credit" in the world's eyes. In his accounting metaphor, Paul counts these as loss. There can be only one item on the credit side: Christ.

Jesus' parable in **Matthew 21:33–46** seems a word of sobering wisdom. Rather than accepting the challenge of such wisdom, the leaders turn on Jesus. They find no joy in God's wisdom, embodied in Jesus the Christ.



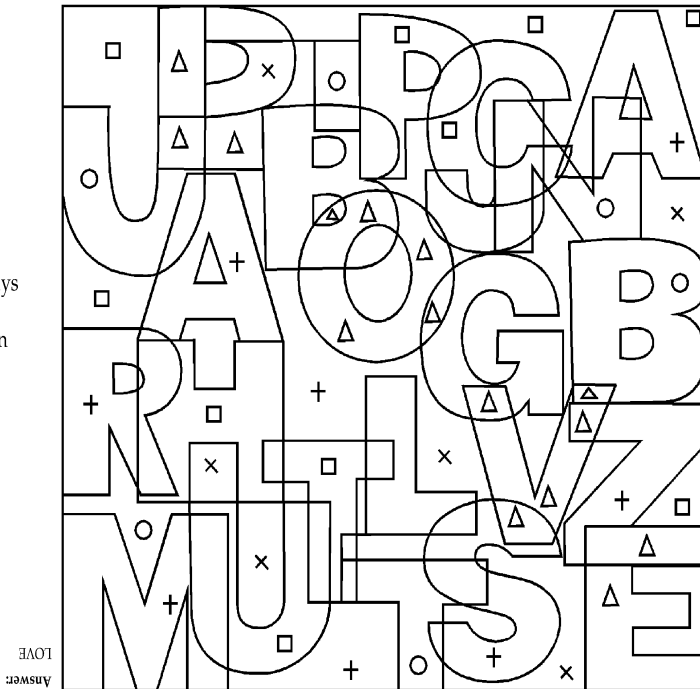
Today's readings offer a glimpse of a world where all patterns of human living are grounded in a rule of love and respect. As we continue to grow as a community of God's people, these rules of love can help to shape our lives together. As a community of faith, what is the role of rules in your church – what is the role of the ten commandments in your life?

Prayer

Draw closer to us, our God, Rock, and Redeemer, for our travels have made us thirsty, our trials have made us weary, our tribulations have pushed us apart; leaving us longing for the guidance and instruction that only you can provide. Amen.

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.

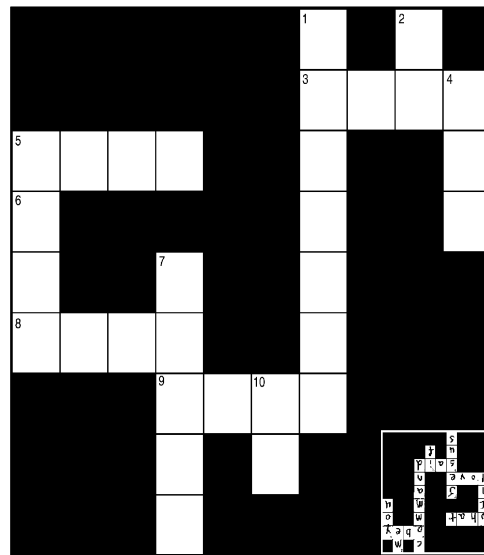


Answer
LOVE

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) _____."

Worship on Sunday, 22 October 2017

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 24th Oct Pastoral Partners 7pm
- 28th Oct Annual Scripture Teacher's Dinner Fundraiser 6pm
- 31st Oct 500th Anniversary of Reformation
- 31st Oct Annual Reports for the congregation due.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

1/10: Today we focus on the Uniting Church in Australia, Ordained Ministry, Councils of the Church, those who deliver and receive home communion. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

8/10: Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

1/10: Keep the people of the Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia in your prayers this week.

8/10: Keep the people of the Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan & Uzbekistan in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

1/10: This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Moonbi Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, C3 Church, Scripture in Schools, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, and the Cornerstone Church,.

8/10: This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church, Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church and the Harvest Church.

Fiesta La Peel

Taste the flavours of the world and be entertained on Saturday, 14 October from 4-8pm in Peel Street. A multicultural street festival with over 20 countries represented. Enjoy food, craft, entertainment and more. Entry is free. Try a taste plate and then buy your meal. Come and join in.

Worship on Sunday, 15 October 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room. West Tamworth with Rev Chris Wright to follow.

Moree Uniting Church Sesquicentenary

Celebrating 150 years at Moree Uniting Church on Sunday, 15 Oct, 10am.

The Brilliance of Brass

Annual celebration of Brass at the Capitol Theatre on Sunday, 15 October from 2pm. Featuring the Gunnedah Shire Band, supported by the Tamworth RSL Brass Band. Tickets \$33. Book at the Capitol on 6766 2028. The Gunnedah Shire Band is one of the most awarded contemporary brass bands in Australia.

Assn. Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 9am on Tuesday, 17 October.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly gathering on Tuesday, 17 October in the Community Hall at the St Andrew's Village from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

Christmas Appeal Meeting

Getting things ready... Wednesday 18 October in the St Andrew's Room from 9:30am.

Craft Group

The Craft Group is held on the first and third Friday each month. Bring along your craft and we'll share in some chit chat, morning tea, and get a bit of craft done too. Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891. Next on 20 October.

Today's Information

Daylight Savings Commences

2am on Sunday, 1 October.

Worship on Sunday, 1 October 2017

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Bill Fischer. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room. Thank you Bill.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marie Westbook, who passed away during the week. A very sad time for them with the death of Bruce only a short time ago.

Water! Water! NO Water!

We have capped the old rusted water line to the Church for the time being. All water will need to be accessed from the St Andrew's Room when using the church/vestry. Sorry for any inconvenience.

This Week's Events

SYNOD Meeting

Rev Chris is attending this year's SYNOD Meeting until Tuesday, 3 October. Keep the meeting in your prayers and for everyone's safe travel.

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday, 2 October.

Opportunity Shop

Closed Monday. 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).

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed from Tuesday, 3 October to Friday, 6 October. Nicolette will be on leave. Changed Op Shop Key arrangements.

Adult Fellowship

CANCELLED: Tuesday, 3 October.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 3 October from 7pm.

Aged Care Services

Monthly Aged Care HC Service at McKay House and Alblas Lodge will be on Wednesday, 4 October from 10:15am. Rev Chris Wright will be taking the services this month and would welcome all singers and helpers.

Op Shop Working Bee

Help each Wednesday in the Vestry. All helpers welcome. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Come and join us.

City Property Committee

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

Craft Group

CANCELLED: 6 October.

Lunch & DVD

CANCELLED: 6 October.

Kairos Outside

Training weekend in Jubilee Hall Saturday and Sunday, 7 & 8 October.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 8 October 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Baptisms. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

One Door Mental Health

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Monday, 9 October from 9am-12noon.

School Term 4

Commencing Monday, 9 October 2017.

KYB Study Groups

Recommencing on Monday, 9 October. 10am in the *Dunn Hall* (Betty keys 6766 6624), one at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (Lorraine Turner 6766 6891).

Church Office

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

Church Council Meeting

Our bi-monthly Church Council meeting will be on Tuesday, 10 October from 7:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 10am on Wednesday, 11 October.

Presbytery Meeting with UNITING

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 1pm on Wednesday, 11 October.

Senior Communion

Our monthly Senior Communion will be held on Friday, 13 October from 10am in the Community Hall at the UNITING St Andrew's Village . Contact Barbara McLean for transport 6766 4039.

International Film Festival—Dance Competition

Held in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 13 October from 5pm. All welcome.

St John's Fete

Saturday, 14 October from 8:30am in Carthage Street. All welcome.

