

## Diary Dates

**Sun, 15 9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**  
 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright  
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch

**Mon, 16 4-5am Wheely Bean—JH Kitchen M-F**  
 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee HI  
 10am-4pm Op Shop Mon-Fri  
 10am KYB in Dunn Hall  
 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St  
 4pm Weight W in DH  
 5:30pm New V. Dance in JH

**Tue, 17 9-2 Church Office Open T-F**  
 9am Assn Independent Retirees in St Andrew's Rm  
 10am Pres. Bookkeeper  
 2pm Senior's Getting Together at St Andrew's V.  
 5pm Weight Watchers DH

**Wed, 18 9am Op Shop Working Bee**  
 9:30am Christmas Appeal

meeting in St Andrew's Rm  
 6pm New Vogue Dance JH

**Thu, 19 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall**  
 4pm Church Music Team

**Fri, 20 8:30am Weight W. DH**  
 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room

**Sat, 21 8am Weight Watchers DH**  
 9am-12noon Op Shop  
 9am CWA Meeting in St Andrew's Room

**Sun, 22 9am Worship Service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**  
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch



## Preaching Plan

**Sunday, 22 October 2017**

8am Hallsville—Markets

8:30am Gowrie—Evelyn Keane

9am Tamworth City—Barry Gillett E:E Sheppard D: C Sheppard, R Barclay, D Miles, AV: J McClelland, O: R Richardson.

9:30am Tamworth Southside—John Nash

11am West Tamworth—Evelyn Keane

5pm Tamworth Southside—John Nash



## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.

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# Seasons of the Spirit

## Soothing our Souls

### Focus scripture

Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14;

### Prayer

*Draw closer to us, God of the journey, for sometimes in our zeal to do what is right, we trespass against you, and lose our way; leaving us longing for your soothing words of comfort and challenge. Amen.*

The people have grown impatient (and perhaps scared) searching for comfort in false gods. When have we in our need for an immediate response turned to false gods, attempting to replace the God of forever for the gods of right now?

### Reflection: Exodus 32:1–14

In Exodus 20, we read that Moses received from God the commandments that were to give order and value to the life of the Hebrew people. Chapters 21–31 comprise further instruction from God. In addition to more laws and practices, there are detailed instructions for an ark, a table for the holy bread, a seven-branched golden lampstand, a tabernacle of the tent of meeting, an altar and a sacred area surrounding it, and information about priestly practices and vestments.

The people are camped near Mount Sinai while Moses has gone with his assistant Joshua to meet with God. Moses has left his brother Aaron and nephew Hur in charge of the camp. Moses and Joshua are gone for 40 days and 40 nights – a biblical number symbolic of birth, rebirth, and change. While they are away, the people get restless and make demands on Aaron. They seek assurance of God's presence, but in the form of idols from nature-religions of the ancient Near East, with which they would have been familiar and comfortable. The golden calf was an image of strength and virility, common in religions of that area – it was meant to soothe their troubled hearts.

# 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](http://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

**Sun, 15 Oct**—9am Hallsville service  
with Margaret Crowell and 11am  
West Tamworth Service with Rev  
Chris Wright. Trading Table.

**Tue, 17 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, 20 Oct**—6pm Hallsville Friday  
Family Church with Evelyn Keane.

**Sun, 22 Oct**—8am Hallsville Markets.  
8:30am Gowrie Service & 11am West  
Tamworth Service with Evelyn Keane.

**Fri, 27 Oct**—No Hallsville Service

**Sun, 29 Oct**—Peel Valley Church on a  
Bus to Breeza.

## 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 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,  
Bruce Jarrett, Marie Meyer, Barbara  
Murray & Doss Wark.



# Prayers

## Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal in your prayers this week.

## Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Liberty Church, Calrossy School, St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Church on the Way and the Salvation Army.

## Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the lay leaders of our congregations as they prepare to lead worship and provide pastoral care in their local communities.

## 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).

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.



# Lectionary Readings

Sun	15	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*	Fri	20	Matthew 22:15-22*
Mon	16	Exodus 33:12-23*	Sat	21	Isaiah 45:1-7
Tue	17	Exodus 34:1-10	Sun	22	Psalm 96:1-9
Wed	18	Psalm 99*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)		
Thu	19	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*			

Moses returns from the mountain to the camp with clear divine instruction about how the gold brought from Egypt (Exodus 11:2) is to be used, only to find that it has been moulded into an idol of another religion. Four things become clear as a result of the encounter with God that follows. First, God pays attention: God is frustrated with the behaviour of these chosen people, calling them perverse, stiff-necked, and disobedient. Second, God is being changed: it's clear from the interaction with Moses that God can be influenced. Third, God seeks relationship: Moses is remembered as the prophetic leader who had a direct and dynamic relationship with God. They argue, they commiserate, they cajole, they rant, and they care. A healthy relationship with the Holy can include all that and much more. Fourth, God loves: perhaps God's anger, judgment, and repentance are all grounded in the reality that the creation is beloved of God.



In **Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23**, the poet remembers the incident with the golden calf in this communal lament, which acknowledges the movement between human disobedience and God's mercy.

That same dance is highlighted in **Matthew 22:1–14** between the invited wedding guests and the host. It matters to God not only how we participate, but also that we choose to participate in the Kingdom.

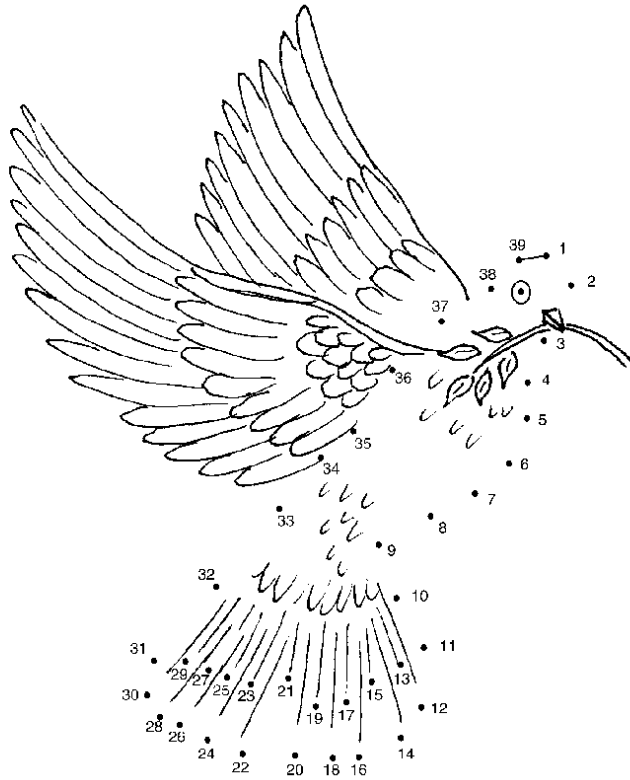
Paul is clear that there is nothing as desirable as participation in the realm of God. In **Philippians 4:1–9**, he opens a window into what this looks like: don't worry about anything; let your gentleness be known; and let God know your requests. Finally, let truth, integrity, justice, and gracious living be your practice.

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In a progressively instant society, it can be hard to wait for and trust in God's steadfastness, while so many other things fight for our time promising instant satisfaction. Moses reminds us that building a strong relationship takes time, trust, and perhaps a little heartache. How is your relationship with God? What is competing for your time in worship and prayer?

# Dove of Peace

Here is a symbol of peace.  
Connect the dots.



# Peacemaking

In our world there is always trouble between nations. In Romans 14:19 there are wise words about peace. Unscramble these words to learn what this verse is.

ELT SU ENTH EUSRUP AWHT SAMEK

ORF PACEE DAN TAULUM DINGBLUIUP

What can you do to have peace in your life? Think of those around you. Are there disagreements and trouble sometimes? What can you do to have fewer arguments and problems?

Answers: Romans 14:19 Let us then pursue what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding.

## Worship Committee

Meeting on Wednesday, 1 November from 4pm in the St Andrew's Room.

## Presbytery Mission & Strategic Standing Committee Meeting

9:30am on Thursday, 2 November in the St Andrew's Room.

## 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 3 November.

## Lunch & DVD

Our next lunch & DVD will be on Friday, 3 November from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch followed by a DVD. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

## Scripture Union Collectables & Treasure Garage Sale

Saturday, 4 November from 8am at 70 Upper Street. Contact Rosemary Andersen 6766 1910.

## Worship on Sunday, 5 November 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Holy Communion. International Day of Prayer. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Annual Reports circulated today. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

## Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 7th Adult Fellowship at Connections Café & AGM
- 10th Senior's Communion at St Andrew's Village
- 11th NENW Presbytery Meeting in Armidale
- 12th Congregational Meeting at Tamworth City
- 25th Congregational Christmas Lunch at Carmen's

## Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on children's ministry, Christian education, scripture in schools, Sunday school, families and youth, mission outreach and rainbow cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.



# Next Week & Beyond

## Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 24 October from 8am.

## Pastoral Partners

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th October at 7:30pm in the St Andrew's Room. Guest Speaker will be Helen Stanley from Health Wise, speaking about various aspects of Dementia. If other members of the Congregation would like to hear what Helen has to say, they are welcome to join us at 8am. Tea and coffee by 9pm.

## World Community Day

Australian Church Women are hosting the local World Community Day at the Salvation Army on Friday, 27 October from 10am. Morning tea will follow. All are welcome to attend.

## Scripture Teacher's Supporters Dinner

Saturday, 28 October 6 for 6:30pm at Carinya Christian School PAC. \$50/ family, \$20/adult, \$10/child. Contact Penny Clunas on 0504 440 580.

## Worship on Sunday, 29 October 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Baptisms. Recognition of 500 years of Reformation. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

## Annual Congregational Reports Due

Tuesday, 31 October—note all convenors.

## 500th Anniversary of Reformation

Tuesday, 31 October 2017.

## Aged Care Services

Our monthly Aged Care Service at McKay House & Alblas Lodge will be held on Wednesday, 1 November from 10:15am. Mr Barry Gillett would welcome all helpers and singers on the morning.

# Today's Information

## Worship on Sunday, 15 October 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room. West Tamworth with Rev Chris Wright at 11am.

## Moree Uniting Church Sesquicentenary

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

## Korean Reborn Church

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

## 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 Bank is one of the most awarded contemporary brass bands in Australia.

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Murray Bowman, Alice Marker and Phil Brown who have passed away over the past week.

## Furniture

John Schaffetter (Southside) is moving back to Tamworth. He has a unit but needs furniture. If you are spring cleaning/downsizing consider John. He is moving in on 20/21 October and can be contacted on 0413 176 674.

## Church Council News

Items from our meeting on Tuesday:

- Received a report from Bob Minton on the progress of Shared Governance Child Care Centres (including Rainbow Cottage).
- Update on Pathways Project—more to come after Synod.
- Application for Young Families Worker approved to commence 2017.

- Synod new Stewardship Contributions (replacing Living is Giving) awaiting further notification.
- Christmas Appeal—meeting next Wednesday 9:30am.
- Peace Project—agreed to support a Chicken Layer Project at least to the value of \$1,000. This is an extension of the mission with Joy Balazo in the Philippines. Mission Envelopes will be distributed on 3rd Sunday in October and November to help with this project. Please give generously.
- Recognition of the passing of elders Shirley Weatherall, Glenda Slocombe and Shirley McLellan since our last meeting.
- Minister's Report including ratification of 7 baptisms, 1 thanksgiving, 8 funerals and 2 internment of ashes; and various church, village, presbytery and Synod activities of the first two months of his placement.
- World Community Day on 27th October 10am at the Salvation Army.
- Help with News & Views—Would you like to put an article in? Take some photos? Case up a Story?
- Put in your diary our next congregational lunch on SATURDAY, 25th November. Note Change of Date! More details to come.

### **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. A quote for the work to restore water to the church is being prepared.

### **Mission Envelopes**

As mentioned above, Mission Envelopes will have a special focus for October and November 2017. We will be supporting another Joy Balazo project at the Peace Village in the Philippines. Looking to raise over \$1,000 to buy 100 Poultry Layers to raise up and then sell in the local markets. Please give generously.

### **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).

# **This Week's Events**

### **KYB Study Groups**

Groups meet at 10am in the St Andrew's Room (Betty keys 6766 6624), or at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (Lorraine Turner 6766 6891).

### **Church Office**

Regular hours 9am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. *Nicolette*

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **CWA Meeting**

Using our St Andrew's Room on Saturday, 21 October from 9am-3pm.

### **Worship on Sunday, 22 October 2017**

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