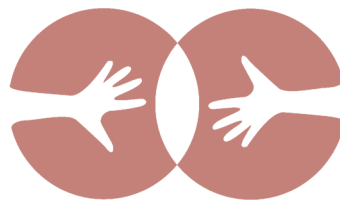


Diary Dates

- Sun, 22 9am Worship Service with Mr Barry Gillett. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**
11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch
- Mon, 23 4-5am Wheely Bean—JH Kitchen M-F**
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 DH
5:30pm New V. Dance in JH
- Tue, 24 8am Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster**
9-2 Church Office Open T-F
10am Pres. Bookkeeper
5pm Weight Watchers DH
7pm Pastoral Partners in St Andrew's Room
- Wed, 25 9am Op Shop Working Bee**
6pm New Vogue Dance JH
- Thu, 26 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall**
4pm Church Music Team
- Fri, 27 8:30am Weight W. DH**
10am World Community Day Service at Salvation Army
- Sat, 28 8am Weight Watchers DH**
9am-12noon Op Shop
5pm Private Function in Jubilee Hall
6pm Scripture Teacher's Fundraiser Dinner at Calrossy William Cowper Ha
- Sun, 29 9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Baptisms. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**
11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch
- Tue, 31 Annual Reports Due**
- Wed, 1 10:15am Aged Care Communion Services**
- Thu, 2 9:30am MSSC Meeting**



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 29 October 2017

- 9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright (Baptisms) E:M Hobson, D: B Johnston, W Townsend, J Carthew, AV: M Akioka, O: Richardson.
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside—David Bissett
- 11am Peel Valley Church on a Bus to Breeza
- 5pm Tamworth Southside—David Bissett



Sunday, 22 October 2017

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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Barry Gillett will be leading Worship. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Seasons of the Spirit

Our Whole Selves

Focus scripture

Exodus 33:12–23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10, Matthew 22:15–22

Prayer

Draw closer to us, God our Creator, for sometimes in our desire to be accepted and loved, we try to be someone else; forgetting that we are wholly loved and uniquely made. Amen.

It can be very scary to share our whole selves with people; we may fear that parts of ourselves will not be loveable to those about whom we care. But to be in an authentic relationship, we must be our authentic selves. God shows Moses a glimpse of God's true glory and reminds us all that we are known and loved by the Holy Mystery for who we truly are.

Focus scripture: Exodus 33:12–23

After the golden calf incident (Exodus 32:1–14), Moses smashed the tablets (on which the covenant was written), argued with Aaron, castigated the people, and continued to plead the Israelites' case with God. God is not happy. The people of Israel, rescued from Egypt and on their way to a new land and new life, build a golden calf idol. God instructs Moses to continue the journey and lead the people of Israel to the new land, but the people mourn when they hear God has decreed not to go with them.

Against this background, Moses now proceeds to intercede with God on behalf of the people. Moses pitches his tent outside the camp, and God speaks with him "face to face." How many ministers, church leaders, and individuals can resonate with aspects of this conversation?

Moses to God: You've given me this job but who is going to help me? Do you expect me to do it alone? You said that you know me and that I'm okay. So show me what to do, so I know I'm okay and don't forget the people (your people) who are following me.

God to Moses: "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (v. 14). (Is God as presence metaphysical, mystery, or both? Is the "rest" a physical rest or something else?)

Moses to God: It's not enough, I need to know you are going with the people. If we do not experience your presence, then we will not move forward. How else will I/we know that we are special to you?

God to Moses: "I will do the very thing that you have asked" (v. 17).

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.

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

Sun, 22 Oct—8am Hallsville Markets.
11am Combined Peel Valley Service
at West Tamworth with Evelyn
Keane.

Fri, 27 Oct—No Hallsville Service

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

Fri, 3 Nov—6pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with John Nash.

Sun, 5 Nov—8:30am Gowrie Service
and 11am West Tamworth Service
with John Nash. Lunch to follow.

Tue, 7 Nov—10am Memory Lane

Morning Tea at West Tamworth
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet
new friends, singalong, activities, &
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly.

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



Worship on Sunday, 12 November 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Congregational AGM after worship. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 13-17th November Police Training Days in St Andrew's Room
- 13th November 12noon Op Shop Christmas Lunch
- 14th November 4:30pm Elder's Fellowship
- 25th Congregational Christmas Lunch at Carmen's

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee, 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 in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the Salvation Army, Roman Catholic Churches, the Father House Church, Trinity Church, and the Tamworth City, Tamworth Southside and Peel Valley Uniting Churches.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	22	Psalm 96:1-9*	Fri	27	Matthew 22:34-46*
Mon	23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12*	Sat	28	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Tue	24	Psalm 90:1-12	Sun	29	Psalm 1*
Wed	25	Psalm 90:13-17			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)
Thu	26	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*			

Is Moses satisfied? No. Moses now wants to see the glory of God; but what would he see? God is creator, not an element of the creation and, therefore, cannot be seen by another created element (the human). God cannot be seen in the context of our spatial or temporal reality. In fact, we can only see the results of God's presence and actions, not a being called God.

Following this exchange, Moses receives a second set of covenant tablets and makes preparations to continue the journey to the promised land.

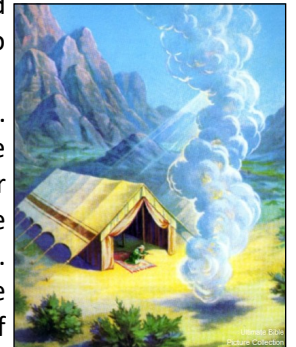
What a change there is by the time of **Psalm 99**. Here, God is acknowledged as sovereign over the people and the land and described as: "Mighty, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob" (v. 4). Further, God's actions during the journey through the wilderness are recalled with favour. This psalm of praise to God also includes the praise for three great leaders of Israel: Moses, Aaron, and Samuel.

Paul expresses this relationship with God in **1 Thessalonians 1:1–10** where he affirms and gives thanks for the faith of his friends, stating that the good news, God's convincing word, came through the Holy Spirit – another example of the power of the presence of God.

As a contrast, **Matthew 22:15–22** tells the story of discerning taxes, where the stamping of Caesar on the coinage settles the question – "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and unto God the things that are God's" (v. 21). While this can be seen as an example of the separation of church and state it also harkens back to the wilderness experiences of discerning and following God's guiding presence.



We are reminded this week of the importance of being our whole selves in our relationships. Moses attempts to experience God as he understands the Creator, but God is bigger than what we can perceive. And yet, God still attempts to be in relationship with us on our level. Relationships are important, and a relationship with God is paramount. What does it mean to be on a journey of friendship with the One who desires to be in loving relationship with us? Perhaps the transparency of Moses' relationship with God can help to model the relationships we attempt to build with each other.



Wisdom

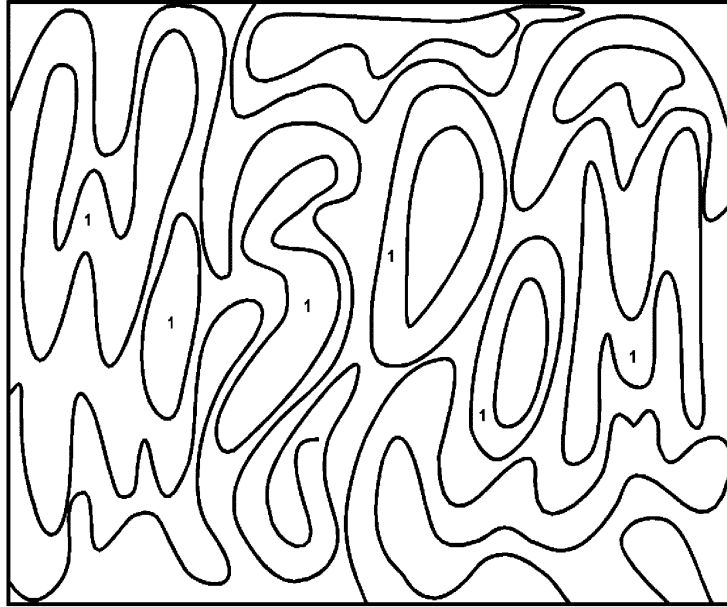
As God's people grow older they learn things along the way. Ask some of the older people at church if they have a little bit of wisdom to help you live with God at the centre of your life.

Give each one a piece of paper that they can write on. When you get the papers back, put them together to make a book.

Punch holes and tie the papers together with string. Make a cover with heavy paper or light cardboard. Decorate the cover with crayons, markers, or paint.

Colour the Spaces
Colour all the spaces with the number 1. Colour the other spaces with another colour. Did you find a word? Write the word here.

How can we find that in our lives?

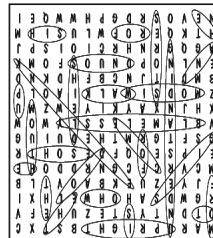


Answers: Wisdom

Word Find

Find the words from Proverbs 2:6-7 in the Word Find.

for	and	is
the	understanding	a
lord	he	shield
gives	stores	to
wisdom	up	those
from	sound	who
his	for	walk
mouth	the	blamelessly
come	upright	
knowledge	he	



Private Function

From 5pm on Saturday 4 November in the St Andrew's Room.

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.

One Door Mental Health—Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 6 November from 10am-12noon.

One Door Mental Health—Workshops

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Tuesday, 7th and Wednesday, 8th November from 9am-4pm.

Adult Fellowship

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, 7th November. Usual meeting time 9:30am (different venue though—we'll be at Connections Café) morning tea then our meeting. Please come along and join us.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 8 November from 10am.

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 8 November from 4pm.

Senior Communion

Monthly Senior Communion will be held in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 10 November with Rev Armstrong. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Remembrance Day

Saturday, 11 November.

NENW Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, 11 November at Armidale Uniting Church. Including the induction of Rev Jo-anne Smalbil.

500th Anniversary of Reformation

Tuesday, 31 October 2017.

All Saints Day

Wednesday, 1 November 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.

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.

Friends of Nioka Afternoon Concert

A special Aussie Afternoon with Australian Songs and Poems and afternoon tea. Come in your national costume, there will be lucky door prizes and best costume prizes too. Raffle tickets available on the day. \$15/head. Saturday, 4 November from 1pm. RSVP Shirley 6765 7214 by 28 October.

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 22 October 2017

Worship service with Mr Barry Gillett. NO Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Thank You

- Active Australia have forwarded a thank you to the Op Shop for donating families for their needlecraft and more program with disabled youth.
- Julie Bennett would like to extend her sincere thanks on behalf of herself, her sister and mother, following the death of her dear Dad. Thank you for your concerns, calls, cards and works of support.
- Daniel Choi, Pastor of the Korean Reborn church would like to extend his thanks for our support of their stall at Fiesta la Peel last weekend.

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? Talk to Annette Winter.
- 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 has been received.

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 eggs in the local markets. Please give generously. Envelopes can be left on the plate each Sunday.

This Week's Events

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 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).

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

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

Church Office

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

Pastoral Partners

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th October at 7pm **(Note Change)** in the St Andrew's Room. We will have our meeting from 7pm, starting with devotions and then our Guest Speaker will be Helen Stanley from Health Wise from 8pm, 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.

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.

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.

Private Function

Saturday, 28 October from 5pm in the St Andrew's Room.

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.

Next Week & Beyond

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 please.***