

Diary Dates

<p>Sun, 1 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch 2:30pm Catherine Hamlyn Movie "Overcomer" at Forum 6 Cinemas</p> <p>Mon, 2 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING St AR</p> <p>Tue, 3 9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am Adult Fellowship in St Andrew's Room & Lunch 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 7pm Friends of Nioka StAR</p> <p>Wed, 4 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest 6pm Meditation Service 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH</p>	<p>Thu, 5 9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music</p> <p>Fri, 6 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH 10am Craft Group in StAR 10am Kairos Meeting in Vest 12noon Lunch & Chatter in St Andrew's Room 6pm Bec's Reunion Group in St Andrew's Room 6pm New Vogue Dance JH 7:30pm Northwest Christian Women's Conference at Carinya</p> <p>Sat, 7 9am-12noon Op Shop NW Christian Women's Conference at Carinya</p> <p>Sun, 8 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch</p>
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Preaching Plan

Sunday, 8 September—Pentecost 13

<p>9am Tamworth City Service—Rev Will Pearson; E: M Weick; D: R Barclay, M Honeyman, S Hardin; PP: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.</p> <p>9:30 Tamworth Southside Service</p> <p>11am West Tamworth Service HC</p> <p>5:30pm Tamworth Southside Service</p>
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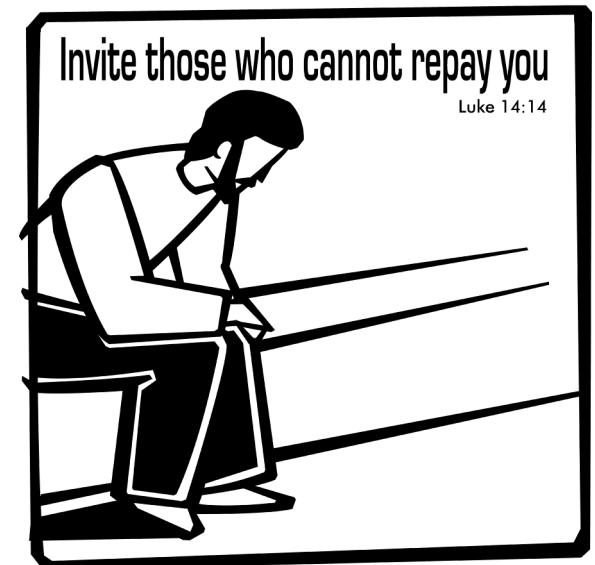
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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Will Pearson will be leading our service and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Happy Father's Day. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



Sacredise—Humility...

Thought for the Week

In our celebrity-obsessed world, the quest for recognition, influence, wealth, fame and the praise of others drives all too many of us. Ultimately, this pride-filled drivenness leads us into conflict and destructiveness, as all of life becomes a game of winners and losers. The great narratives of different faiths are then placed in competition with each other for the 'honour' of being the 'ultimate truth'. The priorities of nations are placed into conflict as politicians wrestle to find a place in the corridors of world power, while their people's needs are used as bargaining chips or forgotten altogether. Values, integrity and fidelity all end up being expendable as success, victory or popularity become the ends which justify any means. And, as this driven, competitive way of being spreads through the world, we all pay the price in increasing rates of divorce, heart (and other) disease, conflict and inequality. But, of course, those who end up paying the most are those at the 'bottom' of the game – the innocent losers.

Into all of this a simple word of justice speaks – humility can heal our world. As we learn, individually, nationally and globally, to live with simplicity, contentment, respect and integrity – and expect the same from our leaders and our corporations – the game of winners of losers begins to shift to a playful, collaborative game of shared benefit. And then, our eyes are opened to the fullness of life that is found in the hidden, poor and forgotten places – places that the rich and wealthy never see.

This call to a healing humility is the focus of our meditation today.

Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Reflection

It feels good to be honoured, and it is natural to seek the

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
Dinner Church 2nd Sunday. HC 3rd
Sunday. Family Service & lunch 4th
Sunday.

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

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in
Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays
during school terms.

Prayer Team: 3pm Tuesdays.

Lectionary Study & Worship

Preparation: 4pm Tuesdays.

Motor Bike Ride: 9:30am 2nd & 4th



Wednesdays.

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

Bible Discussion: 10am Thursdays.

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on alternate
Thursdays.

Men's Bowls: 9:45am 2nd & 4th
North Tamworth Bowling Club

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st
Saturday each month.

Website: www.tsuc.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside UC

Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 30 Aug—5:30pm Friday Family
Church at Hallsville.

Sun, 1 Sept—11am West Tamworth
Service and Lunch.

Tue, 3 Sept—10am Memory Lane

Fri, 6 Sept—5:30pm Friday Family
Church at Hallsville with Meg Mangan

Sun, 8 Sept—11am West Tamworth
HC Service with Meg Mangan

Sun, 15 Sept—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Will Pearson.

Tue, 17 Sept—10am Memory Lane

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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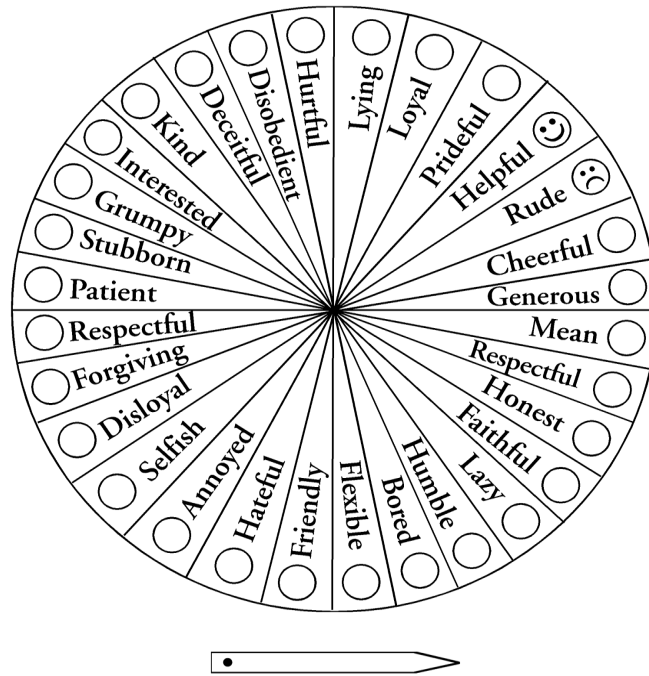
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



How Does God Want Us to Act?

1. Borrow a game board and game pieces from another game. (Option: Make your own game board and use buttons or beans as game pieces, marking each one with a different color so you can recognize your playing piece.)
2. Mark the circles in the wheel at right with a smile for actions that reflect how God wants you to act, and a frown for actions that reflect how God does not want you to act.
3. Cut out the wheel and mount it on a paper plate (you may wish to enlarge it first).
4. Create an arrow similar to the one at right. We suggest you create it out of something stiff like cardboard from a cereal box.
5. Mount the arrow on the wheel using a pin or paper fastener.
6. Take turns spinning the wheel. If you land on a ☺, go ahead 3 spaces. If you land on a ☹, go back 2 spaces.

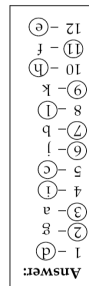


Opposites

Sometimes we do not act the way God wants us to act.

The two columns at right describe actions or behaviors. For each word in the first column, there is an opposite in the second column. Match the opposites by connecting them with a line, then circle the action that reflects how God wants us to act.

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| 1. Rude | a. Selfish |
| 2. Cheerful | b. Disloyal |
| 3. Generous | c. Forgiving |
| 4. Mean | d. Respectful |
| 5. Resentful | e. Patient |
| 6. Honest | f. Stubborn |
| 7. Faithful | g. Grumpy |
| 8. Lazy | h. Interested |
| 9. Humble | i. Kind |
| 10. Bored | j. Deceitful |
| 11. Flexible | k. Proudful |
| 12. Annoyed | l. Helpful |



Lectionary Readings

Sun	1	Psalm 81:1, 10-16*	Fri	6	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Mon	2	Psalm 1	Sat	7	Luke 14:25-33*
Tue	3	Jeremiah 18:1-11*	Sun	8	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*
Wed	4	Philemon 1-7	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	5	Philemon 8-25			

recognition we deserve. But what is natural is not always what is best for us. Our egos are insatiable, and when we are made to feel important, or when others begin to treat us differently because we are "special", something can easily become corrupt in our souls. When we become obsessed with the game of who is most important, and when we are always seeking the best seats at the table, our capacity to love, to serve and to honour others is significantly diminished. This is why Jesus, noticing how the people at a dinner were playing this power game, taught that it is better to choose the lowest place, and to embrace an attitude of humility and service. This attitude frees us from the tyranny of our egos, and it ensures that we are not ashamed for assuming too much honour for ourselves. But, more than this, when we make a habit of choosing the lowest place, we keep our souls healthy. We maintain an ability to be with anyone, no matter what their status or position, and we nurture a capacity to love and serve all people. How can you release any desire to be treated as special, or to be honoured today?

Practice for Today

One of the best ways to keep ourselves humble is to engage regularly in serving others - especially those from whom we can expect nothing back. This is why Jesus goes on to suggest that we invite the poor and the marginalised to our feasts. When we give ourselves in service, we learn to recognise the humanity in all people, and we receive far more than we give as our souls are liberated and inspired. Today, do something in service of someone who cannot repay you.

Breath-Prayer for Today

Teach me to be a humble servant of all Jesus, and to release my need to be "special".



When you give a banquet, invite the poor. Lk 14:13

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 1 September

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Will Pearson. We welcome Rev Will, and wife Betty, for 4 months' supply ministry. Father's Day. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Catherine Hamlyn Spring Movie Afternoon

To be held at Forum 6 at 2:30pm, \$16.50/head. A lovely relaxing Sunday afternoon with a good movie, good friends and a goof cause, afternoon tea too. Sunday, 1 September movie "Overcomer" - a basket ball coach is reduced to coaching cross country, but finds out what God can do with an unlikely candidate. Why not take dad to the movies!

Welcome

We welcome Rev Will Pearson and his wife, Betty, who will be doing Supply Ministry with us for the next four months on 2/3 time basis. Will can be contacted on 0431 150 253. They will be staying in South Tamworth.

Doing It For Our Farmers

Thank you to those who supported the cake stall. We continue to support our local farmers with drought relief packages, vouchers and prayers. There is always someone in need during this long period of drought. Moving to our new venue at 1/19 Wallamore Road, Taminda. Closed for a couple of weeks to settle in.

Offering Envelopes

New annual offering envelopes are available commencing September 1. Grab a box to keep you on track with your giving.

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.

Diary Dates to Note

- 25th 5pm Rainbow Cottage Meeting
- 28th 9am A little touch of green workshop Day
- 29th 2:30pm Choral Society "Promenade Concert"

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. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, C3 Church, School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church and the Cornerstone Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery as the drought continues. We give thanks for God's provision, healing and blessing. The Saltbush Gathering coming up on 21/22 September.

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. Donations all gratefully received.

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.

Worship on Sunday, 15 September

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Baptism. Elder: R Duns; D: R & P Pryor, B Mills; PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Will Pearson.

Association of Independent Retirees

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

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the Community Hall at the Uniting St Andrew's Village in Tribe Street from 2pm on Tuesday, 17 September.

Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room from 10am on Wednesday, 18 Sept.

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, 20 September.

Saltbush Gathering

These gatherings are designed to show you how Saltbush can offer relationships of encouragement and support in both your worship and your mission. They are intended as ways to hear from each other and the joys and struggles of being rural congregations within our changing world. The gathering is free and once you arrive all meals are provided and of course we look forward to seeing you. You must register to attend. See the office for details. Join us at Tamworth Southside on Saturday and Sunday, 21/22 September.

If you would like to see how Saltbush is shaping you can visit our new, unfolding web site here: <https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/>
Peace to you all. Rev Mark Faulkner.

Worship on Sunday, 22 September

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Frontier Services Retiring Offering and Barbecue. Elder: R Hely; D: M & D Miles, D Cole; PP: J McClelland; O: R Greer. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

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).

UNITING Support Group

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

Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *Nicolette*.

Adult Fellowship

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 September in the St Andrew's Room. Morning tea from 9:30am followed by the meeting. After the meeting we will head up to Tamwell for lunch. Please join us for some friendship and fellowship. We will need numbers by the start of the meeting. Let Elain Fairall, or a member of the fellowship know you'll be joining the lunch.

Locomotive Line Dancing

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

Friends of Nioka

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

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.

Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area. During School Terms.

New Vogue Dance Group

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

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. During School terms.

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.

Kairos Meeting

Meeting in the Vestry on Friday, 6 September from 10am.

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, 6 September.

Lunch & Chat

Monthly get together on Friday, 6 September from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold Coin donation. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 6 September from 6pm.

New Vogue Dance

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 6 September from 6pm.

Christian Women's Conference

New Life Conference 2019 will be held on 6/7 September. A bible teaching conference organised by the Anglican Diocese of Armidale for women of the NENW, glorifying God by introducing people to Jesus and helping them home to heaven. Weekend includes interviews, book reviews, excellent music and warm fellowship across the weekend. Standard Registration \$60. Pick up a brochure (talk to Elaine Fairall or Margaret Cupitt).

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 8 September

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: M Weick; D: R Barclay, M Honeyman, S Hardin; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Insights Magazine. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Birth Beat Classes

Using the Dunn Hall on Sunday, 8 September for two classes. Focussing on supporting ethnic mums.

Car Park Sealing

The construction team have indicated that the sealing of our car park could happen on the week of 9-13 September. Weather permitting. Confirmation awaited.

One Door Carer Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall from 10am on Tuesday, 10 September.

Young Families Worker Support Group

Meeting in the Wesley Room from 4pm on Tuesday, 10 September.

Sleep Effect Classes

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Wednesday, 11 September from 9am.

Compassionate Friends

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

Nursing Home Service

Cottage Homes service from 9:30am on Thursday, 12 September. All helpers welcome.

Senior Communion

Monthly Senior Communion at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 13 September from 10am with Rev Mark Armstrong.

KOWNE—Kairos Training Weekend

Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15 September in Jubilee Hall from 8am-8pm.