

## Diary Dates

- Sun, 15** 8am KOWNE Training JH  
**9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service and Baptism with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**  
 11am West Tamworth  
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch St AR
- Mon, 16:** 9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH  
 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F  
 10am-2pm UNITING St AR
- Tue, 17** 9am-2pm T-F Church Office  
 9am AIR St A Room  
 9:30am LLine Dancers JH  
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep  
 2pm Senior's Getting Together at Village
- Wed, 18:** 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest  
 10am Bereavement Support in St Andrew's R  
 6pm Meditation Service  
 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH
- Thu, 19** 9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall  
 9:30am Yoga in St AR  
 4:30pm Church Music
- Fri, 20** 10am Craft Group in St Andrew's Room
- Sat, 21** 9am Saltbush at Southside  
 9am-12noon Op Shop
- Sun, 22** **9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service & Frontier Services Retiring Offering & BBQ with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**  
 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch  
 12nn Saltbush at Southside

## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 22 September—Pentecost 15

- 8:30am Gowrie Service (Meg Mangan) and Hallsville Markets  
 9am Tamworth City Service—Rev Will Pearson (Frontier Services Retiring Offering & BBQ); E: R Hely; D: F Kerr, D Cole; PP: J McClelland, O: R Greer.  
 9:30 Tamworth Southside Service (Lunch)  
 11am West Tamworth Service (Meg Mangan)  
 5:30pm Tamworth Southside Service



15 September 2019

## Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Will Pearson will be leading our service including the sacrament of Baptism for Mitchell George McGrath. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.

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## Sacredise—Repentance...

### Thought for the Week

The Gospel reading this week speaks of the joy when lost things are found. Jesus used the image of a lost sheep and a lost coin to describe the joy in God's Reign when people turn from sin to Jesus' way. There are two important truths that must be remembered as we read these parables. The first is that what Jesus means by "being found" is not primarily about accepting certain intellectual ideas and being assured of heaven when we die. For Jesus, a person is found when they recognise that the values of this world do not bring life, and they turn to embrace the values of God's Reign and live a life of love and justice here and now. The second truth to remember is that for us to know we have been found, we need to repent - that is, we need to change our values, actions and, yes, our thoughts, to align with those of God's Reign.

This act of repentance is not a once-off experience. Rather, it is a choice we must make every day as our hearts are captured more and more by the vision of God's Reign. This is where readings like Psalm 51 are so helpful. Written after David's sins of adultery and murder, this Psalm is one of the most powerful prayers of repentance in the Bible - which is why it is one of the set readings for today. You may want to carry the words of this Psalm with you throughout this week as we seek to do the work of repentance.

*Reading* Psalm 51:1-10

### Reflection

Most of us will never need to repent of the kind of acts that David did. While adultery may be fairly common in our world today, few of us will ever commit murder to cover up our sexual indiscretions. However, the heart attitudes that drove David to do what he did are well known to all of us. We all wrestle with lust of one kind or another. While we may not all struggle with inappropriate sexual

## 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](http://www.tsuc.org.au) or

**Facebook:** Tamworth Southside UC

## Peel Valley Congregations

**Sun, 15 Sept**—9am Hallsville Baptism Church on a Bus & BBQ at Hallsville with Meg Mangan and 11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Will Pearson.

**Tue, 17 Sept**—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth.

**Thu, 19 Sept**—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth.

**Sun, 22 Sept**—8:30am Markets; 8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan.

**Sun, 29 Sept**—11am Peel Valley

### GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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

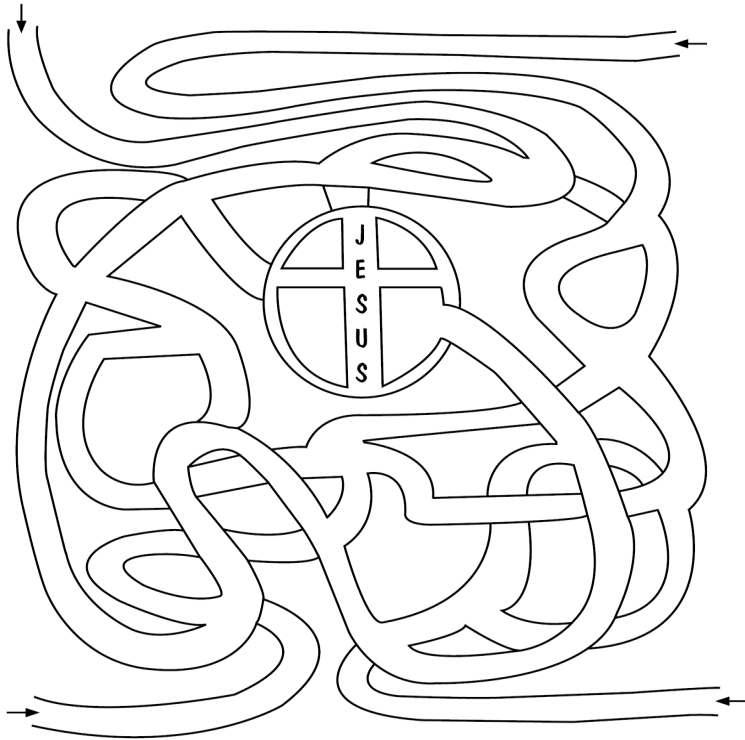
*Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"*

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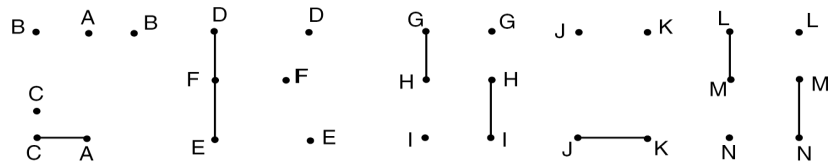
# Jesus Is the Way

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Find the path that leads to Jesus.



## Hidden Word

Draw a line between the letters that are the same to reveal a hidden word.



## Lectionary Readings

Sun 15	Psalm 15	Fri 20	Luke 16:1-13*
Mon 16	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*	Sat 21	Luke 16:14-18
Tue 17	1 Timothy 2:1-7*	<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>Psalm 79:1-9*</b>
Wed 18	1 Timothy 3:1-16	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 19	Amos 8:4-7		

desires, our lusts may take a different form - the lust for more wealth, the lust for power over others, the lust for a job or an experience that someone else has that is out of reach for us. All of these lusts can break down our relationships, or lead us into destructive behaviour. When it comes to murder, we may feel safe, but, as Jesus pointed out, even our anger can be as destructive as taking a life. While we may not harm another person physically, we too often allow our words to destroy the reputations, the confidence, the self-esteem, or the good relationships of others.

When we are willing to acknowledge these destructive tendencies within us, we have taken the first step to healing, and we have made repentance possible. Part of this repentance is acknowledging that every destructive thing we do is an offense against God, because everyone we hurt is loved by God. Then, as we admit our wrongs to God, we must acknowledge that we need a power beyond ourselves to change. This is why David asked God to cleanse him and to renew his spirit. True transformation is God's work.

What repentance work do you need to do today?

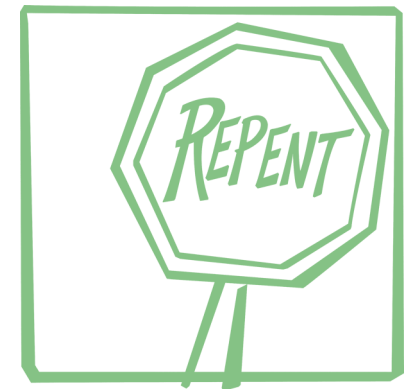
### Practice for Today

One of the great gifts of the Bible is the way it reveals the truth of our hearts. Often, as we read the words of Scripture, we are convicted of the areas of life where change is needed. Today, go back and reread Psalm 51. As you read, ask God to show you, through these words, where repentance is needed in your own life.

### Breath-Prayer for Today

Show me, O God, where my life fails to reflect the values of your Reign.

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## *Today's Information*

### **KOWNE—Kairos Training Weekend**

TODAY in Jubilee Hall from 8am-8pm.

### **Worship on Sunday, 15 September**

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Baptism. Mission Envelopes. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Will Pearson.

### **Korean Reborn Church**

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

### **Car Park Sealing**

All done. Doesn't it look great!

### **Young Families Worker**

It was with sadness that we learned that Sarah Wright will be finishing up at the end of the year in her position as Young Families Worker for Tamworth City and Tamworth Southside congregations. We have really appreciated Sarah's work in this area and wish her well for the future. Our grant was for 3yrs, so we will have to reassess our finances to see about a way ahead.

### **Doing It For Our Farmers**

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. We have moved into our new premises at 1/19 Wallamore Road, Taminda.

### **Stamp Collecting News**

Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. The year to date has raised \$28,800. Keep in mind that the stamps you receive today, our customers are anxious to buy tomorrow at the Synod Stamp Committee sales. Keep them coming in.

### **Diary Dates to Note**

- 7th Labour Day Public Holiday
- 8th 7pm Church Council
- 11th 10am Senior Communion
- 12th/13th KOWNE Training Weekend

## *Prayers*

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Scripture in Schools Sunday School, Young Families Worker, Mission Outreach and Rainbow Cottage. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Calendar**

Keep the people of Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania in your prayers this week.

### **Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches**

We keep the activities of Liberty Church, Calrossy School, St Peter's Anglican Church, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northwest Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Church on the Way in our prayers.

### **Presbytery Prayer Points**

We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery as the drought continues. 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.

Henry Wood, the founding conductor of the British Proms, who has born 150 years ago. Guest artists: Tamworth Regional Conservatorium Youth Orchestra. \$15/head.

### **Tamworth City Adult Fellowship**

Our next get together will be on Tuesday, 1 October from 9:30am for morning tea in the St Andrew's Room. Meeting to follow.

### **Tamworth City Property Committee**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 1 October at 4:30pm.

### **Friends of Nioka**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 1 October at 7pm.

### **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, 4 October.

### **Lunch & Chatter**

Our monthly Lunch & Chatter will be on Friday, 4 October from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation.

### **Bec's Emmaus Reunion Group**

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Friday, 4 October at 6pm.

### **Daylight Savings**

Don't forget, we lose an hour at 3am on Sunday, 6 October. If you forget to change your clock, you can join us for morning tea.

### **Worship on Sunday, 6 October**

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: W Standen, J Carthew, A Ashworth, M Hobson; D: M Partridge, S Perkins, J Phillips; PP: J Carthew; O: R Greer. Morning Tea.

## *This Week's Events*

### **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.

### **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*.

### **Association of Independent Retirees**

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

### **Locomotive Line Dancing**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **Bereavement Support Group**

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



### **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. Sarah on Holidays 16-20 September.

### **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.

### **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.

### **New Vogue Dance**

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 20 September from 6pm.

### **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. 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/>

## *Next Week & Beyond*

### **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 (end of school term). Morning Tea and sausage sizzle.

### **Korean Reborn Church**

Chapel Service with the Sydney College of Divinity 10am on Tuesday, 24 September.

### **Sleep Effect Classes**

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Wednesday, 25 September from 9am.

### **Rainbow Cottage Management Committee**

Meeting on Wednesday, 25 September from 5pm at Rainbow Cottage.

### **Christian Book Sale**

Pre-loved books—donation only. September 28 8am-4pm at Calrossy Anglican School. Funds raised help with the development of the Canon Ndimbirwe Bible College in Uganda.

### **A Little Touch of Green Workshop**

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, 28 September from 9am.

### **Worship on Sunday, 29 September**

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Elder: L Johnston; D: J Carthew, G Chaffey, B Johnston; PP: M Akioka; O: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

### **Tamworth Choral Society—Let's Promenade!**

You are invited to join in the fun on Sunday, 29 September from 2:30pm at the Carinya Performing Arts Centre. Do you like to stroll upon the prom, prom, prom? We would also like to celebrate Sir