

Diary Dates

**Sun, 16 9am Tamworth City
Worship and Baptism with
Rev Chris Wright. Sunday
School. Morning Tea.**

11:30am Korean Reborn

**Mon, 17 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F
9:30am Kairos Sewing JHall
10am-4pm Op Shop M-F
10am UNITING group StAR
1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH**

**Tue, 18 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
9am AIR—St Andrew's Rm
10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
2pm Senior's Getting
Together in Village Hall
5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall**

**Wed, 19 9am Op Shop Sorting
6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
6pm Meditation Service**

**Thu, 20 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
9:30am Yoga at Dunn Hall
10am Stepping Stones**

Playgroup in St A's Room
4:30pm Worship Music

**Fri, 21 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
10am Craft Group in St AR**

**Sat, 22 8am Kairos Outside Training
weekend in Jubilee Hall
8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
9am-12noon Op Shop
9am Ethical Ministry
Training in St Andrew's Rm**

**Sun, 23 Kairos Outside Training
weekend in Jubilee Hall
9am Tamworth City
Worship, Frontier Services
and HSC with Rev Chris
Wright and Rev Phill
Matthews. Sunday School.
Frontier Services Sausage
Sizzle & Morning Tea.
11:30am Korean Reborn**



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 23 September 2018

8:30am Gowrie Service & Hallsville Markets

9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright & Rev Phill Matthews, E: E
Fairall, D: M Cupitt, W Townsend, W Purss, O: R
Greer, PP J McClelland

9:30am Tamworth Southside Service

11am West Tamworth Service

5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service

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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading us in worship and the sacrament of Baptism. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



Seasons of the Spirit

Who Are You, Jesus?

Prayer

Teach us your names, O God, spoken in acts of mercy and justice and grace. May we learn your names, O Jesus, by trusting who you are for us and for all. May we recognize your names, Holy Spirit, in the renewing of our lives and communities. Amen.

Focus scriptures

Mark 8:27-38, Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19 and James 3:1-12.

Reflection

good or ill, to acceptance or rebuke. Who we say Jesus is shapes our journey as disciples. Wise followers listen for the words and ways of God in their midst. For God's words and ways lead to deeper understanding of who we are called to be because of whom we follow.

This passage serves as the midway "hinge point" in Mark's gospel. Before this, Jesus travelled across Galilee and into Gentile territories. From here, the geography and theology move toward Jerusalem. Verse 31 is the first of the three "passion predictions" in Mark that point to Jesus' suffering in Jerusalem. *Passion* comes from a Greek word meaning "suffering."

The setting of this teaching near Caesarea Philippi is intriguing. One source of the Jordan River flows out of a cave nearby. It served over time as a shrine of worship for various deities called by different "names."

The names reported by the disciples in response to Jesus' question in verse 27 reflect earlier opinions voiced by Herod and others (Mark 6:14-16). Several names given by the disciples have messianic links. John the baptizer prepared for one who was "coming after me." Elijah was expected to return shortly before the appearance of Messiah. Jesus does not refer to himself as "Messiah," but "Son of Man." This term appears in Daniel 7:13 in a passage associated with God's coming. "Son of Man" also appears frequently in Ezekiel, where the prophet uses the term to describe himself. "Son of Man" in Daniel and Ezekiel connects with God's mission and, at times, suffering.

Southside Scene

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

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

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays.

Prayer Team: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

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

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

**Moore Creek Pot Luck Dinner &
Discussion:** 6:30-9pm 1st Wed.

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.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 16 Sept—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Mark Faulkner.
Trading Table to follow.

Tue 18 Sept—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church

Fri, 21 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Family

Sun, 23 Sept—8:30am Hallsville
Markets; 8:30am Gowrie Service;
11am West Tamworth Service.

Thu, 27 Sept—10am PV Study Group
at West Tamworth Church.

Fri, 28 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Family

Sun, 30 Sept—Peel Valley Church on
a Bus.

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
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Contact: Margaret Crowell 6760 8323

Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
Bruce Jarrett, Barbara Murray, Doss Wark



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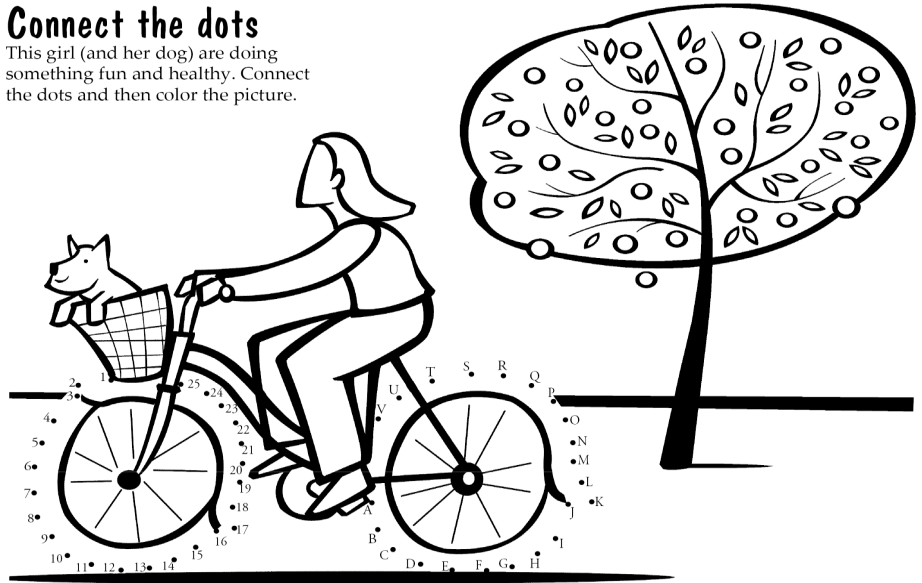
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 Answer: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... therefore glorify God in your body.

Connect the dots

This girl (and her dog) are doing something fun and healthy. Connect the dots and then color the picture.



Lectionary Readings

Sun 16	Psalm 19*	Fri 21	Jeremiah 11:18-20
Mon 17	Proverbs 31:10-31*	Sat 22	Mark 9:30-37*
Tue 18	James 3:13-4:3	Sun 23	Psalm 1*
Wed 19	James 4:4-10	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 20	James 4:11-17		

A pair of rebukes follows Peter’s confession of Jesus as the Messiah and Jesus’ ensuing command of silence about his identity. The most dominant expectations of Messiah at this time involved one who would deliver the land from Roman rule. Often this figure was linked to the line of David. Such hopes likely formed the basis for Peter’s rebuke of Jesus when Jesus taught the wisdom of a suffering “Son of Man” – nothing like the triumphant warrior awaited by many. Jesus’ rebuke of Peter in response sets the stage for Jesus’ further wisdom about what discipleship entails.

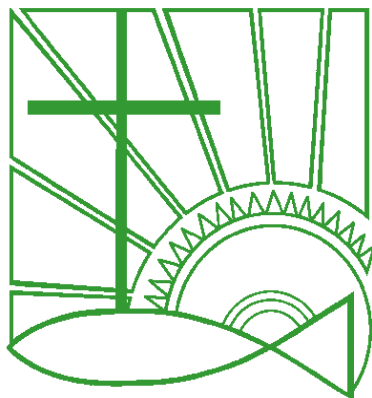
The word translated as “life” in verses 35–37 is *psuche*, the root word for “psyche” and “psychology.” It involves the notion of “self.” That connotation brings a stronger sense of paradox to Jesus’ teaching. The affirmation of self comes in the act of self-giving (“those who would lose their *psuche* for my sake...will save it”).

Jesus redefines both *Messiah* and *disciple* in this passage. To be a follower is not simply to name Jesus with a “correct” title (“you are the Messiah”). The text implies danger in the hard consequences of following in the way of Jesus, who announces suffering for self and crosses for disciples.

The counter-intuitive wisdom of Jesus about Messiah and discipleship echoes themes in other wisdom teachings about power and risk. **Proverbs 1:20–33** offers a warning and call from personified wisdom. The author of Proverbs notes the great risk when wisdom is ignored and the path of folly is taken. **Psalms 19** celebrates creation’s witness to the law and glory of God. **James 3:1–12** adds its cautionary wisdom about teaching and language, and the power of words to accomplish good or ill.

Questions

Mark closely links Jesus’ identity and vocation with that of disciples in that day, and in our own. In Jesus’ wisdom we find the path opened to finding our selves. Who do we say Jesus is today by what we pray for in our heart of hearts; by what we seek from (and offer to) our faith communities? What wisdom of Jesus do you hear Mark 8:34–37 speaking to the church and to the wider community today? What wisdom do today’s readings speak about following the way of God?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 16 September

Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Farmer Care Packages

Thank you everyone, you and the community have been very generous.

This Week's Events

Kairos Sewing Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall each Monday during school terms 9:30am-3pm.

UNITING—Support Group

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

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 Group

Our KYB Study Group meet at 1:30pm on Mondays in the home of Paul & Lorraine Turner, 26 Upper St. Contact 6766 6891. Working on Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. All welcome.

Church Office

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

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly get together on Tuesday, 18 September from 2pm in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

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.

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

Venture Christian Bookshop—Quirindi

108 George Street, Quirindi 6746 1065. Serving Christ in the community since 1985. Cards for every occasion, bibles, music CD's, DVD's, adult and children's books, giftware also available. Email: vcbquirindi@bigpond.com

Home Communion

Do you know someone who might like to have an Elder bring Holy Communion to them in their home? Please let Judith Archbold know (6766 6716).

Sunday Trading Table

Our bring-and-buy table is selling anything from handiwork to cooking, produce to jams. Stop and buy something this week and donate something another week. After church with the morning tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Food Hamper Sunday

Food Hamper Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the month. Bring along something to the office anytime. A shopping list might look like this: 2x1lt UHT milk, 500g sugar, 25 tea bag box, 50g coffee, 100gm tuna/sardines, 2xcuppa coup, 2xrice/pasta pack, 250g biscuits, tin baked beans/spaghetti (ring pull), tin steak & veg (or similar), 2minute noodles, small tinned fruit, small cereal. Thank you everyone.

Hospital Visit

Are you scheduled to go into hospital? If so, you need to let us know if you want visitors (your Pastoral Partner, an Elder, or the Office). The current system at the Hospitals does not allow us access to this information easily.

Key Audit

We are doing an audit of keys to the buildings here at Tamworth City. Please check with the office about your need for keys to buildings. Take the opportunity to return a key you don't need any longer.

Stamp Collecting News

Did you know that since Oct 1977 the Stamp Committee have raised over \$760,000 through the sale of stamps. In 2017 \$19,518 was raised. 140 congregations across

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: 22 September Ethical Ministry Training and Makes You Wonder Workshop with Rev Dr Ian Robinson on 20 October.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who are preparing to lead classes in our high schools this year—Andrew, Ross, Belinda, Alison and Dave. As usual funding is solely from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAL, 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.

Maintenance Items

Library

We have a library of books/DVDs in the Vestry. Do you have any you no longer require of a religious nature to donate to our Library? Maybe you'd like to borrow a book. Talk to Peter Battle 6766 7455.

Screening Mammogram

Breast Screen NSW Hunter New England offers all women aged 50-90yrs a free Screening Mammogram for the early detection of breast cancer. Call 132050.

Free Prostate Cancer Support

Counselling and information provided at Tamworth Hospital. Helping with Risk factors, testing diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Phone 1300 881 826.

Transport to Church

Can you help with transport to church? Maybe you've got a spare seat and can pick someone up from nearby on your way. Contact the office on 6766 5311.

Morning Tea Support

We enjoy a lovely morning tea every Sunday, thank you to those who help out each week on the roster (and get co-opted). Would you like to join our team? Have a chat with Di Cole (6766 4552) or Joan Crosling (6761 8737). Housekeeping: a quick reminder to make a swap if you are not able to do your rostered day (let Di or Joan know too).

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

John Marsh will be leading a meditation service on Wednesday evenings from 6pm in the Church Chapel area. You're most welcome.

Early Risers Prayer Group

Meeting on Thursday mornings from 8:30am in the Wesley Room.

Stepping Stones

Weekly young families group meeting in the St Andrew's Room with our Young Families Worker, Sarah. 9:30am for morning tea.

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, 21 September.

Last Day Term 3

Friday, 28 September.

Kairos Outside Training Weekend

Kairos Outside will be using the Jubilee Hall on Saturday, and Sunday, 22 and 23 September for their training weekend.

NENW Presbytery Ethics Day

Saturday, 22 September in the St Andrew's Room.

Worship on Sunday, 23 September

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright and Rev Phill Matthews (Frontier Services Bush Chaplain) at 9am. Sunday School—end of term. Elder: E Fairall, Door: M Cupitt, W Townsend, W Purse, AV: J McClelland, Org: R Greer. Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Frontier Services & Morning Tea. Please give generously.



Next Week & Beyond

Tamworth Choral Society Concert

You are invited to the Tamworth Choral Society Concert entitled "The Choir Rehearsal" on Sunday, 23 September from 2:30pm in the Tamworth Community Centre. Adults \$15 and Family \$30. All welcome.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster

Tuesday, 25 September from 8am at Meals on Wheels.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be Closed from 25-28 September. Nicolette will be on leave.

Worship on Sunday, 30 September

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Dezius, Door: N Dezius, M Honeyman, H Fergus, AV: M Akioka, Org: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday, 1 October.

Adult Fellowship

Our monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, 2 October from 9:30am for morning tea in the St Andrew's Room. All welcome.

City Property Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 2 October from 4:30pm.

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 3 October from 4pm.

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, 5 October.



Lunch and DVD

Monthly Lunch and DVD on Friday, 5 October from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold Coin donation for lunch. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 67617371.

Daylight Savings

Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday night 6th October—we lose an hour, so put them forward.

Worship on Sunday, 7 October

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: W Standen, M Cupitt, A Ashworth, L Johnston, Door: R Baclay, J Carthew, B Johnston, AV: A Winter, Org: R Greer. Morning Tea.

Diary Dates

- 11 October—Church Council Meeting
- 19-21 October—Kairos Outside at Keepit Dam
- 20 October—Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop
- 25 November—Congregational Christmas Lunch
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

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