

Diary Dates

Sun, 2	9am Tamworth City Worship and HC with Mr Peter Battle. Father's Day. S/School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i>		6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH 6pm Meditation Service
Mon, 3	Rev Chris - leave to 11 Sept 4-5am Wheely Bean JH M-F 9:30am Kairos Sewing JHall 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am UNITING support group in St Andrew's Room 10am One Door Mental Health Carer Support DH 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St	Thu, 6	8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Presbytery Adult Fellowship Rally in Jubilee H 9:30am Yoga at Dunn Hall 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in St A's Room 4:30pm Worship Music
Tue, 4	9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall 7pm Friends of Nioka in St Andrew's Room	Fri, 7	8:30am WW in Dunn Hall 10am Craft Group in St AR 12noon Lunch & DVD St AR 7:30pm Northwest Women's Conference
Wed, 5	9am Op Shop Sorting 10am Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support St AR	Sat, 8	Kairos Outside training in JH 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop
	Sun, 2		9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Henry Swindon. Sunday School. Morning Tea. <i>11:30am Korean Reborn</i>

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 9 September 2018

8:30am	Gowrie Service
9am	Tamworth City with Rev Henry Swindon, E: M Cupitt, D: E Fairall, H McKenzie, W Feggans, O: R Richardson, PP J Phillips
9:30am	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth HC Service
5pm	Tamworth Southside Dinner Service

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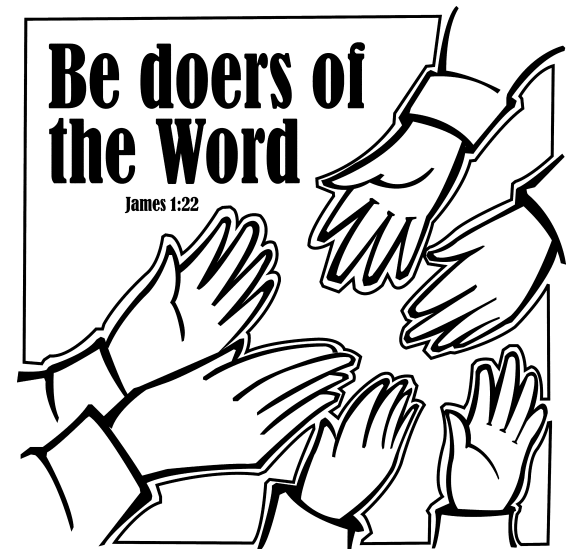
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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Mr Peter Battle will be leading us in word and sacrament. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



Seasons of the Spirit

Deep, Perceptive Listening

Prayer

O God, generous giver of life, forgive us when we turn away from your ways. Open our hearts and minds to be transformed by your word. Shape our lives this day and all days as a bold, vibrant, and faithful response to your generous Spirit. Amen.

Focus scriptures

James 1:17–27; Song of Solomon 2:8–13; Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9 and Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Reflection

In this part of the Season after Pentecost, the scriptures invite us to encounter images of sharp edges, faithful action, and persistence. This week, we continue our journey in God's reign by considering the connections between hearing God's word and doing it. Our relationship with God – and the infusion of God's generous Spirit into our lives – sets the stage for our faithful response.

Some scholars believe that James was written by someone – possibly "James, the brother of the Jesus" – in the first generation of believers. Its tone has the exuberance of a new community seeking to live out of the truth it has come to believe. The style of the letter is moral exhortation; there are 59 imperatives in its 108 verses. The opening section of the letter sounds the themes that will be played out in the course of the letter. Chief among them is the belief that God is the giver of all – "every perfect gift." Our relationship with God, marked by God's generosity, is the context for faithful living. It is the reason for speaking and acting.

Our acts of generosity reflect our belief that every perfect gift comes from God. James describes two types of generosity. Generosity of spirit is exemplified by listening and being slow to anger. Generosity of effort and provision is demonstrated in caring for widows and orphans. There is a challenge here for individuals and churches to put faith into action.

The letter of James invites us to reflect on following God's word without

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

Fri, 31 Aug—5:30pm Hallsville Service

Sun, 2 Sept—11am West Tamworth
Service with Lunch to follow.

Tue, 4 Sept—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church.

Sun, 9 Sept—8:30am Gowrie & 11am
West Tamworth Services.

Fri, 14 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Family

Sun, 16 Sept—11am West Tamworth
Service with Rev Chris Wright.

Trading Table to follow.

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

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

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

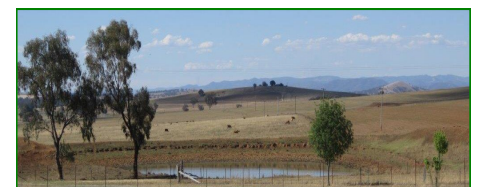
Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337
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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



Joshua Word Find

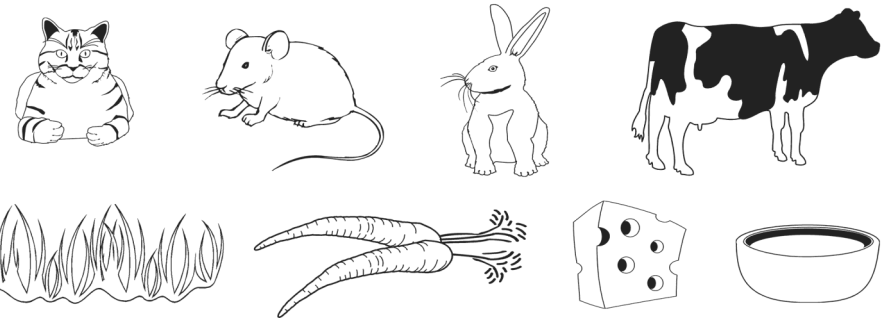
Start Here → Moving clockwise, write down the first letter and then every other letter in the spaces provided. The first letter is done for you.

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Answer: Choose this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

Draw a Line

Taking care of animals is a way to serve the Lord. Draw a line to what these animals would eat.

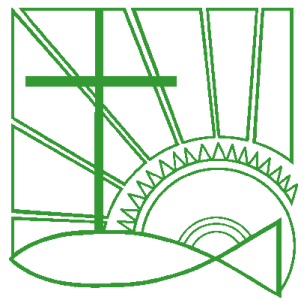


Lectionary Readings

Sun	2	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9*	Fri	7	Isaiah 35:4-7a
Mon	3	Proverbs 22:1-9	Sat	8	Mark 7:24-37*
Tue	4	Proverbs 22:17-23	Sun	9	Psalm 125*
Wed	5	James 2:1-10, 14-17*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	6	James 2:18-26			

much reflection on what that word is. The “implanted word” in verse 21 may refer to God’s law, or the good news about Jesus, or God’s work of salvation. Verse 22 challenges us to do more than listen to God’s word and wisdom – it calls us to action grounded in faith. Consider how these words are in dialogue with your church’s teachings about the relationship of faith and works.

As we explore the meaning of this “im-planted word,” we must ask, as James does, what do we believe about God? James invites us to believe that God loves us unconditionally, steadfastly, eternally. How does this belief become the rich soil out of which can grow actions that reflect such love?



When lovers respond to one another in the **Song of Solomon 2:8–13**, they act on their words. The Song of Solomon is a book of poetry celebrating love. The world in which we live is as bountiful and full of love as this scene, thanks to God the giver of every perfect gift. We are called to respond in faithful living, confident that this is most certainly true.

God is described as generous and loving in **Psalm 45:1– 2, 6–9**. The psalmist applauds how the ruler’s relationship with God shapes the way in which this earthly leader lives and governs. As the ruler responds in faithfulness, the entire nation is blessed.

In **Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23**, the gospel writer challenges us to consider what it means to respond to God’s generous love with lives of faithfulness. In an exchange about rituals and traditions, Jesus differentiates between the “commandment of God” and the “tradition of the elders.” There is a challenge here for us. Our call to faithful living invites examination of what is essential and nonessential as we strive to live in ways that are in agreement with our core beliefs about God’s love.

Questions

What do we believe about God, and how do we act on it? This is the question put to us by today’s passages. We are challenged to find connections between what we believe and say about God and the actions we take each day. God acts in our lives with generosity and love. What will our response be to this perfect gift?

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 2 September

Worship service and Holy Communion with Mr Peter Battle at 9am. Sunday School. Father's Day. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

Rev Chris on Leave

After 12 months ministry with us, Rev Chris will be taking a well earned break, taking leave from 20 August until Tuesday, 11 September.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Reverse Parking

We've had a couple of near-misses recently. Would everyone using the car park please reverse park into parking spaces. This will mean that when it gets full it will be easier to get out and pedestrians will be safer. Thanks.

Housekeeping Item

Please report all incidents/accidents to the office, even if there is no further action. We need to keep a record for our insurance. Thank you.

Farmer Care Packages

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

This Week's Events

UNITING—Support Group

We have a new group using the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care commencing 27 August for 3 months.

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).

One Door Mental Health Support Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 3 September from 10am.

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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.

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).

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.

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

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

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

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Tamworth Baptist Church, C3 Church, School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church and Scripture Union Activities in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: 6 September Adult Fellowship Rally at Tamworth City, 14/15 Saltbush Scattered Community Gathering at Tamworth Southside, 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 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.



To everything there is a season.

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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*.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 4 September from 7pm.

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.

Friends of Nioka Bereavement Support Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 5 September from 10am.

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.

Presbytery Adult Fellowship Rally Day—Working with Waste

Please note that we will not be having our regular adult fellowship meeting on Tuesday, 4 September. Come one, come all. We are hosting the annual Presbytery Adult Fellowship Rally Day on Thursday, 6 September. Our theme will be 'Working with Waste'. Everyone's welcome to attend. Starting with coffee at 9:30am in Jubilee Hall. Finishing at 2pm. \$10/head. Lunch morning and afternoon tea included. There will be a range of guest speakers and fun practical ideas to help you with your recycling. Everyone's welcome.

Stepping Stones

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

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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, 7 September.

Lunch & DVD

Our next lunch and DVD will be on Friday, 7 August from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. Gold coin donation for lunch. Contact Jim & Lorraine Furze on 6761 7371.

North West Christian Women's Conference

New Life 18—Love in Hard Places including studies from Ruth on 7-8 September at Carinya Christian School. Sponsored by the Anglican Church. Contact 0490 792 919 or their website www.newlifeconference.org.au.

Kairos Outside Training Weekend

We will again host the Kairos Outside Training Weekend in the Jubilee Hall on the weekend of 8/9 September.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 9 September

Worship service with Rev Henry Swindon at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: M Cupitt, Door: E Fairall, H McKenzie, W Feggans, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Morning Tea.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting on Wednesday, 12 September from 10am in the St Andrew's Room.

Senior Communion

Monthly Senior Communion at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Friday, 14 September from 10am. Contact Barbara McLean 6766 4039.

Saltbush—Uniting the Scattered Community

14/15 September at Tamworth Southside. A positive, practical opportunity to hear where the shaping of Saltbush is up to. Registrations are on the Eventbrite website only, talk to the office for details.

Watchment School of Intercessory Prayer

Friday and Saturday, 14/15 September at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church. BYO meals. Registrations and enquiries to Rev Dale Martin 0414 818 201..

Worship on Sunday, 16 September

Worship service and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Sunday School. Elder: M Duns (Bapt M Hobson), Door: R Duns, S Perkins, F Kerr, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Diary Dates

- 29 September—Norma Ohara Murphy Afternoon in St Andrew's Room
- 20 October—Makes You Wonder—Sharing Our Faith Workshop
- 25 November—Congregational Christmas Lunch
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

