

Diary Dates

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
 2:30pm Choral Society Concert Tamworth Community Centre

Mon, 24 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, 25 8am Meals on Wheels
 Church Office Closed
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall

Wed, 26 9am Op Shop Sorting
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
 6pm Meditation Service

Thu, 27 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in St A's Room
 4:30pm Worship Music

Fri, 28 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
 Last day School Term 3

Sat, 29 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
 9am-12noon Op Shop

Sun, 30 **9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Chris Wright. Morning Tea.**
 11:30am Korean Reborn

Mon, 1 Labour Day Public Holiday
 11am Induction Service Rev Phill Matthews at Southside

Tue, 2 9am-2pm Church Office
 9:30am Adult Fellowship
 10am-4pm Op Shop T-F
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
 4:30pm Property Committee
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
 7pm Friends of Nioka

Wed, 3 9am Op Shop Sorting
 4pm Worship Committee
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
 6pm Meditation Service

Thu, 4 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall
 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in St A's Room
 4:30pm Worship Music

Fri, 5 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
 10am Craft Group
 12noon Lunch & DVD

Sat, 6 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
 9am-12noon Op Shop
Daylight Savings Commences

Sun, 7 **9am Tamworth City Worship and HC with Rev Chris Wright.**



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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright and Rev Phill Matthews will be leading us in worship with a focus on Frontier Services on 23rd and Rev Chris Wright will lead us on 30th.

Please stay for a chat and special fundraiser sausage sizzle morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



Seasons of the Spirit—Biblical Background

First in Caring

Prayer

Loving God, hold us close when we fear or do not understand the way before us. Open us to the ones who await your welcome through us. May our own frailty make us more gracious – and may we rejoice that in caring for others, we welcome you. Amen.

Focus scriptures

Mark 9:30-37, Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a.

Reflection

Jesus calls us to receive and practice this wisdom about those who are great in God's reign: God's wise children are called to welcome and care for "little ones" among us. Wise ones reach out with encouraging presence to those who are vulnerable. Wise ones live close to God by living justly with neighbour. Wise hands do good.

This passage is preceded by two stories where the disciples are not shown in a favourable light. Peter and two others are terrified when Jesus is transfigured. Next comes the inability of the disciples to heal a child who has seizures. The vulnerability borne of such fear and failure sets the backdrop for the second passion (from the Greek word meaning "suffering") prediction. The three passion predictions in Mark point to Jesus' suffering in Jerusalem. They emphasize a sense of urgency, underscored by the disciples' failure each time to understand.

The Greek word translated in verse 33 as "argued" is *dialogizomai*. It is the root for "dialogue." It can mean to dispute or argue in a negative sense. More positively, it also can mean to reason or debate as a way of learning. The disciples' silence when Jesus asks them about their "dialogue" could be taken as implying they argued. Or, their silence could represent a fear on their part to share their thoughts openly with Jesus, as they still did not understand the importance of Jesus' teaching about his suffering and death.

Centring Jesus' teaching on greatness around a child raises interesting issues. Childhood in Palestinian, as well as Roman, society could be harsh. They often were the first victims of famine, disease, or war. While important

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, 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.

Tue, 2 Oct—10am Memory Lane at
West Tamworth Church

Sun, 7 Oct—11am West Tamworth
Service with Lunch After.

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



Keeping Peace

Put a star by the statements that will help keep peace.

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| _____ 1. Make sure that everyone sees your side of an argument and that you get your way. | _____ 9. Find ways to work things out if there is a disagreement. |
| _____ 2. Forgive someone who has made you angry. | _____ 10. Tell bad things about other people to your friends. |
| _____ 3. Take the toy that you want to play with. Fight for it if you have to. | _____ 11. Try very hard to get along with your brothers and sisters. |
| _____ 4. If someone comes to play, offer them a toy. | _____ 12. If someone gets hurt and cries, make fun of them. |
| _____ 5. Use kind words instead of angry words. | _____ 13. If someone gets hurt, run and get help and try to comfort them. |
| _____ 6. Shout and scream at people if you don't agree with them. | |
| _____ 7. Be a bully. Push and shove people around, especially younger children. | |
| _____ 8. Don't repeat bad things you hear about people. | |

Now cross out the statements that do not have stars.

Answers:
Stars 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13
Cross out 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 30 September 2018

- 9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright, E: J Dezius, D: N Dezius, M Honeyman, H Fergus, O: R Richardson, PP: M Akioka
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside Service
- 11am Peel Valley Church on a Bus
- 5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service

Sunday, 7 October 2018

- 8:30am Gowrie Service
- 9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris HC, E: W Standen, M Cupitt, A Ashworth, L Johnston, D: R Barclay, J Carthew, B Johnston; O: R Greer, PP: A Winter
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside Service
- 11am West Tamworth Service HC & Lunch
- 5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service

Lectionary Readings

Sun 23	Psalm 1*	Sun 30	Psalm 124*
Mon 24	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22*	Mon 1	Job 1:1; 2:1-10*
Tue 25	James 5:1-6	Tue 2	Job 3:1-19
Wed 26	James 5:7-12	Wed 3	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12*
Thu 27	James 5:13-20*	Thu 4	Hebrews 2:14-18
Fri 28	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Fri 5	Hebrews 3:1-6
Sat 29	Mark 9:38-50*	Sat 6	Mark 10:2-16*
		Sun 7	Psalm 26*

* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

to their families, children were almost "non-persons" in the society. In that sense, they held much in common with the community that Mark's gospel first addressed. This early Christian community lived as a small minority in an increasingly hostile empire.

Jesus demonstrates a different ethic and valuing of children, more in line with the treasuring of a child seen in Psalm 127:3 or Ruth 4:14-15. Jesus takes a child in his arms and declares that to welcome one who is powerless and vulnerable is also to welcome Jesus.

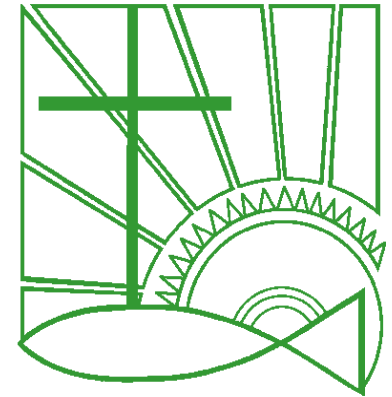
Mark's community might have felt themselves embraced in Jesus' arms. Jesus' ensuing call to welcome such vulnerable ones may have been heard as the logical outcome of their own welcome.

Words of challenge to relationships run through Mark's text. Jesus announces that greatness comes in service. The welcoming of a child enacts the call to welcome others into the circle of community. Community is ongoing as individuals and even leaders come and go. That is what makes the welcome of others, including those who are vulnerable, all the more crucial. For if we cannot find and give welcome here, where can welcome be found?

Shalom (peace) means more than an absence of conflict. It includes all that makes for life, including caring for others. The peace extended by welcome in the gospel is reflected in the call to such wholeness in life found in the additional readings. **Proverbs 31:10-31** celebrates hands that work for the good of others. **Psalm 1** talks about life prospering in the doing of that which is right. **James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a** places "peaceable" early in the list of that which defines such wisdom, and links a "good life" with one "full of mercy."

Questions

As church, we form a community that embraces, empowers, and equips. When we reach out with Jesus' welcome to all, including those who are vulnerable, we are living in God's ways. Who might Jesus be setting in our midst today while saying, "whoever welcomes one such...welcomes me"? In what ways do our own vulnerabilities as individuals and as a church shape how we care for others?



Today's Information

Kairos Outside Training Weekend

Kairos Outside will be using the Jubilee Hall on Sunday, 23 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. Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Frontier Services & Morning Tea. Please give generously.

Korean Reborn Church

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

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.

Greetings from Alice Springs

Tony & Annette Winter send greetings from Alice Springs where they are working on the John Flynn Memorial for Frontier Services.

Thank You

Robyn Hely would like to extend a special thank you to everyone for their prayers and concerns during her recent illness. Well on the mend now.

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.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

23/9: Today we focus on Pastoral Partners, Elders, St Andrew's Village, Fellowship Committee activities, Hospital Visitation and Opportunity Shop. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

30/9: Today we focus on encouraging your individual commitment to prayer and service.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

23/9: Keep the people of the Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine in your prayers this week.

30/9: Keep the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the Roman Catholic Churches, The Father's House, Trinity Church, the Uniting Churches, Hope of Glory Church, Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Churches, the Baptist Church, C3 Church, School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church and the Lutheran Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: Induction of Rev Phill Matthews on 1 October 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.

School Term 4

Commencing Monday, 15 October.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Meeting in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall on Tuesday, 16 October from 2pm.

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, 19 October.

Kairos Outside

Keep in your prayers those leading and attending Kairos Outside this weekend 20/21 October at Lake Keepit.

Makes You Wonder

Grab a registration form for the Makes You Wonder workshop to be held on Saturday, 20 October from 9am-3pm at Tamworth Southside, led by Rev Dr Ian Robinson. *Makes You Wonder* will help you... To find your own voice in sharing your own faith in your own world; To find confidence in the power of being simply yourself ; To find fresh and biblical ways to share these discoveries in small steps with those who have no church background. To be intentional to lead with more authenticity. Register at the Office.

Worship on Sunday, 21 October

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: J Archbold, Door: G J Crosling, M & D Miles, AV: J Carthew, Org: R Cathcart. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.

Diary Dates

- 24 October—Pastoral Partners 7:30pm
- 26 October—World Day of Prayer 10am at Tamworth Southside
- 25 November—Congregational Christmas Lunch
- 1 December—Congregational Retreat at Burrabaroo

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.

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.

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.

Last Day Term 3

Friday, 28 September.

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.

Next Week & Beyond

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday, 1 October.

Induction Service

You are invited to come to the Induction Service for Rev Phill Matthews in his position as Bush Chaplain with the Frontier Services on Monday, 1 October from 11am at Tamworth Southside Uniting Church. Light Lunch afterwards. Everyone's welcome.

KYB Study Group

In recess over the school holidays. Returning on Monday, 15 October. Contact 6766 6891. Studying Galatians in Term 4.

Church Office

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

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.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 2 October from 7pm.

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. Special Morning Tea.

Compassionate Friends

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

Church Council/Information Evening

The Church Council have invited the Moderator, Rev Simon Hansford to come and share information with us about recent Assembly Decisions on Same Gender Marriage. We will have a Coffee and Dessert Information Evening in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 11 October from 7-9pm. All interested congregational members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the office for catering.

Senior Communion

Our monthly Senior Communion will be held on Friday, 12 October from 10am in the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Please contact Barbara McLean for transport 6766 4039.

Fiesta la Peel

A multicultural celebration in Fitzroy Street on Saturday, 13 October from 4pm. Dozens of countries represented. Come and experience their hospitality and entertainment. Free entry. Food for sale. Come and celebrate our Tamworth Community's diversity.

Worship on Sunday, 14 October

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright at 9am. Elder: A Ashworth, Door: G Chaffey, B Mills, S Hardin, AV: J Phillips, Org: R Richardson. Morning Tea.