

## Diary Dates

<b>Sun, 8</b>	<b>9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.</b> 9:30am & 1:30pm Birthbeat classes Dunn Hall 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch	Friends in St Andrew's R 6pm Meditation Service 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH
<b>Mon, 9</b>	9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING St AR	Thu, 12 9:30am Stepping Stones Playgroup in Dunn Hall 9:30am Yoga in St AR 9:30am Nursing Home Service at Cottage Homes 4:30pm Church Music
<b>Tue, 10</b>	9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 10am One Door Carer Support Group DH 4pm Young Families WR	Fri, 13 8:30am Social Craft Grp DH 10am Senior Communion at the Uniting Village Hall
<b>Wed, 11</b>	<b>7am Car Park Sealing Wednesday to Friday</b> 9am Op Shop Sorting—Vest 9am Sleep Effect DH 10am Compassionate	Sat, 14 8am-8pm KOWNE Training Sat/Sun in Jubilee Hall 9am-12noon Op Shop
	<b>Sun, 15 9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service and Baptism with Rev Will Pearson. Sunday School. Morning Tea.</b> 11am West Tamworth 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch St AR	

## Preaching Plan

### Sunday, 15 September—Pentecost 14

9am	Tamworth City Service—Rev Will Pearson (Baptism); E: R Duns; D: R & P Pryor, B Mills; PP: J McClelland, O: R Richardson.
9am	Hallsville—Meg Mangan (Baptism)
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service - HC
11am	West Tamworth Service HC—Rev Will Pearson (Trading Table)
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service - HC



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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. Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



# Sacredise—Counting the Cost...

## Thought for the Week

Jesus' promise of abundant life can trip us up if we view it through the lens of our world's values. If we think of abundant life as an individual experience of security, wealth and instant gratification, we miss Jesus' point entirely, and we will be sorely disappointed by our faith. But, if we can break free of this self-centred, short-term, "quick-fix" view, we will discover something far richer - a life that connects us more deeply with God, others and our world, and that brings well-being to all through the values of simplicity, service and sacrifice. It is easy to see that this offer of abundant life is costly and goes against the culture of our society - and this is why the Scriptures warn us against taking our faith lightly, or responding to Jesus too easily. If we are to live as true followers of Christ, we need to count the cost and embrace the daily call to take up our crosses.

In a world where the instant and the immediate are valued over the lasting and the long-term, embracing a lifetime of learning to live the Jesus way can be hard to conceive of, let alone to do. But, as we choose afresh each day to value God's Reign above our own small empires, and the short-term rewards of our world, we move deeper into union with God, and our whole frame of reference slowly changes. Then, over time, our lives begin to reflect the life-bringing grace, compassion and justice of Jesus - and that is good news for us and for those whom our lives touch.

This week we will be seeking to count the cost of following Jesus, while opening ourselves to this alternative life of God.

*Reading* Luke 14:25-33

## Reflection

Today's reading contains one of the most difficult sayings of Jesus. The idea of hating family members in comparison to our love for God's Reign sounds wrong, no matter how much we try to rationalise it. Yet, Jesus' words don't leave much "wiggle room". But, what if failing to "hate" our loved ones in comparison to our love for Jesus' way would

# 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

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

West Tamworth Service with Meg Mangan.

**Sun, 8 Sept**—8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am West Tamworth HC Service with Meg Mangan

## 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"*

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

Pastrl Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Contact: Margaret Crowell 0408 660 025

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

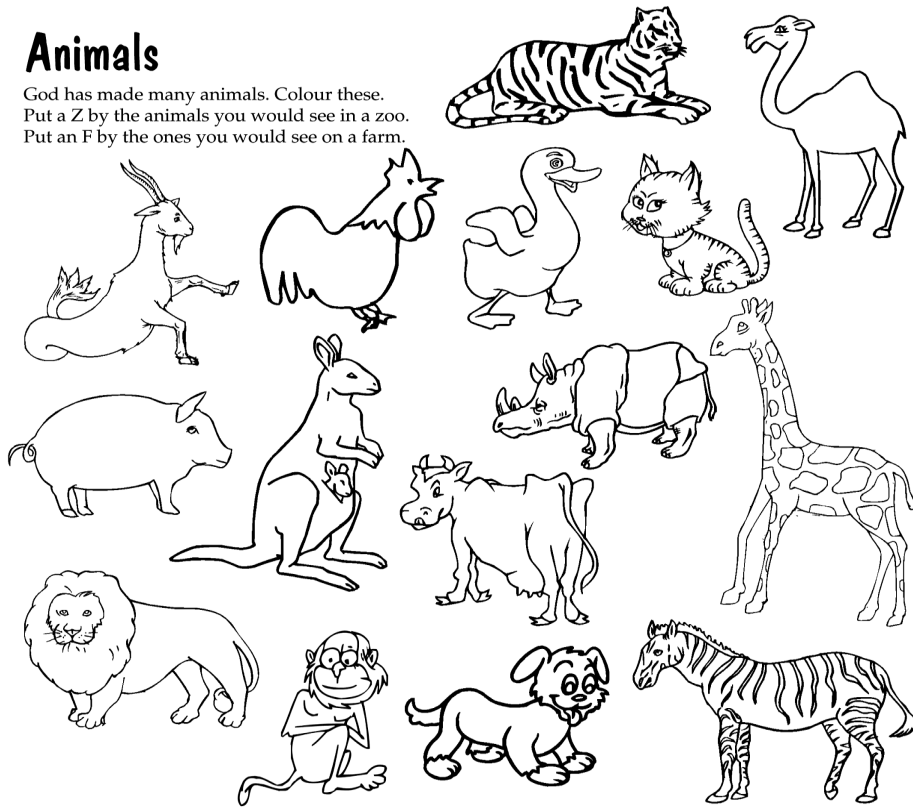
**Thu, 19 Sept**—2:30pm Bible Study at West Tamworth.



**Sun, 22 Sept**—8:30am Markets; 8:30am Gowrie Service and 11am

# Animals

God has made many animals. Colour these.  
Put a Z by the animals you would see in a zoo.  
Put an F by the ones you would see on a farm.



# Word Puzzle

Cross out every other letter to discover a message from Proverbs. You must decide which letter to start with and where the words begin and end.

**A A B S C O D F E T F A G N H S I W J E K R L T M U N R O  
N O S P A Q W R A S Y T W U R V A W T X H Y B Z U Q T  
S A R H Z A C R B S B H C W D O V R A D E S F T W I S R  
Y S A U D P G A T N H G U E N R .**

**E P G R I O K V L E F R J B H S  
15:1**

Answer: A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1

# Lectionary Readings

Sun 8	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*	Thu 12	Exodus 32:7-14
Mon 9	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28*	Fri 13	Luke 15:1-10*
Tue 10	1 Timothy 1:1-11	Sat 14	Psalm 14*
Wed 11	1 Timothy 1:12-17*	<b>Sun 15</b>	<b>Psalm 15</b>

\* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings

actually hurt them? What if the only way to really love them was to love serving them and sacrificing for them even more? What if loving God's Reign above all else is the only way to really love those around us?

In our world love is often expressed in ways that are not actually very loving at all. In some communities, for example, women are told, "if he doesn't hit you, he doesn't love you"! Is this really love? Some parents, while micro-managing their children's lives, and refusing to give their children any freedom or self-determination, explain their actions by saying, "I'm doing this because I love you". Is this really love? When our "love" is any way selfish, controlling, or rooted in our own need, it is not actually love at all. But, when our love is rooted in the sacrificial, other-centred values of God's Reign, then we learn to love as Jesus did - truly and wholeheartedly.

To love like this means that we must do two things: Firstly, we must love the way of Jesus more than anything else in order to root out any selfishness or attempts to control our loved ones. And secondly, we must count the cost carefully, because to love as Jesus did is costly, painful and sacrificial.

How can you open yourself to loving as Jesus did today?

## Practice for Today

If we're honest with ourselves we'll have to admit that our loves are far from pure. Even as we seek to love those around us, our hearts are filled with selfishness, selfcentredness and self-protection, all of which war against true love. The only way to move toward a love that is pure is to admit these sinful heart attitudes, confess them to God, and ask for God's strength to enable us to repent. Today, whenever you identify impurities in your love, do the work of confession.

## Breath-Prayer for Today

When my love is impure and selfish, O God, forgive me and change me.



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## Today's Information

### Worship on Sunday, 8 September

9am Worship service with Rev Will Pearson. Insights Magazine OUT TODAY. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

### Birth Beat Classes

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

### Korean Reborn Church

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

### Doing It For Our Farmers

Thank you to those who supported the cake stall, we raised over \$1,300. 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.

### 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. We've been going quite well and have donated \$500 to the church this week.

### Offering Envelopes

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

## 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.

### Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Albania Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro Serbia and Slovenia in your prayers this week.

### Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Scripture Union, St John's Anglican Church, Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church and the Harvest 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.

## Maintenance Items

### Key Audit

Please check your need for keys to the various buildings here at Tamworth City. Take the opportunity to return a key you no longer need.

### 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.

### 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.



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

### **Diary Dates to Note**

- 1st Adult Fellowship, Property Group, Friends of Nioka
- 4th Craft, Lunch, Bec's Group

## *Prayers*

### **Prayer Focus—Tamworth City**

Today we focus on the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance and Administration committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

### **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*.

### **One Door Carer Support**

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

### **Locomotive Line Dancing**

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

### **Young Families Worker Support Group**

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

### **Car Park Sealing**

The construction team have indicated that the sealing of our car park could happen on the week of 11-13 September. Weather permitting. No car parking available on Wednesday-Friday next week.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Nursing Home Service**

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

### **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.

### **Senior Communion**

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

### **New Vogue Dance**

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Friday, 13 September from 6pm.

### **KOWNE—Kairos Training Weekend**

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

### **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 Richardson. Mission Envelopes. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth Service with Rev Will Pearson.

## *Next Week & Beyond*

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