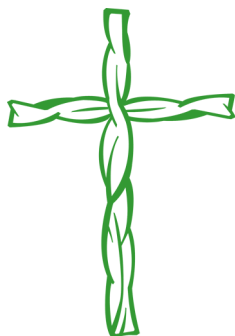


Diary Dates

- Sun, 9** Kairos Outside training in JH
9am Tamworth City Worship with Rev Henry Swindon. Sunday School. Morning Tea.
 11:30am Korean Reborn
- Mon, 10 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 group StAR
 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
- Tue, 11 9am-2pm Office Tue-Fri
 10am-1pm Pres Bkeeper
 5-8pm WW in Dunn Hall
- Wed, 12 9am Op Shop Sorting
 10am Compassionate Friends in St Andrew's Room
 6-9:30pm New Vogue in JH
 6pm Meditation Service
- Thu, 13 8:30am Early Risers Prayer
 9:30am Yoga at Dunn Hall
- Fri, 14 10am Stepping Stones Playgroup in St A's Room
 4:30pm Worship Music
 8:30am WW in Dunn Hall
 10am Senior Communion at the Village Hall
 4pm Synod Saltbush catch up at Tamworth Southside
- Sat, 15 7pm Watchmen School of Prayer—St Stephen's
 8-11am WW in Dunn Hall
 9am-12noon Op Shop
 9am Synod Saltbush catch up at Tamworth Southside
- Sun, 16 9am Tamworth City Worship and Baptism with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.**
 11:30am Korean Reborn



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 16 September 2018

- 9am Tamworth City with Rev Chris Wright Baptism, E: M Duns (M Hobson—B), D: E R Duns, S Perkins, F Kerr, O: R Cathcart, PP J Carthew
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside Service
- 11am West Tamworth Service —Rev Mark Faulkner
- 5pm Tamworth Southside Dinner Service

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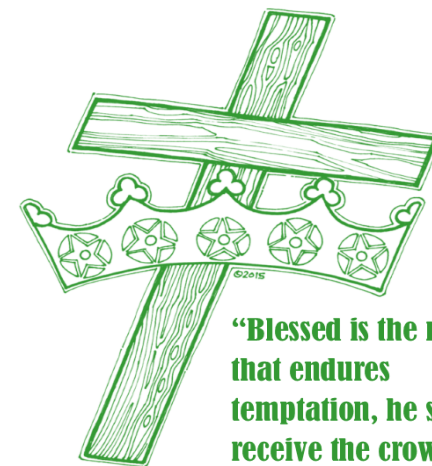
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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Henry Swindon will be leading us. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards in the St Andrew's Room.



"Blessed is the man that endures temptation, he shall receive the crown of life." James 1:12

Seasons of the Spirit

Be Opened

Prayer

Hear us when we call to you, O God. For if we cannot turn to you, where can hope be found? Sharpen us to hear when you call, especially in the voice of a vulnerable one. For if others cannot turn to us, where will faith be found and lived? Amen.

Focus scriptures

Mark 7:24-37, Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125 and James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17.

Reflection

Change for the good may come when we listen with care, speak with compassion, and enact our faith. Such wisdom sees that the persistent practice of mercy, like love, comes as gift and calling from God. As we continue in the Season after Pentecost, hear the invitation to be open to the welcome God extends to all by responding to the presence and needs of others.

Focus scripture: Mark 7:24–37 Geography plays an important role in Mark's gospel. The first half of Mark is set primarily in Galilee. This text relates a trip into the Gentile region of Tyre. When verse 31 speaks of Jesus later going from Tyre by way of Sidon to Galilee, it means heading due north in order to travel southeast. The trip to Sidon takes Jesus and the disciples deeper into Gentile lands. Such directions hint at the ongoing influence of Jesus' encounter with the woman – Jesus' ministry crosses boundaries both geographical and religious.

The context of Jesus' encounter with the woman in Tyre presents several ways to understand the text. First, the tension between Jesus and this woman may have economic origins. The inland farmers of Galilee were relatively poor compared to the coastal Phoenician exporters. Such differences aggravated the hostility between them as Jews and Gentiles. In times of food shortages in Galilee, the economic need to export harvests may have spurred further resentments. Second, resistance in the early church to including Gentiles may contribute to Mark's harsh tone at the start. The change in Jesus toward this woman and his ensuing journey to

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, 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 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.

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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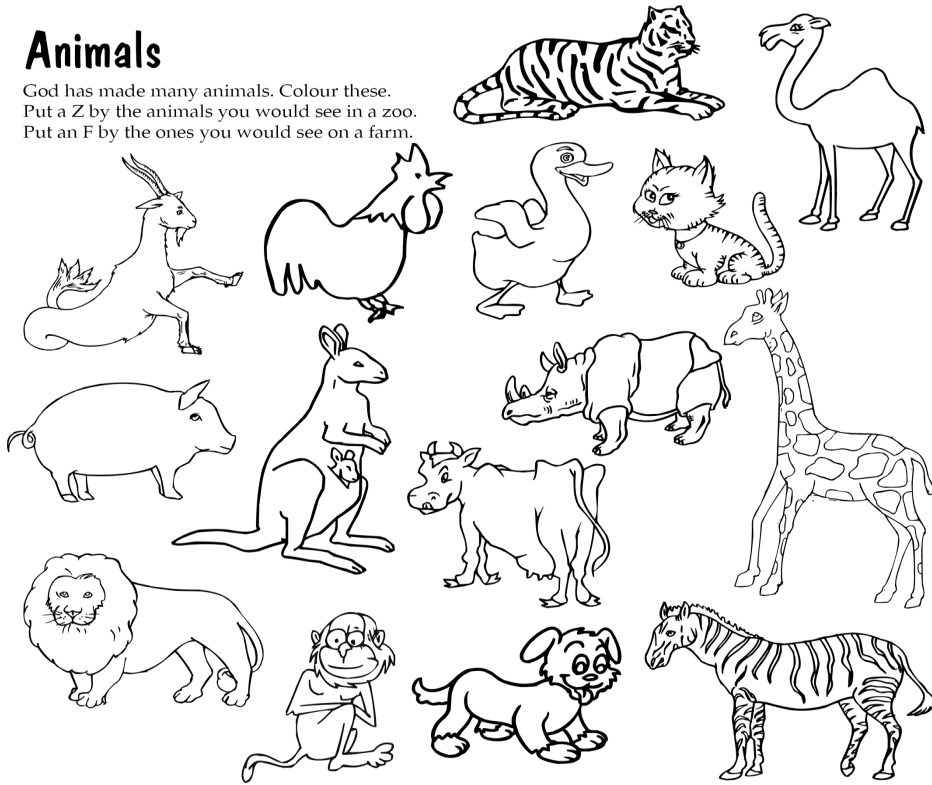
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

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



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.

**AABSCODFETFAGNHSIWJEKRLTMUNRO
NOSPAQWRASYTWURVAWTXHYBZUQT
SARHZACRBSBHCWDOVRADESFTWISR
YSAUDPGATNHGUENR.**

**EPGRIOKVLEFRJBHS
15:1**

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

Lectionary Readings

Sun 9	Psalm 125*	Fri 14	Mark 8:27-33
Mon 10	Proverbs 1:20-33*	Sat 15	Mark 8:34-38
Tue 11	Proverbs 3:1-8	Sun 16	Psalm 19*
Wed 12	James 3:1-12*	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings	
Thu 13	Mark 8:11-26*		

Gentile towns like Sidon and the Decapolis may speak to the church's later opening to Gentile Christians.

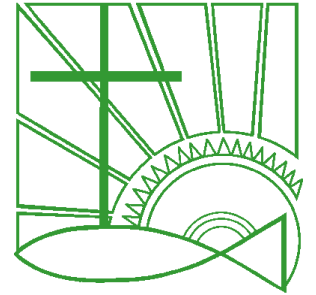
Some interpreters "soften" Jesus' response to the woman. One detail often cited is that the word Jesus uses for "dogs" is closer in meaning to "puppies." But is comparing a child at risk with a puppy still not a callous insult? This remains a radical text. This woman's words of advocacy for her daughter – spoken to Jesus – provoke his openness. Jesus connects this woman's words (wisdom) with her daughter's healing.

The second story relates another opening. Mark records the Aramaic command *ephphatha* ("be opened") in this healing. It parallels the Aramaic *talitha cum* in Mark 5 when Jesus raises the daughter of Jairus. Aramaic was the native tongue of Jesus and those to whom he ministered. It would later be the tongue of Palestinian Christians, who may have formed part of Mark's original audience. These Aramaic phrases remind us that Jesus spoke the language of the people.

God's open and unfailing love to those in need is a consistent theme in the additional texts. So, too, are their counsels for us to go and do likewise. The wisdom of **Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23** reveals that God pleads the cause of the poor. Those who would follow such wisdom in their own lives receive God's blessing for their generosity. **Psalms 125** offers its benediction upon those who do good. Such blessing can be trusted for the psalmist affirms God's protective shelter. The epistle of James, like Proverbs, is a work grounded in the wisdom tradition. **James 2:1–10, (11–13), 14–17** insists that faith reveals itself in works. Faith here is shown in actions that welcome and care for those who are vulnerable. These texts also bring an implicit promise of God's response and compassion to all who find themselves in need.

Questions

The Season after Pentecost continues as we journey with the Body of Christ towards living in wisdom. When we open ourselves to one another, God breaks open possibilities for change, healing, and welcome. How might these passages influence the ways we become open to others, especially those who may be viewed as "outsiders"? Who relies on us to be a persistent advocate for their needs—and how might that advocacy take shape?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 9 September

Worship service with Rev Henry Swindon at 9am. Sunday School. Morning Tea.

Rev Chris on Leave

Rev Chris will be returning from leave on Tuesday this week. We trust he has had a restful time.

Korean Reborn Church

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

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Wilma McAllister who passed away this week. We keep you in our prayers.

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).

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.



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.

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.

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 NSW & ACT are engaged. Demand for \$1 stamps far exceeds supply at present. Funds raised support projects across the Uniting Church in NSW. 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. Leave them at the church office for trimming/sorting.

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.

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.

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

Church Office

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

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.

Compassionate Friends

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

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.

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.

Watchmen 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.

Next Week & Beyond

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.

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.

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.



Young Families Worker Support Group

Meeting in the Wesley Room from 4pm on Thursday, 27 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.

Diary Dates

- 1 October—Labour Day Public Holiday
- 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 the activities of the Worship, Evangelism, Property and Finance & Admin committees. Please uphold these in your private prayers during the week.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of the Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Republic of Macedonia (Skopje), Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of the St John's Anglican Church, Community Presbyterian Church, Life Church, the Hospital Chaplain, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harvest Church and Liberty Church in our prayers.

Presbytery Prayer Points

We continue to pray for steady rain across our Presbytery. Keep in your prayers upcoming events: 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.

