

Diary Dates

- Sun, 3** *9am Worship Service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Father's Day. Morning Tea.*
11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch
- Mon, 4** 4-5am Wheely Bean— Jubilee Kitchen Mon-Fri
 9:30am-3pm Kairos Outside Sewing Group in Jubilee H
 10am-4pm Opportunity Shop Mondays-Fridays
 10am KYB in StARoom
 1:30pm KYB at 26 Upper St
 4pm Weight Watchers DH
 5:30pm New V. Dance JH
- Tue, 5** 9am-2pm Church Office Tuesday-Friday
 9:30am Adult Fellowship in the St A's R & Lunch after
 10am Pres. Bookkeeper
 5pm Weight Watchers DH
 7pm Friends of Nioka in St Andrew's Room
- Wed, 6** 9am Op Shop Working Bee
 10:15am Aged Care Services at McKay House & Alblas Ld
 4pm Worship Committee in St Andrew's Room
 6pm New Vogue Dance JH
- Thu, 7** 9am-4pm Rural Home Nursing in St Andrew's Rm
 9:30am Yoga in Dunn Hall
 4pm Church Music Team
- Fri, 8** 8:30am Weight W. DH
 10am Senior Communion at St Andrew's Village Hall
- Sat, 9** 8am Weight Watchers DH
 9am-12noon Op Shop
- Sun, 10** *9am Worship Service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.*
11:30am Korean Reborn Church service & lunch
 12noon Congregational Spring Lunch at Dragon Palace South Tamworth Bowling Club



Preaching Plan

Sunday, 10 September 2017

- 9am Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright—E:M Weick—D: M Partridge, M Cupitt, B Mills—AV: J Phillips, O: R Richardson.
- 9am Hallsville—TBA HC
- 9:30am Tamworth Southside—David Bissett
- 11am West Tamworth—TBA HC
- 5pm Tamworth Southside—David Bissett



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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright will be leading Worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please stay for a chat and morning tea afterwards.



Sacredise Daily Worship

Thought for the Week

The idea of sacrifice is not a popular one in contemporary society, even though we often applaud those who endure great sacrifice for the common good. It's ironic that we recognise the value of sacrifice in the lives of others – especially when we benefit from their selfgiving – but seek to avoid sacrifice in our own lives. However, when we realise that the word “sacrifice” literally means “to make holy” it becomes clear that sacrifice is a necessary part of growing into our best (holiest or most whole) selves. As the Psalmist proclaimed, God does not require the blood of animals or people as a sacrifice. The sacrifice that God seeks is that of a broken and contrite heart.

The Bible is filled with stories of those who, in their quest to serve God and others, were willing give of themselves and their resources, but of course, the most significant of these is Jesus. He showed what it looks like to choose love over violence or apathy, and made it clear that not even death has the power to overcome the power of love and self-giving. But, as we see in this Sunday's Gospel reading, even Jesus' disciples struggled to understand the necessity of sacrifice. That's why we need to remember that Jesus chose to live in love even though he knew in advance what the consequences would be. And he called us to follow him in this way of love.

This week we meditate on the life-giving power of sacrificial love.

Reading

Matthew 16:21-28 (New RSV) Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

Southside Scene

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

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

Prayer Meeting: 3:30pm Tuesdays.

Worship Planning: 5:30pm Tuesdays.

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

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

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.*

Mission Statements: *To build up individuals
and teams, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
using our spiritual gifts to serve each other
and our community.*



Peel Valley Congregations

Fri, 1 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with TBA. Service with TBA.

Sun, 3 Sept—8:30am Gowrie HC
Service and 11am West Tamworth
Service with TBA. Lunch to follow.

Tue, 5 Sept—10am Memory Lane
Morning Tea at West Tamworth
Church. Join us for a cuppa, meet
new friends, singalong, activities, &
more. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly.

Fri, 8 Sept—5:30pm Hallsville Friday
Family Church with TBA.

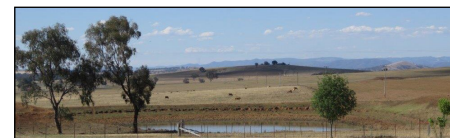
Sun, 10 Sept—9am Hallsville HC
Service and 11am West Tamworth

**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 337 005
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Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369
Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson,
Bruce Jarrett, Marie Meyer, Barbara
Murray & Doss Wark.



Maintenance Items

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).

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.

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.

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.

Stamp Collecting News

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 and sorting.



Lectionary Readings

Sun	3	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26,	Thu	7	Romans 13:1-7
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Mon	4	Exodus 12:1-14*	Sat	9	Matthew 18:15-20*
Tue	5	Exodus 12:29-36	Sun	10	Psalm 149*
Wed	6	Exodus 13:17-14:18			* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings)

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reflection

When Peter made his famous declaration of Jesus as Messiah, he showed that he was beginning to understand who Jesus really was. But, he did not really understand what Jesus meant to do. He still viewed the Messiah the way other people did – as a nationalistic military commander who would overthrow the Romans and establish a Jewish state. That's why, when Jesus predicted his coming crucifixion, Peter was shocked and tried to deny it. Notice how he took Jesus aside in order to reprimand him. This rather patronising act was the catalyst for Jesus' strong response: "Get away from me, Satan!" The temptation to avoid the cross must have been so strong for Jesus, but he knew that to choose any other alternative would be to turn his back on love, and on the Reign of God. He also knew that he could not call his followers to lay down their lives if he was unwilling to do this himself. The final statement in today's reading is somewhat enigmatic. Did Jesus get it wrong when he said that some would not die before they saw him coming in his kingdom? Jesus was probably referring to his resurrection when the true power of God's Reign would be revealed, and he would return from death as God's victorious monarch. If we read this statement in this way, we can also see it as a promise. Even as Jesus came through his time of sacrifice, with a life that was more abundant, so too can we. But, to get to the resurrection, we have to go through the cross first. How do you need to lay down your life today if you are to find the new, abundant life that Jesus offers?

Practice for Today

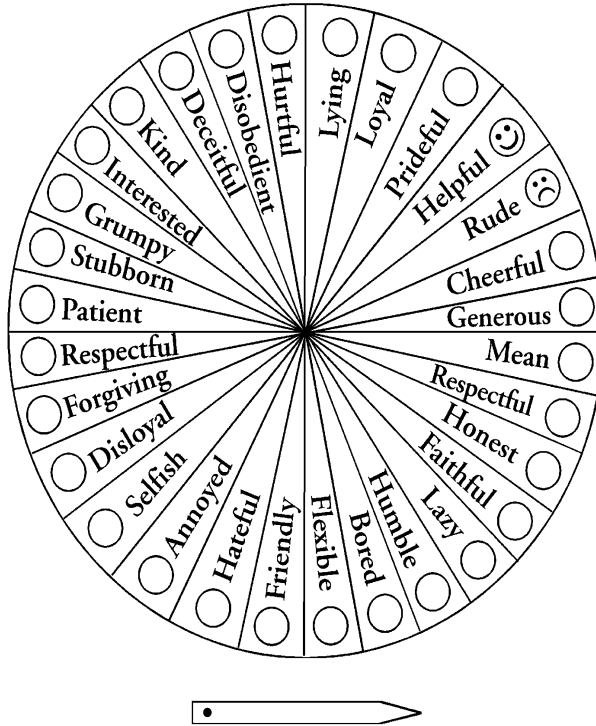
The act of giving often becomes a shadow of what it is meant to be. Giving is meant to be so much more than just throwing a few coins into a bag. The discipline of giving is about making sacrifice a constant feature of our lives. When we give we are really offering our whole selves to God and God's Reign, and we commit our lives to bringing God's love and life into our small corner of the world. Today, use every opportunity to give sacrificially.

Breath-Prayer for Today

As I give of my time, talents and resources, O God, I offer my whole self for the sake of your Reign.

How Does God Want Us to Act?

- Borrow a game board and game pieces from another game. (Option: Make your own game board and use buttons or beans as game pieces, marking each one with a different colour so you can recognise your playing piece.)
- Mark the circles in the wheel at right with a smile for actions that reflect how God wants you to act, and a frown for actions that reflect how God does not want you to act.
- Cut out the wheel and mount it on a paper plate (you may wish to enlarge it first).
- Create an arrow similar to the one at right. We suggest you create it out of something stiff like cardboard from a cereal box.
- Mount the arrow on the wheel using a pin or paper fastener.
- Take turns spinning the wheel. If you land on a ☺, go ahead 3 spaces. If you land on a ☹, go back 2 spaces.

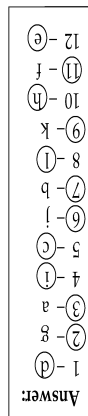


Opposites

Sometimes we do not act the way God wants us to act.

The two columns at right describe actions or behaviours. For each word in the first column, there is an opposite in the second column. Match the opposites by connecting them with a line, then circle the action that reflects how God wants us to act.

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| 1. Rude | a. Selfish |
| 2. Cheerful | b. Disloyal |
| 3. Generous | c. Forgiving |
| 4. Mean | d. Respectful |
| 5. Resentful | e. Patient |
| 6. Honest | f. Stubborn |
| 7. Faithful | g. Grumpy |
| 8. Lazy | h. Interested |
| 9. Humble | i. Kind |
| 10. Bored | j. Deceitful |
| 11. Flexible | k. Proudful |
| 12. Annoyed | l. Helpful |



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

This week we pray for the leaders and activities of the C3 Church, School Scripture, Oxley Vale Anglican Church, Lutheran Church, Cornerstone Church, Scripture Union Activities and St John's Anglican Church.

Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the those who have taken on new responsibilities following the Annual General Meeting held last weekend.

Scripture in Schools

Keep in your prayers the Tamworth Secondary Christian Education Teachers from around our High Schools (Andrew Wilcher & Ross Fotheringham—Farrer volunteers, Belinda Gonsalves—Oxley 3 days, Alison Holder—Peel/Manilla 2 days, and Dave Tankard—Tamworth 2 days).

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.

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.

Assn Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 19 September from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 19 September at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall from 2pm. Contact Marie McClelland 6765 7220.

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School Term 3 Ends

Friday, 22 September.

AngliCare Skills for the Road Ahead

AngliCare are again offering their Skills for the Road Ahead—A pre-marriage course to give couples skills for relating within marriage—at the College of Counselling, 34 Denne Street on Saturday, 23 September. Contact AngliCare on 6701 8200.

Worship on Sunday, 24 September 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Baptism. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Tamworth Choral Society Concert

The Tamworth Choral Society presents 'Songs to Die For'. An entertaining afternoon for all, combining a mix of the divine, the heavenly, and dare we say, quirky songs! Afternoon tea to follow on Sunday, 24 September from 2:30pm in the Carinya Performing Arts Centre. Adults \$15/Family \$30. Tickets available from choir members or at the door.

Looking Ahead Dates to keep in mind

- 29th-4th SYNOD Meeting and Installation of Rev. Simon Hansford as Moderator.
- 14th Oct Fiesta la Peel—multicultural festival in Peel Street
- 15th Oct The Brilliance of Brass at Capitol Theatre

Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 3 September 2017

Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Father's Day. Food Hamper Sunday. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

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 Mrs Ruby McClelland who passed away during the week. Also to the family and friends of Stuart Easterman of Bendemeer who passed away during the week. We keep them in our prayers.

This Week's Events

KYB Study Groups

Two groups on Mondays, one at 10am in the St Andrew's Room (Betty keys 6766 6624), one at 1:30pm at 26 Upper Street (Lorraine Turner 6766 6891).

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 Furze (0401 762 463) or Judy Phillips (0418 662 081).

Church Office

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

Adult Fellowship

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 5 September from 9:30am for morning tea. After the meeting we are having lunch at Connections. Everyone's welcome to join us.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 5 September from 7pm.

Op Shop Working Bee

Help each Wednesday in the Vestry. All helpers welcome. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! Come and join us.

Aged Care Services

Mr Peter Battle will be leading the Aged Care HC Services on Wednesday, 6 September from 10:15am at McKay and then at Alblas lodge. All helpers and singers most welcome.

Worship Committee

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on WEDNESDAY (note day change), 6 September from 4pm.

Rural Home Nursing

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursday, 7 September 9am-4pm.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 8 September from 10am with Rev Chris Wright at the St Andrew's Village Community Hall. Please contact Barbara McLean for transport.

Next Week & Beyond

Worship on Sunday, 10 September 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room.

Congregational Spring Lunch

Please join us at the ~~Dragon Palace~~ **South Tamworth Bowling Club** for our Spring Lunch following worship on Sunday, 10 September. Numbers to Rob and Mariette Duns (6766 9909) by Sunday, 3 September please.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 13 September from 10am.

St Peter's Men's Dinner

Men are invited to hear Henry Olonga, South African Cricketer, at the St Peter's Men's Dinner on Thursday, 14 September from 6:30pm in the Calrossy School Auditorium. Blood, sweat, treason & reason—a fundraising evening for Syrian Refugees through Anglican Aid. Cost \$40/head. RSVP to St Peter's on 6765 9304 by 7 September.

Craft Group

The Craft Group is held on the first and third Friday each month. Bring along your craft and we'll share in some chit chat, morning tea, and get a bit of craft done too. Contact Lorraine Turner 6766 6891. Next on 15 September.

AngliCare Listening Skills

AngliCare are again offering their Listening Skills Course at the College of Counselling, 34 Denne Street on Saturday, 16 September. Learn how to listen more effectively and thereby improve relationships with others. Learn skills to enable another person to unravel all they need to. Contact AngliCare on 6762 0844 .

Hallsville United Fellowship Reunion

70yr Reunion of the Hallsville United Fellowship on Saturday, 16 September 2017 at Hallsville Uniting Church 11:30 for 12noon. Bring a plate (finger food/sandwiches/slices, etc). Plus your memories, photos and stories to share! RSVP and enquiries to Shirley & Max Whitten max.shirley@bigpond.com or 6762 4215 or to Pat & Ray Pryor prpryor@bigpond.com or 6760 7339.

Worship on Sunday, 17 September 2017

Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Retiring Offering for Frontier Services. End of term Sausage Sizzle & Morning Tea in the St Andrew's Room. 11am West Tamworth—Rev Chris Wright.