

Southside Notices

28-11-2021



Communities

Holland Park
855 Logan Rd
Holland Park West

Mt Gravatt
Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

During the past week a group of us have participated in a 2-day intensive training course. It is part of our Building a Discipling Culture (BDC) journey. We have been on this journey for a year now and have one more year to go. In essence, we are discovering again Jesus' desire for the church, that everyone of his followers would be on a journey of learning from him and applying that in every aspect of his life. Jesus' desire for his church is that in every aspect of what we do that we would integrate principles and practices for making disciples who make disciples.

One comment struck me, "we need to be more strategic than hopeful." To me, this strikes at the very heart of why we amalgamated to be Southside. For many years we sought to engage others in the faith of Jesus. Through our invitations to join us in worship, our outreach groups, and our community service we have been faithful in living out our faith. Yet, all too often we have not seen the results that we would like to see. And this has been disappointing and frustrating.

Our vision is to see *More people living and loving like Jesus*. For this vision to become reality, we need to start planning our activities with this outcome in mind. I know that this represents a big change for many people. Structure and strategy may seem inconsistent with the nature of a church being a loving community of God's people. For some it may seem that we are becoming overly bureaucratic.

In what we are seeking to do, we learn from the ways, words and works of Jesus. Throughout his public ministry, we see that Jesus was very deliberate in gathering people to him and using simple, repeatable and predictable patterns to prepare his disciples to lead the church after him.

Jesus' hope for the church was always that it would be a movement that brings people to a deep and loving relationship with God.

Throughout 2021 we have intentionally worked on these structures and our relationships together as one congregation that meets in many places.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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Church Council update

The church council met on Thursday 26 November.

We spent time considering the ministry team implications following Esteban Lievano's conclusion of placement. Further discussion will take place. Until this is concluded, we appreciate and value the supply ministry provided by Malia Ma'u. Malia will continue to serve as community minister for Mt Gravatt, lead worship and be involved in other areas of ministry.

As previously advised, the church council spent the majority of the meeting discussing COVID vaccine restrictions. Once Queensland reaches 80% double vaccination there will be changes to the State Health Directives. At this stage none of the proposed directives affect worship services or our fellowship, outreach, bible study or youth and children's groups. Our forthcoming carols events and affected and the Op Shop. As it currently stands, our worship services and groups are open to all, both vaccinated and unvaccinated. In discussion, the church council weighed our duty to provide as safe a place as possible for the vulnerable people who attend our worship and groups, as opposed to the ministry of the church to welcome and include all people. Both of these positions were treated with absolute respect and due consideration. Due to the complexity of this matter, we were unable to come to a decision. The church council will continue to pray on this matter and will revisit the question at its December meeting. Until that time we remind people that all our worship and groups are accessible for all people. We continue to encourage you to consider your own health and well being. Our worship services are livestreamed each Sunday and arrangements can be made for you to receive home communion following the first Sunday of the month. Please also feel free to contact your care partner.

Church Council Elections

Today is the final day for making nominations for church council elections. God calls men and women to many forms of service within the church, serving on church council is one of these. The ministry of church councilor is exercised on behalf of the whole church. It is therefore important that we each play our part in their ministry, through making nominations, prayerfully discerning who to vote for and then supporting their leadership in prayer.

Nomination forms are in the foyers of each building, as well as attached to the newsletter. Please complete your nomination form and either place in the communications box, or email to david.fender@ssuc.org.au

Congregational meeting

A meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday 12 December at 3pm at Yeronga. Business for the meeting will include presentation of the budget for the first 6 months of 2022 and a proposal regarding housing affordability. Paperwork for these will be forwarded next week. Any member of the congregation wishing to include other matters of business on the agenda, are requested to forward this to the church office no later than 5pm Thursday 2 December.

Worship

Rev David Fender – Worship Minister

david.fender@ssuc.org.au

Date claimers

Blue Christmas Service – 21 December, 7 pm at Holland Park

Christmas Eve Service – 24 December, 6 pm at Yeronga

Christmas Day Service – 25 December, 8 am at Holland Park, Mt Gravatt, Tarragindi and Yeronga.

Worship Services

Date	28th November	5th December	12th December
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Jock Dunbar		
Tarragindi 8.30am	David Fender		
Online 8.30 am	David Fender		
Holland Park 10.00am	Jock Dunbar		
Yeronga 10.00am	David Fender		
MT Gravatt 5 pm	Esteban Lievano		
Bible Reading	John 14:27 Jer 29:1, 4-14	Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 11:25-26	Isaiah 55:1-13 John 4:13-14

Events

Carols

Carols on the Lawn 5 December 6 pm for sausage sizzle to start at 7pm

Carols on the Court 19 December 6 pm for sausage sizzle to start at 7pm

Outreach

outreach@ssuc.org.au

Christmas Postcards

In each of the buildings there is a supply of Southside Christmas Cards. We are asking members of the congregation to take some and distribute them in letter boxes in our local area.

Op Shop Request

Hello Everyone at SSUC. My name is Liza and I have been asked to oversee the Bric-a-Brac room at our Community Care Op Shop at Holland Park. I would like to gather a team of people who would be willing to work with me in keeping the room in ship shape order.

What does that mean? We will stock/restock the shelves with the donations, reorganise when needed and keep the room tidy and clean.

If you feel inclined to come on board please contact me:-

Liza Wieland

Email: lidey@optusnet.com.au

Phone: 0448606775

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor
cyf@ssuc.org.au

Fun in the Sun Days Christmas

We will be holding a one day activity for kids on 14th December, for kids in grades prep to 6 in 2021. This will be a 9am-3pm day of craft activities and a movie for kids. If you would like to help on the day please talk to Richard Moors. Registrations are available on the events page of the website. (<https://ssuc.org.au/events/fun-in-the-sun-days-christmas-craft>) The day will be at Southside Tarragindi, and will cost \$20, though it is free to those who registered for Fun in the Sun Days in June.

Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator
admin@ssuc.org.au

Office Hours

The church office is located at 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga.

Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2pm

The office will be closed on Mondays as Rachel will be working from home on this day. Rachel can still be contacted on her mobile or email.

Giving

Thank you for your ongoing financial contribution to our congregation. As we spend longer in lock down people are discovering alternative ways to give their offerings. These include:

- Setting up electronic funds transfers (EFT) (or asking their children to do so).
Our bank account details are

Name:	Southside Uniting Church
BSB:	014-202
Account:	4736-88757

- Posting a cheque to the church office at 58 Kadumba street, Yeronga Qld 4104
- Banking the money direct through a bank branch
- Asking the person who delivers the weekly worship materials to return with your offering.
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We are now able to offer giving of tithes and offerings via credit card. There are two ways that you can do this:

1. Click on this link
<https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/payments/embed/1?type=Offering&title=SSUCCredit%20Card%20Giving.&iframe=true> and complete the details.
2. Phone the church office on 3848 7093 and provide your credit card details over the phone.

Notices

For notices to be included in this newsletter please email notices@ssuc.org.au or phone the office on 3848 7093. The next newsletter will be issued on 12th December 2021. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 9th December.

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Day off on Friday

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Day off on Friday

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Minister for Outreach and Pastoral Care

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Day off on Monday

Ps Richard Moors

Children, Youth and Families Pastor

richard.moors@ssuc.org.au // 0408 446 281

Day off on Monday

Malia Ma'u

Supply Minister

malia.mau@ssuc.org.au // 0414 204 238

Day off on Thursday

Rachel Manton

Administrator

rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au // 0427 257 920

Day off on Saturday and Sunday

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