

# SOUTHSIDE UNITING CHURCH

ABUNDANT GOD // GENEROUS CHURCH

*A time to celebrate, review and commit to our future.*



More people, living and loving like Jesus

Southside Uniting Church

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## Greetings

During the month of August there is an invitation for the whole of Southside UC to focus on Abundant God: Generous Church. Our worship will focus on stories of God's immense grace from the early chapters of John's Gospel. On Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for lunch and hear stories of generosity and grace, and there will be an invitation to review our giving and serving to the growth of God's kingdom in and beyond Southside UC.

Sometimes when we hear the word 'stewardship' our thoughts turn to 'oh money, again!'. Maybe we think of time, and talents. But stewarding is much, much bigger than even that. Made in the image of God, we have been entrusted to be faithful stewards of God's creation. Our failures are redeemed through the saving work of Jesus, we are restored and enabled to be involved in the act of reconciling the world back to God. (2 Cor 5:17). Once we start thinking of stewardship in this way, we begin to move away from the world's view that there is never enough, to understanding that with God, there is always more than enough! With God, all things are possible!

This brochure outlines some of the ways God has blessed us in the past year, and some of our priorities for the coming 12 months! There is information that offers an opportunity to pray about the ways we can give and serve. You will also receive an invitation to the lunch. I look forward to hearing how God has been blessing each one of us in our discipleship!

*Blessings,  
Lyn*



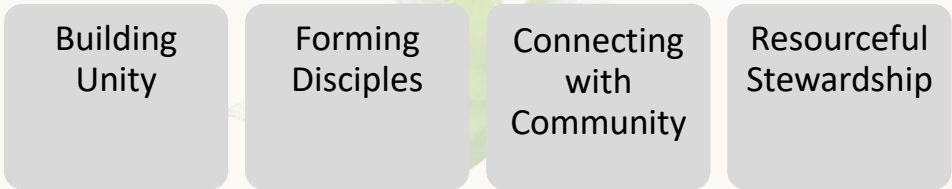
*'Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts' 1 Peter 4:10*

August 2023

# Celebrations 2022/2023

- Development of the Family Service
- Continued amalgamation and unity
- New Friends – ministry with CALD women

## Mission Plan



## Some Priorities for 2023/2024

- Developing new ways of worship
- Continuing to develop ministry with families
- Building on successful mission ministries
- Exploring new ways to become sustainable into the future
- Holland Park renovation

## How Can I Serve?

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Equipping for Ministry</b>       | ministry with children (JAFFA, Sunday School, Unite, Brigades); host a Bible study or small group.                       |
| <b>Pastoral Care and Fellowship</b> | become a pastoral carer; support fellowship events.  |
| <b>Worship and Prayer</b>           | play your instrument or sing in worship, Family service; bible reading, lead prayer in a service; join our prayer chain. |
| <b>Connecting with Community</b>    | volunteer with the Op Shop; join New Friends, Garage Sale team, or Xmas Carols event.                                    |
| <b>Resourcing for Ministry</b>      | assist working bees and property maintenance; share financial expertise.   |
| <b>Other</b>                        | I'm not sure where to serve but would like to get involved and/or I want to share my passions.                           |

Looking forward to 2023/2024 ...

**Income**

|               |                     |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Offerings     | \$274,500.00        |              |
| *Other Income | <u>\$363,300.00</u> | \$637,800.00 |

**Expenses**

|                  |                     |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ministerial      | \$376,400.00        |                     |
| **Other Expenses | <u>\$358,500.00</u> | <u>\$734,900.00</u> |

**Expected Shortfall**

**-\$97,100.00**

\*Other income includes property income, donations, Children Youth and Families income, Op Shop income, MDF interest

\*\*Other expenses include ministry area expenses, CPMP, insurance, property expenses, utilities, administrative expenses, Op Shop expenses

How Can I Give?

- EFT - BSB 014-202 Account No: 4736-88757
- Offering Envelopes or cash in the offering plate
- Cheque
- Credit card by contacting church office.

How can I return my 'Giving and Serving' cards:

- Completing it online at:  
Giving - <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/302/embed>  
Serving - <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/303/embed>
- Returning them at our Abundant God // Generous Church lunch
- Placing in the offering plate at church
- Returning to our Treasurer Dave Allen at [treasurer@ssuc.org.au](mailto:treasurer@ssuc.org.au)

We will be following up on serving card responses and exploring opportunities with you.

*Southside Uniting Church is a church led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, called to be followers of Jesus, and participants in God's mission of transforming people and communities.*