



Communities

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Holland Park West

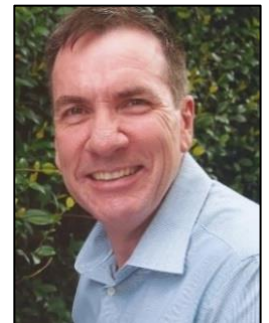
Mt Gravatt
Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

At the beginning of the year I shared with you information about the physical condition of the buildings at Holland Park Central (HPC) (1008 Logan Road, Holland Park). We had commissioned a report from a building assessor, and he had identified approximately \$500,000 worth of remedial work that was needed. Since this time the Resources Ministry Team have carefully prioritised the detail in this report. Through a financial outlay of \$20,000 and considerable volunteer hours, they have made the buildings safe for occupancy.



The church and hall are leased exclusively to a church, Life and Mercy Centre, one of the houses is leased exclusively to Grow, a community service organisation and the other house is vacant and unable to be leased. This property is different to the property at 855 Logan Road, Holland Park which is occupied by our Holland Park Community.

The church council have considered the future use of Holland Park Central and have recognised the following:

Mission	<p>Given that the purpose of any property is to be a tool to assist the church in its mission, we asked ourselves to what extent is HPC currently doing this? HPC is not used by Southside for any of our current purposes. Given the other properties that we own, including Holland Park (previously St David's UC) which is 700 metres away, we do not see that it can make a unique contribution.</p>
Current Use	<p>The work and ministry of Life and Mercy and Grow are valuable and a blessing to those they serve. However, there have been no partnerships developed between them and Southside and no interest from either us or them to develop such a partnership. There is no special affiliation between us and either of these groups, any more so than with any other church or community service group within our neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The church council recognised that in providing this space we were facilitating the mission of these others, not necessarily our own.</p> <p>Should we wish to develop a particular partnership with another church or community group, that involves sharing premises, then we have other buildings in which we could be co-located with our existing Southside worship and activities.</p>
Property Requirements	<p>A Town Planner has been engaged by the Resources Ministry Team. The planner has advised that the site is covered by the Traditional building character overlay which means that any building erected prior to 1947 is protected, with some provisos. Any part built after 1946 can be removed, and there are also other parts that might be exempt from protection. The hall and 2 houses are prior to 1946.</p> <p>The effect of this is that we could continue to use the buildings for the purposes that they were originally intended.</p> <p>The church building contains a number of stained-glass windows in memory of past members. These were crafted by a local artist. The church council has affirmed that should the church building be pulled down that these windows will be removed beforehand.</p> <p>There is very limited on-site car parking and no on-street parking within easy access.</p> <p>Church council considered whether we should retain the property should any future decision be made regarding combining onto one site. This was not considered necessary since the building is not fit for purpose for a larger gathering (noting lack of car parking and size of auditorium and other spaces). Additionally, should any future decision be made, other properties could be purchased that offer better amenities.</p>
Finance	<p>The church council considered that unless we have a definite missional purpose for the property that we are not being good stewards of our resources.</p> <p>Currently, HPC generates approximately \$24,000 income for the congregation.</p> <p>The congregation does not have financial reserves to finance the necessary improvements to the buildings. Any refurbishment would need to be financed through either sale of other buildings or borrowings.</p>
Vision	<p>The church council asked what other uses could the HPC buildings be put to. The list was extensive. We considered the potential of op shops, and cafes, community centres. And recognised that these could be hosted from our other buildings or if need be, from commercially leased, or purchased, properties that were fit for purpose. We considered community housing, but did not recognise any energy or potential from within the congregation to devote the energy needed to do the redevelopment work necessary. ministry of Southside?</p> <p>The church council recognised that it did not have an overarching vision or plan for all of our properties. However, we believe the HPC offers nothing particular that our other properties, or, if needed, a newly purchased/leased property could offer to the congregation.</p>

As a result of this discussion the church council agreed that we would be open to considering disposing of the property. Subsequent to this, we have received an offer for the purchase of the building. As I write this the church council have not considered the offer.

To ensure that the interests of the congregation are being safeguarded we have commissioned a property valuer to give us an independent valuation. I hope that you will understand that we need to keep figures confidential so that we don't lose any bargaining power.

Under the Regulations of the Uniting Church the church council is responsible for making decisions relating to property. Alongside this there is provision for the congregation to be consulted. At its next meeting (26 November) the church council will consider and make a decision on the offer. Should a decision be made to sell, a meeting of the congregation will be called to endorse, or not, the decision of the church council. Any decision of the church council and congregation needs to be supported by the Presbytery and then the Synod Finance and Property Board will make the final decision.

It should also be noted that if the property is sold there are restrictions on the use of the funds. 15% will be diverted to the Synod's Future Development Fund. The remainder will be held in trust for the congregation. The capital can be used for capital development and/or strategic innovation. Again, the church council will need to approve the use of this money, but it must be supported by the Presbytery and ultimately approved by the Synod. It is absolutely clear though that the capital cannot be directed toward the ordinary expenses of the congregation.

In sharing this information, I am aware that this will have an emotional and spiritual impact on members of our congregation. HPC has been a spiritual home to many people. We have shared life and faith in these buildings. I have said before that the legacy of these buildings is found in lives of faith, in memories, marriages and the strength of other churches. We could mourn the current state of the buildings. Or we can embrace God's missional future. These buildings were first built by those who envisioned a hope for God's kingdom lived and expressed among the people of Holland Park. As Southside we maintain that vision. And so, we honour the people of Holland Park Uniting (and previously) Methodist church by pursuing God's mission and providing opportunities for more people to become like Jesus.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this.

Grace and Peace

David Fender

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Worship

Rev David MacGregor – Worship Minister
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Worship

As I have previously shared, as from 29 November we will be holding one service, each week in each of our buildings. After listening to the survey results and engaging in prayer, discussion and discernment, we have determined that the times will be:

Mt Gravatt	8:30 am
Tarragindi	8:30 am
Online	from 9 am
Yeronga	10 am
Holland Park	10 am

Worship Services

Date	8 th November (Holy Communion)
Bible Reading	Jonah 2
Tarragindi 8.30am	Jock Dunbar
Online 9am	David Fender
Tarragindi 10.30am	David Fender
Holland Park 10.30am	Jock Dunbar

Date	15 th November (Holy Communion)
Bible Reading	Jonah 3
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Jock Dunbar
Online 9am	David MacGregor
Mt Gravatt 10.30am	David MacGregor
Yeronga 10.30am	Jock Dunbar

Date	22 nd November
Bible Reading	Jonah 4
Tarragindi 8.30am	David MacGregor
Online 9am	Esteban Lievano
Tarragindi 10.30am	Esteban Lievano
Holland Park 10.30am	David MacGregor

Sharing a Cuppa after Worship on Sunday

We are now having two Zoom Cuppas on a Sunday with a first one from 10 am to 11 am Details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84892158152?pwd=T1VvWXNPbS8xQ3dxekVNam1DUzBadz09>

Meeting ID: 848 9215 8152

Passcode: 388966

a second one from 5 pm to 6 pm. Zoom details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165849103?pwd=RTI5aFUrbTRtcjl0NWRuYThDSnd5QT09>

Meeting ID: 821 6584 9103

Passcode: 061377

Would love to see you there.

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor
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Young families Picnic today!!

We will be meeting at Yeronga Memorial Park at 11:30am, finishing up about 1:30-2pm. (So feel free to come late or leave early) We will meet near the play equipment between the dog park and Villa street (so opposite the High school and next to the tennis club.) This is for those with children in primary school or younger. Bring along your lunch, some chairs or rugs to sit on. The forecast looks good, but if there is rain we will cancel the picnic.

Richard's Facebook live

Each Tuesday evening at 7pm I (Richard) go live on the church's Facebook page to talk about matters relating to ministry with young people. Feel free to join the conversation. At the moment we are working through Tim Gough's book "Rebooted: Reclaiming Youth Ministry For The Long Haul - A Biblical Framework" If you can't tune in live then you can watch the videos any time on our Facebook page. But I realise a number of people don't have Facebook, so we are now also moving the videos over onto our Youtube channel, where you can watch, and feel free to add comments there. These are a chance to talk through what we are doing and where we are headed. Also if there are issues which you want to hear about then please let me know and we will seek to cover them. So far this year we have looked at the Here2stay core pillars, generations, what we are doing specifically at Southside.

Faith Formation at Home

Over this year, and in the last couple of years, we have sought to encourage faith conversations amongst families at home. It is clear from many studies over many years that the greatest impact on the faith of young people is their parents. Because we want to see our young people growing a lifelong faith, we recognise to do that best we need to be resourcing our families to have faith conversations at home. I recognise that is a big shift in our thinking as church, but it is clear that it is so important. Chap Clark in the book *Youth Ministry in the 21st Century* says: "Youth pastors need to get dads and moms engaging in spiritual conversations with their teens by teaching them how to ask the right questions and how to show unconditional love. Parents should know that not every conversation needs to be critical, contain biblical lectures, or even be serious." We are not saying that you have to run a Sunday School class for your kids every week. But look for those times when kids ask questions about faith. Also finding ways to create spaces where we explore the Bible. It might be discussions over meals, it could be reading a Bible story as you put children to bed, it could be discussing your highs, lows and buffalos as you travel home from school with them. You don't have to be a Bible expert, just open to chat about faith and life with your children. Keep an eye out as we attempt to put more resources to help you out up on the Children, Youth and Families page of the church website.

Meet 'n' Eat

You're invited to **Meet 'n' Eat** on Sunday, **15 November** commencing at 5.30pm.

We'll gather for a time of fellowship and devotions in the grounds of the Tarragindi Church, finishing by 7.00pm.

To comply with COVID safety management, **please bring all your own meal and other requirements.**

For more information contact Cynthia Kilah on 0408 016 803 or 3392 9431.

(The evening will be cancelled in the event of rain or storm.)



Outreach

Rev Esteban Lievano – Outreach Minister
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Frontier Services Christmas Cards and Outback BBQ

In November we are focusing our Outreach and Mission giving on Frontier Services.

Last week, you would have heard from Janet Franklin from Tarragindi Community about their connection with Frontier Services.

If you would like to hear more from Janet's story, you can see a longer version of the interview with Rev. Esteban on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Christmas Cards are available at our centres, but if you would like to order more you can go directly to the [Frontier Services Website](#)

Additionally, we are encouraging our SSUC family to host Outback BBQs in your homes, invite your friends, family and neighbours and share the photos on our [SSUC Facebook page](#)

If you would like to know more about this, or anything to do with our Outreach Ministry Area, reach out to Rev. Esteban

New Missions

Rev Jock Dunbar – New Missions Minister
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Spiritual Growth

Rev David Fender – Spiritual Growth Minister
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Tuesday Morning Prayer

Join us at 8am Tuesday mornings for a time of prayer via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/107964270?pwd=aXhvbmdSbGFicmdkRlFpWFNlNm1SUT09>

Meeting ID: 107 964 270

Password: 24pope

Prayer

You are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared through:

- The "Prayer Requests" feature on the Southside app
- Using the "Contact us" feature on the ssuc.org.au website and selecting "Prayer request"
- Emailing prayer@ssuc.org.au
- Telephoning a member of the ministry team and sharing your request with them.

Unless you request otherwise, prayer requests will be shared with our prayer team and listed each week in our worship sheet.



Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator
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Booking for Face to Face Worship

To book your ticket to attend face to face worship there are a few options:

- Go to our website at ssuc.org.au and click on the “pre-book to attend a face to face worship service”
- Use this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/portal/events>
- Go to our Church Central app and click on “Events” to access the link.
- Phone the church office on 3848 7093. If no one answers please advise your name, phone number, date, time and location of the service you would like to attend

All bookings made online will be confirmed by email within a few days.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Rachel at the office on 3848 7093.

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.

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=SSUC Credit%20Card%20Giving.&iframe=true](https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/payments/embed/1?type=Offering&title=SSUC%20Credit%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 22nd November.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 19th November.

Good News Story

If you have a good news story of God's transforming power within our Congregation and/or Community. Please email through to notices@ssuc.org.au so we can share the Good News!

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