



Communities

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855 Logan Rd
Holland Park West

Mt Gravatt
Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Ps Richard Moors's Message

We live in a different world.

Ok, that statement does not sound so radical these days. Since March this year the world as we have known it has changed dramatically, and we can't be sure what it will look like when we come out the other side. But long before this we were recognising that the world around us had changed. I have been attending the Intergenerate conference this week online, and a couple of people have referred to a comment made by Jake Mulder "The church is calibrated to a world that no longer exists." Even prior to Covid19 the world around us was different to the world which many in the church grew up in and thought was around them.



This became particularly clear to me a couple of years ago when I was in the Upper Hunter. We were hosting a Youth For Christ Auslife seminar in the high school. For this to happen we had people from the local church come along as small group leaders. During one of the discussion times there were questions around "Who is God?" After each session we had a feedback time for the group leaders, and one of the older members of my congregation mentioned that he was shocked that the young people in his group didn't have answers for who is God. For me that was no shock, but He thought that everyone would have an answer about who God is. Having spent years working with young people I recognise that when we talk about faith we are usually starting from the basics, we cannot assume that young people have a knowledge of any Bible stories, or that Jesus is any more than a swear word to them.

And the reason that I say that we lived in a changed world is that that is true for most people. Why is that? Well you might think about it in this way. In the 50s/60s most kids went to Sunday school. It was the done thing and their parents went to church. In the 70s/80s decent numbers went to Sunday school, but for a significant number of these their parents dropped them off at Sunday School, because it had been significant in their upbringing, but the parents did not go to church themselves. In the 90s and beyond when those kids became parents they had disconnected from the church and they did not send their children to Sunday School. So we have around us a couple of generations who are totally disconnected from the church.

This needs to impact what we do as a church. When we reach out to people we can see it as a mission opportunity. We are speaking to a culture which is different to the one that we find in the church. But not only do they not have the Bible stories, but they have different priorities. A few years ago I attended a course with Andrew Root. He pointed out that sociologists suggest that there are five main parts to culture. In the past the biggest was family, then religion, while society, economy and government were fairly small. That is probably how most in the church view things. But the world around us has changed. By far the largest now is economy we focus on getting stuff. Then it is society, people are focused on their status. Then government and family, and religion is tiny. It is not that people are necessarily against religions, it just not seem very important to them. This means that we need to change how we talk. We need to help them to see why it is important, not just why our faith is the right one.

It is important for us to be aware that the world around us has changed. That we need to sing God's song in a new land, and that means that we need to do things differently. This is not just true for young people, but for most of our community. It is why we are looking at new ways of doing things as Southside Uniting. That we may reach this community around us with the amazing news of God's love and acceptance.

Richard Moors

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Thank You

I want to thank all of you who have been praying for me and sending messages of support following my recent surgery. Thanks also go to the ministry team who have covered for me. I am now back on duty, however I will continue to monitor myself and take it easy as needed.

As I contemplate what this next period of time in our congregation looks like, there are some exciting possibilities before us, including:

- . Discerning our vision for our congregation and taking the right steps to move toward that
- . Reimagining what in person worship services could look like, given the restrictions on in person gatherings
- . Resuming our group life across our congregation and applying what we have learnt from our COVID19 lockdown
- . Exploring the cultural landscape of our society and learning afresh what it means to be a church of the 21st century
- . Growing our knowledge and connections across the people of the congregation so that we have the relational strength to make necessary decisions together
- . Stabilising our finances, acknowledging that our budgeted deficit has been affected by our loss of rental income

As a congregation, and individuals and groups within it, we're working on many of these things now. Please be part of what we are doing.

Grace and Peace
David Fender

Worship

Rev David MacGregor – Worship Minister
worship@ssuc.org.au

Our Worshipping Future at Southside UC

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to be eased by government and our UC synod, our ministry team, church council and this coming week - Worship Ministry Area are part of a broad discernment for both:

- the shape of worship across our four centres medium long term; e.g. what is the necessary connection between our worshipping and Missional life?
- planning for the first services where our people, albeit in adjusted ways, can regather in our worship spaces. There is a keenness for this to happen, but many factors need to be considered - sanitisation, attendance recording, distancing and music being among these.

This Tuesday 23 June, from 2 - 3.30 pm, members of the Ministry Team and folk from the Worship Ministry Area are meeting online via Zoom to discuss matters and options around our first services back. The thinking is that a recommendation would go from this meeting to the 25 June Church Council meeting.

You are most welcome to be part of this conversation. Worship Ministry Area discussions are open to everyone passionate about the growth of our worshipping life.

Recording of attendance Online Service Meeting

If you are playing the service down the phone or have friends watching with you, the ability now exists for you to not only indicate your participation, but those whom you are sharing the service with.

Following an enhancement to UCare, the "Online Service Meeting" screen now allows for a "home phone / mobile / email" to be entered.

Previously we could only do a search using either a mobile / email.

To be more inclusive the home phone has been added so it can now be used as well to do the search and allow for the selection of names of people who have shared in the viewing/listening of the online service.

Sharing a Cuppa after Worship on Sunday

Each Sunday from 10 to 10:40 am you are invited to share a cuppa with your church family.

Here are the details for each week.

Tarragindi – David MacGregor

<https://zoom.us/j/488068763>

Meeting ID: 488 068 763 No Password

Mt Gravatt – Esteban Lievano

<https://zoom.us/j/370234026>

Meeting ID: 370 234 026 Password 6PEJap

Yeronga & Holland Park – Jock Dunbar

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76989684662>

Meeting ID: 769 8968 4662 Password: 8jFWKU

Midweek Musing

Each Tuesday (but viewable anytime after that) we're offering a 15-20-minute reflective time of worship. In the main, David MacGregor will be leading it, though from time to time another member of the ministry team might look after things.

Imagine time in praise and reflection - engaging with the scriptures, God's purposes for ourselves and our world, some prayer and also some music.

MIDWEEK MUSING can be accessed via our YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqSTqaDKa_fUlkjWacjmlw or via our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/southsideuc>

Worship Survey Thanks!!

Many thanks to the 58 folk from across our SSUC communities who contributed to the recent worship survey. The survey sought to gain feedback around worship - past, present and future. Your feedback is immeasurably helpful as we discern God's path forward in our worshipping life.

A one-page "dashboard" summary of data received is provided as an attachment with this week's notices.

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor
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Fun in the Sun Days

What was Holiday Club, then One Day Fun Day, has become Fun in the Sun Days. We were planning to hold two days in the next school holidays. Unfortunately this would need to happen online, and as leaders we feel that one of the joys of this activity is being together, so we have decided to postpone the event till September. Please think about who you might invite along, or how you might be involved.

Southside Time for Kids

come online every Wednesday. This is a time for kids to explore the reading/theme from Sunday, and to continue that faith conversation in the family. You can find the link on the church Facebook page or Website, or go to the church's YouTube channel directly to view the video. Missed a week, then go and check out what Grover has been up to on the YouTube channel.

Tuesday Evening Live

Each Tuesday at 7pm Richard spends half an hour discussing the issues of ministry with young people. We have explored the foundations and pillars from Here2stay which are the basis for our ministry. We will in the next weeks explore some intergenerational issues and some information about the different generations. Tune in on Facebook each week, or check the video later in the week. If you have questions or issues you would like covered please message Richard.

Outreach

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New Missions

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Spiritual Growth

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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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Tithes and Offerings

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.

Notices

For notices to be included in this newsletter please email notices@ssuc.org.au or place in the Communications Box. The next newsletter will be issued on 5th July.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 2nd July.

House for Rent

One of our houses will be available for rent in the next couple of weeks. It is located at 84 Kingsley Parade, Yeronga and is \$410.00 per week. A tidy three-bedroom house with large kitchen and a large back yard. If you or anyone else might be interested in having a look, please contact Rachel at rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au.

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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Southside Uniting Church Worship Survey May 2020 **results dashboard**

Who took part?

58 participants - survey was anonymous of these: 52% baby boomers, 22% Gen X (born 1965-1980), 24% silent generation (born 1928-1945), 2% millennial (born 81-96)
Holland Park – 6; Mt Gravatt (morning) – 13; Mt Gravatt (evening) – 7; Tarragindi – 27; Yeronga - 6

PRE-Covid19 restrictions

Attendance:

- Weekly – 84%
- 1-3 times/month – 8%

Worship style preference

(participants could choose > 1)

- 45 – blended
- 23 – contemporary (praise band, informal)
- 17 – reflective
- 15 -All-age/interactive/Messy church
- 13 – traditional (hymns, formal liturgy)

Features of worship (PRE-Covid19) seen as most important personally

1. Time of service
2. Length of service
3. Intercessory prayer
4. Minister involved throughout service
5. Type of music

LEAST IMPORTANT: the sermon

86% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the service they attended.

Statements about worship most affirmed (PRE Covid19)

1. I'm often bored during worship
2. Availability of children's ministry linked with service
3. Our community's current style should continue
4. Music component important to how I express my faith
5. Interested in exploring change/new worship styles

Features of worship (DURING Covid19) seen as most important personally

1. Time & length of service
 2. Holy Communion
 3. Minister involved throughout service
 4. Type of music
 5. Opportunities for children & families
- LEAST IMPORTANT: a range of SSUC folk involved e.g. music, readings, prayers

Various

- 60% believe SSUC should continue online worship post-COVID restrictions
- 77% open to change to the worship service they have attended, for missional reasons
- Great appreciation for efforts, leadership and approach to online worship
- Some are yearning for more traditional hymns, others for more contemp. music

THANKS TO ALL WHO TOOK PART!

Rev David MacGregor
Minister for Worship & Pastoral Care