

# Southside Notices

19-11-2023



## 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

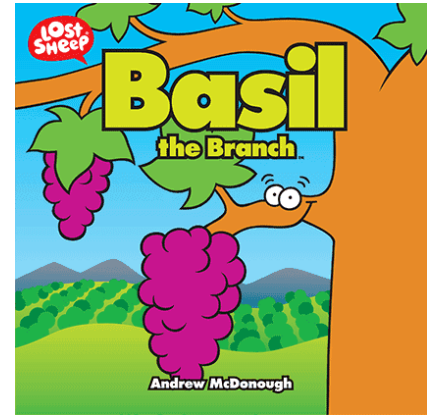
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From our recent Stewardship focus, the following is a reflection on what it may mean to live as God's fruitful people.

In the reading this week from Isaiah 5:1-7, the theme of fruitfulness is present. I began to wonder: Is fruitfulness the same as 'having success'?

As a side note, I would say fruitfulness isn't the same as giftedness. It's different to having certain skills and passions. Fruitfulness relates to the effective use of our gifts.



But, is fruitfulness different to success? I guess it depends how we define success.

Couldn't the same be said of fruitfulness?

What are we longing to be fruitful in? How are we desiring to be fruitful?

More than 'how' do we define fruitfulness, is the question of 'who' defines fruitfulness for us?

Let's go one step further: will Christ say to us, once we've finished running our race in this lifetime, 'well done, good and *fruitful* servant'? How then does fruitfulness align with faithfulness?

In a Lost Sheep story about vines and grapes, Basil the Branch tries his best to produce fruit, but always comes up short trying to put all his effort into the end of his branch. He finally succeeds but only when he changes his focus, placing his attention and energy onto the Vine (God). *Et voila*: a big bunch of juicy grapes when the season arrives! (There's another factor to consider: is it the season for fruiting?)

So, all of this makes me think that our definitions of success, fruitfulness, and faithfulness depend on where our attention lies. If it is placed with God, then our lives will be slowly shaped into a community that values God's Love and Way. And maybe that's what it means to be fruitful as God intends?

Rev Jock Dunbar

## Upcoming Events

### Congregational Meeting

Our next Congregational Meeting will be on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at our Tarragindi Centre following the worship service.

### New Friends monthly

Next New Friends meeting will be at Southside Yeronga Hall from **9:30-11:30am on December 7th**. Come with a female CALD friend (culturally and linguistically diverse), and your favourite dish to share morning tea with others. Let Dorothy Smith know you'll be there.

## Prayer Meeting

Our next prayer meeting will be on **5<sup>th</sup> December at 10am** at our Mt Gravatt Centre. Everyone is welcome. If you have any prayer requests, please email them to Ann McDonald at [annmac42@iprimus.com.au](mailto:annmac42@iprimus.com.au) by the Monday before the prayer meeting. All prayer requests will remain confidential.

## Christmas Events



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Carols on the Lawn  
Sunday 26th November  
6pm - free BBQ  
7pm - Carols  
Tarragindi Centre

Carols on the Court  
Sunday 17th December  
6pm - free BBQ  
7pm - Carols  
Mt Gravatt Centre



### LAUNCH OF ADVENT EVERYDAY

Sunday 3rd December  
5pm  
Mt Gravatt Centre

finger food included  
please rsvp to the office for catering



### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Blue Christmas  
21st December 7pm  
TBC

Christmas Eve  
24th December at 6pm  
Yeronga Centre

Christmas Day  
25th December at 8am  
Mt Gravatt // Tarragindi  
and Yeronga

## Church Council Elections:

Nominations for Church Council are now open. The term for three members of Council has concluded. They are: Dave Allen, Paul McDonald and Bruce Rowe. They are eligible to stand for a further term. Nomination forms are available [here](#), and nominations close at **7pm on 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Please email the form to Rev Lyn Burden at [lyndbdn@gmail.com](mailto:lyndbdn@gmail.com).

The process is the same as in previous years. Any member of the SSUC congregation can nominate a person, without asking the person if they wish to serve in this way. If someone receives two or more nominations, the Senior Minister will approach the person, and invite them to stand for election. The Congregation will be advised of the Nominees 2 weeks before a congregational meeting, which would normally be held in February.

## Children Youth and Families

### **Fun in the Sun Days Christmas Craft.**

This is on 12 December for children in Prep to grade 6. We will be meeting from 9am-3pm and doing some craft and having some Christmas fun. If you would like to register then please follow the link at <https://ssuc.org.au/events/fun-in-the-sun-days-christmas-craft> Please tell your family and friends about this great day. Also if you would like to be a helper, talk to Richard and registration forms can be found in the link on the church website as well.

### **Help for JAFFA afternoon tea**

For the past 5 years Kathryn Quarterman has been doing an amazing job of making the sandwiches and buying the afternoon tea for JAFFA club. This usually takes her an hour each week. She has decided to hang up her apron, we are very thankful for all her work. But this means that we are looking for someone to provide our afternoon tea in 2024. This might be one person, or a team of people. All expenses for the food are covered. Kathryn is happy to have you come and see how she does things in the next few weeks. If you are able to help, please talk to Stephanie Kennedy, she will be ecstatic to hear from you.

## Op Shop News

A BIG Thank You to all of those who assisted with the move of the Op Shop from the Hall to the church. It was a big task and without your help we would not have achieved what we now have in the church space. The work continues and over the last two weeks we have had Brian, Paul and Rod still assisting with work that needs to be done to complete the setting up of the shop.

I invite you all to call into the shop to see what we have done with the space. It is truly amazing, and we are blessed to have such dedicated people who are willing to assist.

Once again, thank you.

Helen Morgan



## Frontier Services Christmas Cards

If you would like to purchase a set of cards from Frontier Services then Janet Franklin will be doing an order very soon. They feature beautiful imageries of the Australian Outback and original Aboriginal artwork by Bush Chaplain Julia Lennon (an example is shown).



The funds raised from the sale of these cards provides support to those in rural and remote Australia.

Please contact Janet Franklin on 38481570 or the church office to order a set.

## Update from Kathryn Arthy

I'm already halfway through my 6-month volunteer placement in Arusha! I'm enjoying life here and my work at Traditional Ecosystems Survival Tanzania (TEST for short) is going very well. I've found a lovely home to rent and I'm adjusting to driving on some very muddy roads since the short rainy season started last week.



I've returned to worship at Arusha Community Church. It's a non-denominational Christian church run by volunteers with worship services in English. There are usually about 100 people attending the service each Sunday. Kora, Tom, and I have enjoyed some weekend trips out of Arusha. We've been to Tarangire National Park, Karatu (on the edge of Ngorongoro Crater) and Moshi (in the foothills of Mt Kilimanjaro).



Best wishes to everyone for the upcoming Advent season, and a safe and happy Christmas! If anyone would like to give a small Christmas gift to a Tanzanian family this year, or to support a Tanzanian student with school fees/materials please get in touch with me via email at [k\\_arthy@hotmail.com](mailto:k_arthy@hotmail.com).

Thanks for all your prayers and support, they are greatly appreciated! Kathryn

## Ministry Spotlight

Each fortnight we will be focusing on a particular ministry that is a part of Southside. Thank you to all the coordinators who have taken the time to share about the ministry with Malcom Jones and thanks to Malcolm for taking the time to meet with each person and to write the article. As you can imagine, it will take us quite a few months to be able to showcase each ministry. We hope you enjoy finding out a bit more about what is happening.

### Wednesday Club at Mt Gravatt

For several decades now a fellowship group has been meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to 12 noon, at the Mt Gravatt Centre [basement], for a relaxed time of conversation, sharing, learning, fun and morning tea [& all for free!].

It is open to all ages and genders, and you do not need to be a member of a church to attend [although the group is openly Christian in its attitudes & practices]. Part of the morning will often involve a short talk on a topic of interest.

Upstairs at the same time, the SAGE group meets [Social Activities Group for Everyone] where craft activities & games take place; and people are welcome to move between the 2 groups, as they like – so you can have the best of both worlds all on the one day.

If you have some free time on a Wednesday morning in the first week of the month, why not come along and join this happy group. Spread the word among your friends and family- there is always room for one more.

If this is of interest, please ring Rod Hurman on 0409 646 087 [rod.hurman@gmail.com].

## Worship

Date	19 <sup>th</sup> November	26 <sup>th</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Jock Dunbar	No Service	Lyn Burden
Tarragindi 8.30am	No Service	Richard Moors	No Service
Online	Jock Dunbar	Richard Moors	Lyn Burden
Yeronga 10.00am	Allison Horne	No Service	Richard Moors
Evening 5.00pm	Richard Moors	No Service	Jock Dunbar
Bible Readings	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5	2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-3	Jer 33:14-18

### Family Service

Our next Family Service will be on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm** at our Yeronga Centre. Dinner is included. We would love to see you there.

## Resources

### 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 financial contribution to our congregation. There are a number of ways you can give:

- 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
- Give via credit card by phoning the church office.

### Notices

For notices to be included in this newsletter please email [notices@ssuc.org.au](mailto:notices@ssuc.org.au) or phone the office on 3848 7093. The next newsletter will be issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Op Shop Contacts

If you have questions regarding the Op Shop, please email [opshop@ssuc.org.au](mailto:opshop@ssuc.org.au) or alternatively speak to one of the members of our Op Shop Executive:

Helen Morgan 0408 732 883 (Acting Manager)

Lyn Burden 0417 747 358

Rod Hurman 0409 646 087

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## **Contact Us:**

### General Enquiries

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## **Ministry Team:**

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Day off on Saturday and Sunday

## **Church Council:**

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