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Holland Park West

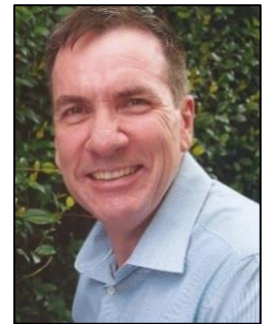
Mt Gravatt
Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

Our congregation's vision is to see More People Living and Loving like Jesus. To achieve this we have adopted a ministry strategy that involves the maturing of a person through the steps of meeting – making – mobilising. At our combined service at Holland Park on 25 July I shared what this looked like from the life of Simon Peter. [You can watch the sermon again by going to our website.](#)



To go with these steps, the ministry team and some of the members of the first Building a Discipling Culture (BDC) huddle have been working on catalytic steps to support this strategy. I have been told that a person makes approximately 25,000 decisions every year. Amongst all these, we want to identify those that are most catalytic in helping people come to faith in Jesus.

At this stage we have identified the following 6 steps:

- Community – helping people feel and know that they can belong in our worshipping community through healthy and genuine relationships
- Serving – helping people have a sense of belonging by allowing them to contribute using their gifts and abilities
- First time commitment – giving people opportunities to make a real commitment to following Jesus as lord and saviour
- Adult baptism/confirmation – a public affirmation of the inward commitment to Jesus
- Social Justice – we help people find the way that God is calling them to participate in his mission
- Making Disciples – ultimately, the call of Christ on our lives is expressed through sharing Jesus with others.

These steps are expressed as a process; however, we remember that individuals and particularly the Holy Spirit, do not work according to process. So, the steps are indicative, not prescriptive.

As our church continues to grow further work done on these steps. In particular:

1. Ensuring that we have the right steps
2. Creating simple and clear processes that help everyone know how they can be involved and what is expected of them
3. Creating ways to assess the impact that we are having – this moves us beyond repeating activities and toward growing disciples
4. Aligning groups and activities with the catalytic steps

I find this really exciting and at the same time overwhelmingly daunting. But I have confidence in our God, through whom all things are possible. What lies before us is a God only task. Only through the power and presence of God will we be able to take the necessary steps. Yet, I have confidence in the power of the gospel to transform us, our church and our neighbourhood.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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Church Council Update

The church council met on Thursday 26 August. We were pleased to welcome Malia Mau, our ministry student, to our meeting for the first time. Malia shared with us her journey into ministry; her journey of ministry formation; and her hopes for the future.

Further attention was given to our church rolls. As has been reported previously, the church office has accurate contact details for the people who are part of the Southside. We have now turned our attention to ensuring the accuracy of membership status. This also involves considering appropriate pastoral responses for those who are on our rolls, but no longer associate with Southside.

Southside came together to engage in God's missional future. We have expressed this desire in our vision statement of *More People living and loving like Jesus*. The church council continued to reflect on what we need to do to achieve this vision. Elsewhere in this notice sheet David writes more about this.

We received a report from the New Missions Ministry Area and a financial update. The Treasurer reported a shortfall in our offerings of almost \$19,000 behind budget. An analysis indicates a declining EFT contribution and somewhat smaller decline in Envelopes in the past few months. Expected expenses are tracking according to budget. However, there have been some extraordinary expenses occurred due to the establishment of the Op Shop and sale of Holland Park Central. These expenses will be reclaimed from reserves at an appropriate time. Given all this, the Treasurer remains confident in the soundness of the budget and our financial position. This reminds us that now, following our recent emphasis on stewardship, is a good time to review our EFT or envelope pledge.

Support for Afghan Refugees

Many of us have been shocked and horrified at the events that have unfolded in Afghanistan over recent weeks. Along with our prayers, our congregation has an opportunity to provide other support, through the donation of clothing.

Through our Op Shop and Garage Sale, our congregation will be donating good quality, and culturally appropriate, men's, ladies, and children's clothing.

In addition to these we are seeking donations of new underwear for men, women (small and medium sizes) and children (all sizes). Please leave them in the marked boxes in each foyer either this Sunday or next Sunday.

Prayer Request

We have learned that Filomena who heads up the Samaria House orphanage in Timor-Leste (whom we support via Timor Children's Foundation) lost her sister in law in Jakarta and her mother this week. This comes following the recent loss of Filomena's husband who passed away late last year.

Please pray for Filomena, for God's consoling arms around her and her family; and for the ongoing work at Samaria House among the Timorese orphans and students during this time of difficulty.

Events

Men's Breakfast

Join us at Southside UC @ **Tarragindi** -24 Pope St,
on Saturday, 18th September. 7.15 for 7.30 am.

The topic will be:

The F111 Story

The speaker will be Air Commodore Peter Growder (Ret). Prior to bringing the first F111 back to Australia Peter flew Canberra Bombers and F4 Phantoms. In 1997 Peter was appointed as the Commander Strike Reconnaissance Group at RAAF Amberley and the Senior Air Force Officer South East Queensland. He remained at Amberley until he retired from the RAAF in March 2000.

Peter will speak on the history of the F111 affectionately known as the "Pig".

Enjoy good food and fellowship in a friendly atmosphere from 7.15am. A \$5 donation to cover costs is appreciated.

*For catering purposes please register online by **Thursday, 16th** via <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/174/embed> (click on the ucare icon), via phone to the SSUC office 38487093 or Dick Copland 0409614101.*

Southside UC Spring Garage Sale

Mt Gravatt Centre, Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets Mt Gravatt

Saturday, 11 September – 7AM-12Noon

The annual Spring Sale will be on again at our Mt Gravatt Centre. Donations can be left onsite at Mt Gravatt. If you are able to help, please contact the church office on 38487093 or hello@ssuc.org.au and we can direct you to the right person.

Worship

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

Worship Services

Date	5th September (HC)	12th September	19th September
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	David Fender	David Fender	Richard Moors
Tarragindi 8.30am	Richard Moors	Jock Dunbar	Esteban Lievano
Online 8.30 am	Richards Moors	Jock Dunbar	Esteban Lievano
Holland Park 10.00am	David Fender	David Fender	Richard Moors
Yeronga 10.00am	Richard Moors	Jock Dunbar	Esteban Lievano
MT Gravatt 5 pm	Richard Moors	David Fender	Richard Moors
Bible Reading	Deuteronomy 6:9-25	John 1:1-15 Gen 1:1-2:4a	John 1:29 Gen 21:1-3,22:1-14

Resources

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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 19th September 2021. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 16th September.

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