

Southside Notices



15-03-2020



Holy Week Services

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Communities

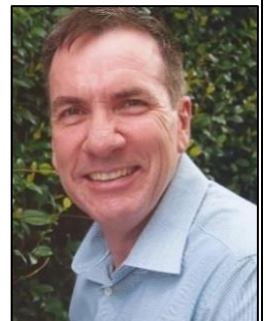
Holland Park
855 Logan Rd
Holland Park West

Mt Gravatt
Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message



Earlier this week I paused, drew a long breath, and realised that we are only halfway through March. Which means that we're only two and a half months into being one congregation in multiple places. And yet so much seems to have happened. Some of these things you will be aware of and have shared with others:

- Our closure and transition and rebirthing services
- Our first congregational meeting and the election of elders
- Our workshop asking the question "how will we sing the Lord's song in this strange land"
- A special worship services on Ash Wednesday and a time of prayer and lament for domestic violence
- Two small groups being formed for Lent
- Another successful Garage Sale
- Four baptisms

This has been in addition to all our regular groups and activities. Whilst these activities have been important, what has stood out for me is the way that we are coming together. I am experiencing a sense of excitement and optimism for the future. I am hearing people speak about the important things of mission, discipleship and outreach.

People from different communities are coming together to serve, study, worship and fellowship together. Recently, Phil McCredden, who led our workshop, made the comment that we are forming very well as a congregation.

I hope that you are experiencing this. There have been and will be times when a change appears either intentionally, or unintentionally that unsettles all or some of us. Thank you for your graciousness in working through the change and its implications. There is the necessity of meeting new people and adjusting to different leadership styles. I hope that you see in others their passion for God's church and this congregation. Some of us are also feeling frustrated that the changes promised last year are not coming as quickly as we would wish. Please hang in there.

Grace and peace

David.

COViD 19 Virus

We are all aware of the pandemic caused by the COViD 19 virus. I for one have never seen anything like this in my life.

As at 11:00 hrs on 12 March 2020, we have 126 confirmed cases of COVID-19) including 3 deaths, in Australia.

I have previously shared with you that our congregation is following the advice of the Heath Authorities. This is:

Providing hand sanitiser and encouraging it's use

Changing our procedures for distributing communion response

Encouraging people who are displaying flu like symptoms to stay away, and let us know so that we can provide pastoral care.

At this stage there is no need to restrict touching others. Of course you are encouraged to take whatever action you think is appropriate for the health of others and yourself.

We need to all be alert to these practices every time we gather, for both worship and our groups.

In the coming weeks the situation may worsen. We are constantly monitoring the advice from the government and Synod and will act as appropriate. With this in mind we are beginning to consider actions that we will need to take in relation to:

Worship

Pastoral care

Group activities

Communications.

Whilst this pandemic is concerning to us I ask you to think of your friends and neighbours. How can you sing the Lord's song in this strange time? Offering to do the shopping for someone, making phone calls, refusing to engage in alarmist talk, eating in a Chinese restaurant and so many other ways can be a Christian witness from a point of love and humility.

On the night of his betrayal Jesus said to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' (John 14:27). As Paul tells us in Philippians 4:7 "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." When the world is giving into panic, the gift that we can offer is to resist fear and allow Christ's peace to make us stable, solid and caring.

Please feel free to speak to me or a member of the ministry team if you have any further questions or concerns.

David

Ministry Team Update

Southside on Mission: Seeking expressions of interest!

We are looking for people from across the Southside Communities who are curious and passionate about being God's people on the Southside. We will be forming a small group of 6-8 people who will listen, learn, plan and experiment new missional initiatives. We want to try singing the Lord's song in a strange land in a way that will connect strongly with the local community. We are hopeful that God's Spirit will inspire faith in the hearts of others as we daringly engage with an experimental mindset.

What and who's involved?

- One meeting per month for two hours plus four hours per month outside of meetings (for reading, research, and/or reflection)
- As a guide we expect this to be a twelve month commitment.
- People who are passionate about being the people of God in the Southside area.
- Rev. Jock Dunbar will be leading/facilitating the group.

What do I need to do to get involved?

1. Prepare an email or letter with your contact information.
2. Tell us why would you like to be involved / What interests you?
3. Share also what you hope these groups may achieve?
4. Send this to jock.dunbar@ssuc.org.au or place a hard copy in the Communications Box of your Community foyer.
5. Expressions of Interest close Thursday, 2nd April.
6. Keep these dates free: 17th April 7-9pm and 18th April 9am-3pm.
7. Jock will contact you after your expression of interest for a chat.

Children, Youth and Family Ministry Area

Will have their first meeting on Wednesday 25th March, 7pm at Southside Tarragindi Centre. If this is an area which you are interested in please feel free to join us.

Family Faith Formation

At Amplify Conference I was reminded of the importance of faith being passed on by the family. As Deuteronomy 6 reminds us, we are to be living life with our children, and having faith conversations. This means we do this in our family, it also means we do this as a church, which is helping to raise the young people who are part of our congregation.

We might get scared about this but remember we don't have to know it all. Find some time to read the Bible with your children. It might be just in the middle of the week you read the passage again from Sunday and talk about what you learnt. If they have questions, then talk about them, if you don't know the answers, then work together to research. It helps your kids to know that you are growing and learning as well. Share with them your ups and downs.

Each week on Sunday afternoon I post some material which you might use as a family on Facebook, if you would like this emailed directly to you, please email me at richard.moors@ssuc.org.au

Church Council Update

The newly elected Church Council met for the first time on Thursday 27 February. We elected office bearers for the coming year:

Chairperson	Craig Gibson (Yeronga)	chair@ssuc.org.au
Secretary	Gaye Pitman (Holland Park)	secretary@ssuc.org.au
Treasurer	Dave Allen (Mt Gravatt)	treasurer@ssuc.org.au

The Church Council spent time reminding ourselves that the Church Council "... is responsible for building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining its members in hope, and leading them into a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world ." (Basis of Union). We will be diligent in this task, focusing on leading our congregation in God's mission. To maintain this focus, the Church Council has delegated many operational responsibilities to our Ministry Areas. There is still opportunity to be involved in a Ministry Area. If you'd like to serve in that way, please contact the relevant Ministry Agent.

We also committed ourselves to being involved in a coaching partnership for the next two years, called Building a Discipling Culture (BDC). Those who follow Jesus are called disciples. As disciples, we are constantly called into a deeper relationship with Jesus and on that journey, we are called to be disciples who make other disciples. BDC helps us shape the culture of our congregation to one where discipling is primary and away from maintenance of what we have. Similar to the frog in the boiling water, it is a subtle transformation that takes place over time.

Praying for our congregation

Leaders and helpers to be part of One Day Fun Day in July

Preparations for our Easter Services

The thirty people from our congregation sharing together in small groups during the season of Lent
Church Council and others making plans for our future

People who are being stirred to express interest in being part of a Missional Experiment Group

Events

Congregational Meeting

Sunday 15th March 11:00am

Southside UC Holland Park Community

855 Logan Rd, Holland Park

Agenda

- Meeting Open (Chair)
- Recommendation to the congregation from the JNC for the placement of “*New Missions Initiatives and the serving the communities of Holland Park and Yeronga*”. (Presbytery Project Officer Mission and JNC chair)
- Opportunity for JNC members to speak in support of the recommendation.
- Questions
- Congregation given opportunity to express their mind on the recommendation.
- Close

Congregational Chair

Don Richardson

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Congregational Secretary

Gaye Pitman

GPitman@somerville.qld.edu.au

The Gospel of Matthew

On Following on from that on 21st and 28th and April 4th from 9:30am-12 Richard will be running a class working through the context of the Gospel, with historical context. This is a chance for us to learn more about the gospel. Those who explored Luke with me last year found it very interesting. This will also take place at Tarragindi.

Election Day Stall

The Southside UC hall in Pope Street, Tarragindi will again be used for voting on polling day **March 28th**. As is our custom we, (the church community), will be running a BBQ and plant/goods stall. As well as raising funds it is a wonderful opportunity to have conversations and make connections with our neighbourhood.

We will need volunteers to work the stalls on the day, willing hands to help set up and pack away and donations of potted plants, bulbs and baked goods. Prayers for a successful day and the opportunity to connect with our neighbourhood would be most welcome.

I envisage a 7.00 am start to set up and a 3pm finish, with the packing up starting around 2pm. If you are able to give of your time or donations of plants or goods please contact:-

Liza Wieland, Ph: 0448606775. Email: lidey@optusnet.com.au or Heather Griffin, Ph: 0438795304,

Any assistance you can give will be very much appreciated.

Lent and Easter Notices

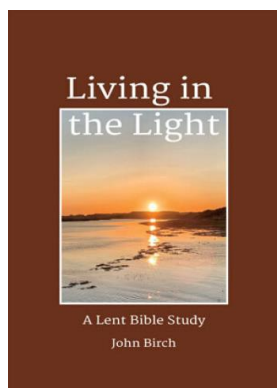
Lent Small Group Studies

5 weeks commencing

2nd March 2020

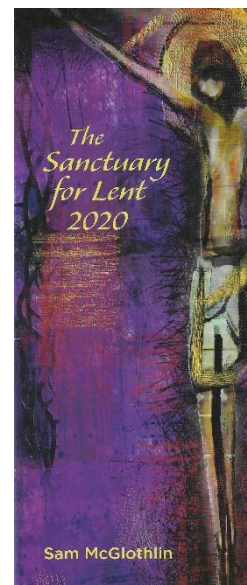
Reflect on the Nature of Temptation in the light of the gospel as we journey through some Old Testament readings and touch on Jesus' own struggle with temptation, and the key moments in his life and teaching which helps us in the lead up to Easter.

For more information please see the attached flyer or email david.fender@ssuc.org.au



The Sanctuary for Lent

Lent is the time between Ash Wednesday (26th February) and Easter. It is a time when we can reflect on what Jesus did for us and what Easter means for us as Christians. The Sanctuary for Lent is a collection of guided readings, meditations and prayers for each day of Lent. Booklets are available in the foyer of each building.





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News from our Regular Activities

Emergir Brazillian Fellowship

Following a series of relocations and moves, the Emergir Brazilian Service has discerned to put the regular Service at Southside UC Mt Gravatt on break.

In the meantime, the Brazilian fellowship will continue to meet for the Bible Study/Fellowship Group on Tuesday nights at members' homes and attend the Evening Service at Mt Gravatt on Sundays. The Brazillian Fellowship will continue to be a part of the worship life and expression of Southside Uniting Church and the IberoLatino National Conference. Please pray for the outreach of this fellowship group, to grow and continue to spread the gospel among the Brazilian community of Brisbane. On behalf of Emergir members present and past, we want to say *obrigado* - thank you to the Mt Gravatt Community for creating this space and welcoming the Brazilian Community.

If you would like to know more about Emergir Brazilian Fellowship Group, please contact Fellowship Group Leader, Rosely Medeiros at emergir@ssuc.org.au or Rev. Esteban at esteban.lievano@ssuc.org.au

Praying for our congregation

As we ask ourselves the question “how can we sing the Lord’s song in this strange land” we need to be aware of God’s invitation to come to him in prayer. The writer of 1 Peter, who wrote to an audience of “strangers and aliens” encouraged them to be formed by the Spirit, to allow him to shape their identity and expression of ministry. Each Monday morning, starting on 16 March, from 7:30 am, we are all invited to come together and join with David Fender in praying for a fresh anointing of God’s Spirit for our congregation



Men’s Breakfast

Join Southside UC @ Yeronga for a Combined Men’s Breakfast on Saturday 21st March at 7.15am for 7.30am to 9am at 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga.

Our speaker will be Professor Darryl Jones and will be speaking on “Should We Believe in Climate Change?”

RSVP to Bill at 3162 2229 or billlelliott@optusnet.com.au

Southside UC Yeronga Day Fellowship

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th April** at 10.00am to 11.30am. Theme for the day will be “The Cross In My Pocket”. All welcome. For more information contact Pam 3277 8516.

Christian Religious Instruction (R.I.)

RI is a great way to reach the next generation, sharing important truths about the Christian faith. But it is only possible when we have volunteer instructors and helpers. We need volunteers and helpers for this program for the current year at Holland Park State School on Thursdays 11.30am - 1.15pm.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this ministry.

For more information please contact Laurelle Penhaligon email: penhaligon_jl@hotmail.com and 042 999 1128 or Sherilyn Pitt email: sherilynjp@gmail.com and 0419 249 619.

Please keep Christian RI in your prayers.

Queensland Community Alliance

In the video news this week, David Fender talks about the Queensland Community Alliance, of which Southside is a member. For more information you can go to their website <https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/> or speak to Jock Dunbar.

Wellers Hill LCC Update:

Our LCC met on the 4th, with some big news. Stephanie Kennedy has resigned after over 14 years in the role as Chaplain. She will be finishing in her role at the end of Term 1. We wish her God's blessing as she moves to the new phase of her life as grandmother. The process for finding a new chaplain has begun. Please be praying for Stephanie, and for the new chaplain. Along with this change, Paul MacDonald has resigned as treasurer. This means we are looking for a new treasurer. If you would love to help out our new chaplain by helping with the financial side of things, please email richard.moors@ssuc.org.au Please note that Scripture Union organises payment of salary etc, our treasurer makes sure that funds get through to SU.

We would also love other members to join our LCC. It is a wonderful group that meets approximately twice a term, to hear what is happening for the chaplain and how we can support them. Please email Richard if you are interested.

Information from Resources

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 29th March.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 26th March.

Are You a JP or Commissioner for Declarations?

If you are a JP or Commissioner for Declarations, we would love to know. We are wanting to keep a record of who in our communities are able to witness documents.

In the meantime, if you do need something witnessed Rachel Manton is a Commissioner for Declarations. Give her a call on 3848 7093 or pop into the office at Yeronga and she'd be happy to help.

Southside APP

The Southside Uniting Church APP is now live. To download go to Google Play or the App Store and download the Church Central App. Search for Southside Uniting Church and set this as your church.

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!

Referral Services Relating to Family and Domestic Violence

Brisbane Domestic Violence Service

Phone: (07) 3217 2544

Email: bdvs@micahprojects.org.au

www.bdvs.org.au

Women's legal service

Phone: 1800 957 957

<https://wlsq.org.au/>

DV Connect Womensline:

Phone: 1800 811 811

www.dvconnect.org/

DV Connect Mensline:

Phone: 1800 600 636

www.dvconnect.org/

Lifeline:

Phone: 13 11 14

From Other Sources

UC Easter Family Camp

Celebrate Easter this year in the great outdoors at Glengarry Education Centre, 9th-13th April 2020.

Accommodation: Cabin/Tent/Caravan. Open to all ages, Self-catered, Loads of Fun & Fellowship!!!

Pre-registration essential. For more info & registration contact Clive: 0435 015 248

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