

Southside Notices



01-03-2020



"How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?"

Psalm 137:4

Communities

Holland Park

855 Logan Rd
Holland Park West

Mt Gravatt

Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi

24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga

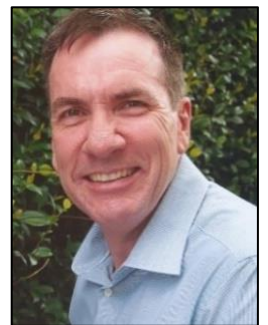
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

The words of the Psalmist are so true, and we are seeing that lived out in our congregation at the moment. This year we have had a number of gatherings (New Year's day picnic, combined service, congregational meeting, Lent studies, Ash Wednesday service, How will we sing the Lord's song in this land?) and I have been excited (but not surprised) that at every one of these we have seen people from each of our communities. In addition, we are seeing intermingling of people being part of worship services and regular activities held in other communities. Can I please encourage you to continue to think how you can be part of the wider activities of our congregation? As you do this, you'll feel more part of our new congregation, you'll provide encouragement and support to the organisers, you'll meet new people, have new experiences and be inspired with the potential of our congregation. Most importantly though, you'll give expression to the unity of the church that, as the Basis of Union tells us, "is both Christ's gift and will for the Church."

On 7 March we are holding our first Garage Sale for the year at Mt Gravatt. Elsewhere in this newsletter the contact details are provided. Are you able to offer assistance? Half of the funds raised will go toward supporting Bush fire relief. The other half are used by the congregation.



It's not too late to be part of a Lent Small Group. There is a group that starts meeting on Monday 2 March at 2pm. Please contact me if you'd like to join this group. We have another group that meets on Tuesday night, it's full though. We've had almost 20 people join a small group for this season of Lent. This is in addition to some of our regular groups that are using the Lent material.

I hope that you are enjoying reading our fortnightly newsletter. Our intention in producing this is to keep you informed of what is happening in our congregation, so that you can be involved and informed. We would love to include stories about your ministry and mission in and through your groups or activities. Please feel free to make contributions to notices@ssuc.org.au. Photos would also be great. We however are unable to publicise events or fundraising that takes place outside the congregation.

Grace and peace

David.

Ministry Team Update

Rev Esteban Lievano

The Uniting Church takes seriously our commitment to be a place where all people, including children and the vulnerable are kept safe. One tangible expression of this is that all Ministry Agents are required to hold a current blue card. This is also a legal requirement from the State Government. Due to an administrative oversight in the Synod office, Esteban Lievano's blue card will expire on Tuesday 3 March. Consequently, he will be unable to undertake any ministry duties until his card is renewed. It is expected that he will be absent for up to 10 days.

There is no suggestion that Esteban is unsuitable to work with children. However, legally he is unable to work.

Until Esteban returns to ministry duties, Rev David MacGregor will provide pastoral care to the members of the Mt Gravatt community. Other members of our ministry team and congregation will replace Esteban. If you are unsure of who to contact in place of Esteban, please contact myself or our church office.

David Fender

Lead Minister

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.

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 INC for the placement of "*New Missions Initiatives and the serving the communities of Holland Park and Yeronga*". (Presbytery Project Officer Mission and INC chair)
- Opportunity for INC members to speak in support of the recommendation.
- Questions
- Congregation given opportunity to express their mind on the recommendation.
- Close

Congregational Chair

Don Richardson

booradley@dovenetq.net.au

Congregational Secretary

Gaye Pitman

GPitman@somerville.qld.edu.au

The Gospel of Matthew

On Following on from that on **March 14th 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: liday@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

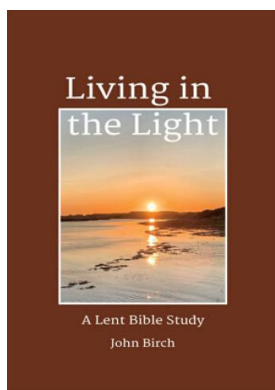
5 weeks commencing

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

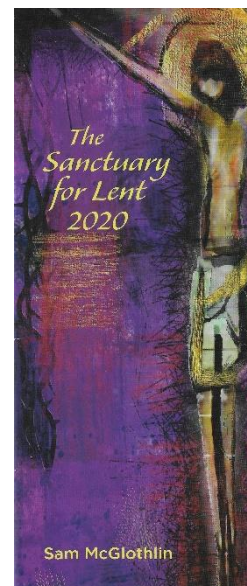
struggle with temptation, and the key moments in his life
and teaching which helps us in the lead up to Easter.

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.



News from our Regular Activities

Southside UC Mt Gravatt – Enormous Garage Sale

Mt Gravatt Community's Biannual Garage Sale is happening on **Saturday March 7**, from 7 am to 12 pm.

Proceeds from this event support the ministry of Southside Uniting Church and half will be donated to the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly's Bushfire Appeal. This Appeal is to support communities in NSW and Victoria that have been struck hardest by the recent spate of bushfires this summer. The Mt Gravatt Community will be preparing for this event from Thurs night and the clean-up will take place on the afternoon of the Saturday. If you would like to know more about the Garage Sale or would like to volunteer on the day or the clean-up afterwards, please contact Event Coordinator, Carolyn Coombes at Carolyn.Coombes@outlook.com or 0468 930 050.

One Day Fun Day Launch

Tarragindi has a long history of a children's holiday program in the July school holidays. For the last two years this has been called One Day Fun Day. As the year moves on it is time to start to get ready for this. We have some exciting plans for 2020 and are looking forward to sharing them. Richard will be talking with interested people at morning teatime (approximately 10:30am) on **1st March at Mount Gravatt** and **8th March at Tarragindi**. Please come along and hear what the plans are and think about how you might be involved.



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

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 billelliott@optusnet.com.au

Unite Theme

This year Unite will be exploring a theme throughout the year. It is based on U2's song "One." We will be exploring what it means to work together, to accept people who are different than us. Unite meets Sunday afternoons at 3pm at 46 Springwood Road, Mt Gravatt, for young people grade 7 and up.

World Day of Prayer

This year's service is prepared by the Women of Zimbabwe the topic is

"Take up your mat and walk"

Our Guest speaker will be Rev David MacGregor.

Service: **10.30am Friday 6th March 2020**

Southside UC Tarragindi Community
24 Pope Street, Tarragindi

Light lunch to follow, please bring a plate to share.

Southside UC Yeronga Day Fellowship

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

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th March** at 10.00am to 11.30am. Theme for the day will be "Growing In Our Tolerance". All welcome. For more information contact Pam 3277 8516.

Information from Resources

Resources Ministry Team

The Resources Ministry Team has been formed and we have had our first official meeting of the year. We would still like to see more members be a part of this team, so if you have a heart for property, finance, compliance, communications, admin or anything else that helps resource Southside UC, then please contact Rachel at rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au. Would love to hear from you.

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 1st March.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 27th February.

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.

Good News Story

Brigades start year in Style



On Friday 21st February, the Brigades headed to Mt Gravatt church to take part in their annual enrolment/ dedication service. It's a time when the Boys and Girls (young men and women) acknowledge their responsibilities to each other as Brigade members, to their Company and to God as they begin a new year in Brigade. And along with their parents, their leaders and support team, they all committed to their respectful involvement and participation in Brigade for the coming year.

Once again Richard captivated all with his devotion before we moved to commission a new Boys' Brigade captain (Darryl Jell) and the respective Chaplains (Richard and Kylie Moors). David Fender reminded us that the Brigades as organisations do not exist for themselves but for the Church - the Body of Christ. A Brigade company cannot exist without the support of a local church and leaders must be approved and appointed by a local church. This approval and close relationship with the local church must be on-going for the Company to operate as it should within the church, as part of that church's open door to its community. During the service the new

members were welcomed, and a number of young men and women promoted to new responsibilities within the structure of the companies. Before the final parade, the leaders of both companies were dedicated (see photo) affirming their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord, and their commitment in furthering the respective objectives of the Brigades.

We thank the ministry team (Esteban, David and Richard) and Mt Gravatt Elder Jennifer Pitt for their support and participation in the service.

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



Amplify Conference

This year Ignite and Elevate conferences have joined together to form Amplify Conference. This will see training in children, youth, young adult and RI ministries. The conference is taking place on 7th March at Mueller College, Rothwell. Price is \$65 before the 17th of February, and \$75 after. Jake Mulder from Fuller Youth Institute is coming to share their latest research findings. Please talk to Richard Moors if you would like help getting there, either with financial assistance or car-pooling. This is a great training opportunity.

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 or orlivefinter@gmail.com

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