

# Southside Notices



10-05-2020

*Committing to each other*



## Communities

**Holland Park**  
855 Logan Rd  
Holland Park West

**Mt Gravatt**  
Cnr Springwood &  
Hicks Streets  
Mt Gravatt

**Tarragindi**  
24 Pope Street  
Tarragindi

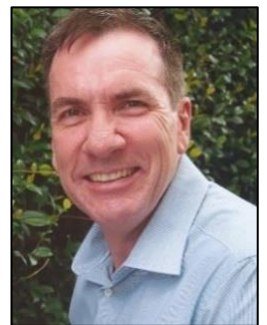
**Yeronga**  
58 Kadumba St  
Yeronga

## Rev David Fender's Message

I recently saw a picture recently of what was called "deconstructed vegemite toast." It was a plate that had on it, a couple of pieces of toast, a small container with some butter and vegemite smeared across the plate. It was everything that made vegemite toast, but not as we know it.

We are now doing deconstructed church. Everything that we're doing is church, but not as we're used to. We're still engaged in the mission of God in worship, witness and service. It's not what we're used to. The focus of church life has moved from the church buildings, to our homes, our phones and our computers.

And with this movement you become even more responsible for your own spiritual journey. You can choose to, or not choose to, participate in online worship. And I'm pleased to share that from the website statistics and informal feedback, you are choosing to maintain your practices of worship. At the same time, you can choose to engage in your personal spiritual disciplines. I know from talking to some of you that spiritual lives are active. You can choose to support the church financially. At a time when many of us are feeling a financial pinch, I'm pleased to share that people are finding alternative ways to give. People are making EFT payments, others are posting cheques to our office, others are going into bank branches and making deposits. You can choose to remain engaged or you can withdraw. I am so excited when I hear of the extensive work that you are doing in keeping in contact with each other. We are truly seeing the church at work.



In Romans 8:28 we read, “and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” We would never choose this pandemic. We deeply grieve the pain that it has brought on people across our world. Yet, the good news of our redeeming God is that he can bring good out of this disaster. Through this event I am seeing God’s good coming as we grow closer together as one congregation. I am seeing a renewal in people’s faith and I am seeing people who are being kept close to God through the work of the Holy Spirit. This is all reason to praise God.

I’m also aware that we are seeing some of the dark side of the church at work. Some of us are feeling cut off from others and from God. I am deeply sorry if our systems (or lack of systems) have failed you. Please, can I encourage you to contact me, your Community Minister, or a trusted member of our congregation and share your needs. We may be socially isolated; we do not want to be relationally isolated.

I share more information with you on this week’s video news. Please look for it on our website, under the NEWS tab, our app, on our Facebook page or through our Youtube channel.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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## Jock’s Dunbar’s Induction

On 17 May at 2 pm Jock Dunbar will be inducted as Minister for New Missions Initiatives and Community Minister for Yeronga and Holland Park. This service will be online. The service can be accessed at [livestream.com/ggservices/jdunbarinduction](https://livestream.com/ggservices/jdunbarinduction). Please plan to be part of this service. Later in the year we will gather to affirm Jock’s induction and welcome him formally to his new placement.

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## Administrator

Since October 2019 we have been served admirably by Rachel Manton in the role of Resources Manager. We have much to be grateful for to Rachel for the efficiency, dedication and good grace that she has devoted to bringing our administration, finance, property and compliance together. It is a privilege to work alongside her. Rachel was always employed on a temporary basis, prior to the position being advertised.

The Church Council has reviewed the position description for the Resources Manager and the evolving needs of the congregation and has determined to rename the position as Administrator and to advertise the vacancy. Rachel is able to apply for the vacancy if she chooses.

We are inviting applications from people for the position of Administrator for Southside Uniting Church. A copy of the position description can be obtained from [david.fender@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.fender@ssuc.org.au). Completed applications are to be sent to [david.fender@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.fender@ssuc.org.au) no later than 5 pm Sunday 24 May 2020.

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## Offerings and Tithes

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, 4101
- Banking the money direct through a bank branch
- Asking the person who delivers the weekly worship materials to return with your offering.

We are currently looking into credit card payment options.

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## History of Religions in Australia

At the beginning of May, Heather Griffin commenced an online course called the History of Religions in Australia. They have 15 people joining in, and a few expressions of interest for it to be offered at a different time for folk who are working. Heather may offer it again in an evening time slot when this current group finishes.

With each period they look at (they've just done convict Brisbane) they are able to see what was done well and what was done badly and why. The group was asked on Wednesday "If you had lived then, how could you have helped bring hope to the various people in convict Brisbane? For example, the Irish Catholic women, who, in order to survive, needed a male protector from among the soldiers. How would their need to survive, and the stated values of their faith (virginity being one) leave them feeling about their relationship with God? Are there people that they simply would not hear a word of hope from, because of who they were? How does this inform what SSUC is called to do in 2020?"

The type of discussions and learning that are taking place through this group are helpful in informing the mission of Southside and our understanding of the church in our current society.

If you would like to be a part of this on-line learning you still can by registering at <https://ssuc.org.au/events/history-of-religions-in-australia-with-a-special-emphasis-on-brisbane-southside> or contacting Heather Griffin at [hgriffin@internode.on.net](mailto:hgriffin@internode.on.net).

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## Volunteering with Southside UC

We are conscious that some of our volunteers are needing to physically go to one of our church buildings to undertake work that is needed like maintenance, mowing or printing notices for distribution. If you need to do this, please be aware of the most current Government requirements on social distancing and adhere to these. This would include, but is not limited to:

- Ensuring you maintain a minimum distance between others of 1.5m
- Practice good hygiene
- Ensuring there is not overcrowding when on site by limiting the number of people who are needing to be there.
- As soon as the work is completed, leave the church property. Do not linger longer than you need to.

Please also keep up to date with the current Government requirements as they do change regularly and ensure you adhere to these. If you are unsure whether the volunteer work is needed or would like clarity around the Government requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel on [rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au](mailto:rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au).

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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](https://ssuc.org.au) website and selecting "Prayer request"
- Emailing [prayer@ssuc.org.au](mailto: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.



## Worship Update

### 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.

You can ring someone. If you have the technology, you can do a video call. Or you can join your church community members in a Zoom call. Here are the details for 26<sup>th</sup> April.

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 No Password

Yeronga & Holland Park – Jock Dunbar

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78146731389>

Meeting ID: 781 4673 1389 No Password

### Midweek Musing

Starting next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm (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\\_fUlkjWacjrmIw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqSTqaDKa_fUlkjWacjrmIw) or via our Facebook Page

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

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## Children Youth and Families Update – Ps Richard Moors

### Children's resources

We have a worksheet for children to use during the service each week, or they can join you in the service. We are also providing resources which you might like to use on Sunday morning with your children as part of your worship time, or you can return to them during the week. We want to encourage you to chat about the reading with your kids, this does not need to take a long time, but there are some resources to give you some ideas. These resources are now also on our website at <https://ssuc.org.au/ministries/childrens-youth-and-families>. Also, now mid-week we are having a Southside time for Kids. Some online video content of songs, Grover, teaching and prayer. A time to remind us of the story from Sunday and unpack it a little more. Again, let me encourage you to chat with your children about the story after they watch this. This will be available on our website at <https://ssuc.org.au/ministries/childrens-youth-and-families>. and a link will also be provided on Facebook.

### Sunday School Picnic

We will meet fortnightly, from May 10<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Some time for the kids to chat and have some fun. If you have multiple devices in your home, we can let the parents go into a breakout room to chat with each other. Contact Richard at [richard.moors@ssuc.org.au](mailto:richard.moors@ssuc.org.au) to find out how to connect

### JAFFA

JAFFA Is meeting with resources going up on their new Facebook page. If you don't have Facebook we can arrange to have links and materials emailed to you, contact Richard at [richard.moors@ssuc.org.au](mailto:richard.moors@ssuc.org.au)

## **Unite**

Unite is meeting on Sundays from 3-5. We are now using Zoom to meet and having lots of fun. Our young people are earning points to try and win the COVID19 Trophy. This is for anyone in High School, does not just need to be those who have gone to Unite in the past, all are welcome to join us. We have a private Facebook page so contact Richard at [richard.moors@ssuc.org.au](mailto:richard.moors@ssuc.org.au) either to join that or to get the Zoom link emailed to you. This Sunday is dress up day.

## **Brigades**

Brigades are meeting using Zoom on Friday evenings. Please contact your Brigades leaders if you need details to connect.

## **Facebook Live Broadcast**

Each Tuesday evening at 7pm, Richard is talking through some of the areas of working with young people. We have looked at the foundations of Intergenerational ministry and Faith formation in families. We are now looking through the Here2Stay pillars, last week we looked at rites of passages/anchors. This week we will explore mentors and coaches. Please join us live and bring your questions, or tune in later and leave comments.

## **One Day Fun Day**

We are starting to plan for One Day Fun Day. This will be either a two-day program if we can meet in person, or we will look at online options. If you would like to help with this, please contact Richard at [richard.moors@ssuc.org.au](mailto:richard.moors@ssuc.org.au)

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## Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations

Attached to this notice sheet is a list of people who are Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations and connected with Southside Uniting Church. They are happy for you to contact them if you have the need for a JP.

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## Information from Resources

### **With Love to the World**

The next edition of With Love to the World devotional has arrived. This is a daily devotional booklet which focusses on the Revised Common Lectionary.

If you have not received your booklet, or would like to order a booklet, please contact Rachel at [rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au](mailto:rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au) or 0427 257 920.

### **Notices**

For notices to be included in this newsletter please email [notices@ssuc.org.au](mailto:notices@ssuc.org.au) or place in the Communications Box. The next newsletter will be issued on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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## 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](mailto:notices@ssuc.org.au) so we can share the Good News!

## **Contact Us:**

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Reference: offering