

Rev David Fender's Message

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 Last weekend a group of us from Southside participated in the Global Leadership Summit. We were treated to a range of world class leadership practitioners. I am still processing much of what was shared; however, one speaker spoke strongly into where I see Southside at the moment.

"Change is necessary" – whilst this is a truism that we experience every day of our lives, I find that I need to be reminded of this often. All around us is change, it is built into the very essence of God's creation. Ecclesiastes 3:1 – 9 is a passage that has inspired many with the beauty of its poetry and its acknowledgement of the inevitability of change. As with anything, Southside is going through a time of necessary change. Aging membership, changes in the world around, differing expectations of generations are all impinging on the way we are church.

"Not to change when change is necessary is destructive" – often we think that the opposite of change is staying the same. It's not. The opposite of change is unintended and unmanaged change. When the world in which we offer our ministry is changing and we are not, what happens is that we become the victims of circumstances, not the authors of our future.



"Truth is essential to change" – the truth needs to come from the leadership. We seek to provide information about why we need to change, what the changes will be and how we are going to go about it. We don't always get this right. That is why we also need to hear from each other the truth about how change is affecting us. Over the past weeks I have spoken in each of our communities over morning tea. You have been gracious in asking questions and sharing thoughts, thank you. Please continue to share.

"Identifying what needs to change and what needs to continue" – this is probably the hardest task that we all face. For me I like to look at the difference between our mission and our methods. Our mission as a church is the mission of God. We have captured this in our vision statement of More people living and loving like Jesus. Whilst these words are new, the essence of them is not new to any of our previous congregations, nor to the generations of Christ followers that have come before us. This will never change. Yet, at the same time how we go about doing that, our methods, will change. How we worship, gather, do outreach and nurture young people in faith will continually change as it has over the centuries. The church has not always worshipped as we do today. For centuries worship was conducted in Latin and lay people were unable to read the bible. Ladies wore hats and gentlemen wore suits.

Change will continue to be a constant in our lives and the development of Southside. My hope and intention is that we will experience planned, deliberate change and not erratic, disconnected turmoil. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Grace and peace

David Fender

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Staff Leave

Esteban 13 October – 7 November

Date claimer

Carols on the lawn – Tarragindi – 5 December

Carols on the court – Mt Gravatt – 19 December

Worship

Rev David Fender – Worship Minister david.fender@ssuc.org.au

Worship Services

Date	17 th October	24th October	31st October
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Combined Service	Richard Moors	Jock Dunbar
Tarragindi 8.30am	Combined Service	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
Online 8.30 am	Combined Service	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
Holland Park 10.00am	Combined Service	Richard Moors	Jock Dunbar
Yeronga 10.00am	Combined Service	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
MT Gravatt 5 pm	Combined Service	Richard Moors	David Fender
Bible Reading		John 7:24	John 2:19-21
		1 Sam 16:1-13;	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-3
		Psalm 51:10-14	

Events

ACW Community Day Service

This will be the final service for the ACW as it will be closing down this year. Australian Church Women Community Day Service (Fellowship of Least Coin) is being held at

Southside Uniting Church Tarragindi, Pope Street Tarragindi.

On the 22nd October at 10am
Guest speaker is Rev Bea Skippen from the Bulimba Uniting Church.
The theme for the service is "Moving forward in Faith – Living a Powerful Life"
Rev Skippen has had a lot of experience in life and we look forward to hearing her message.

Morning Tea as per Covid 19 restrictions on the day.

Women's Morning Tea

Please join us at Southside UC @Mt Gravatt

on Saturday, November 6th to hear from Dorothy Smith on the topic:

"The Tapestry of Life: Everyone has a Story."

Enjoy a lovely morning tea, but most importantly fellowship, in a friendly atmosphere **from 9.30am for 10.00am start**.

A small donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

For catering purposes please register by Thursday, November 4th;

Online via https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/204/embed

or via phone

to SSUC office 38487093 or Viv Valentine 0408 789 115

Outreach

Rev Esteban Lievano – Outreach Minister outreach@ssuc.org.au

Market Day at Holland Park

Our first ever Market Day at Holland Park is fast approaching, Saturday 23 October 7 am to midday.

Why would you want to serve at our Market Day?

- Meet people from other communities
- Support the work of Southside in establishing an identity for our Op Shop which will commence operations in 2022
- Help with the finances of Southside and the Community Connections and Belonging Project of Annerley Baptist Church.

We are looking for a number of people to serve on stalls on the Market Day, arrive at 7 am and leave at midday.

If you're able to help please register by following this link. https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/223/embed

There is also a need for a coordinator for the Book section. Please contact Paul McDonald to if you can serve in this way.

This coming week is the week to start baking. Previously experience at Mt Gravatt Garage Sales show that the following are big sellers:

Date loaves

Fruit cakes

Some gluten free

Big cakes

Chocolate slice

Brownies

Fudge

Please include a list of all ingredients.

Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator admin@ssuc.org.au

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:

- Click on this link
 https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/payments/embed/1?type=Offering&title=SSUC
 Credit%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 31st October 2021. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 28th October.

Good News Story

For many years now an English Language Class has been conducted at Holland Park, meeting in the hall at Holland Park. The establishment of the Op Shop has sparked the interest of the ladies who attend the class. This interest has led them to working alongside other members of our congregation in sorting donations for the Op Shop, and talking, laughing and eating. Some of the ladies will also be serving Devonshire Teas at our up coming Market Day.

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor cyf@ssuc.org.au

Mentoring

We want to start linking our young people with older Christians who can support them through their adventure through life. Mentors would meet regularly (probably monthly) with a young person, hear how their life is going and support them in life and faith. You don't have to have all the answers, just be open to listen. We will be having an information session on Saturday 30th October at 10-11am at Mount Gravatt. If you would be interested in being a mentor or a mentoree, or just hearing what is the plans please come along.

Board games

Have you ever wondered how you might connect with people of different generations at church? Want to spend time over morning tea and you aren't sure how? Well we have invested in some board and card games which you could play with others over morning tea. These will firstly be stored at Mount Gravatt and Tarragindi. Keep an eye out for some short explanation videos. Or find out how to play in these links.

Outfoxed - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqTev6UeY6w

Dragon's Breath - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5RcxY4ZCYc

Pass the Panda - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuNZALSz0Y0

Cat Chaos - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWM0BZ_teWA

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