



# southside

## UNITING CHURCH

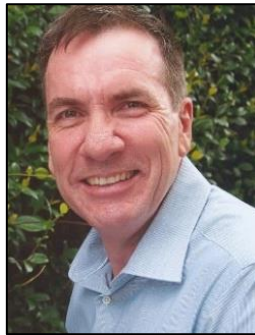
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15 DECEMBER 2019

### MESSAGE FROM REV DAVID FENDER

When you read this message, I will already be on holidays. Thank you for being part of my journey this year. I have been blessed by God and by you this year. Coming back into congregational ministry I have been reminded of the vital place that the congregation plays in the revelation of God's kingdom. Nothing on earth is as important as a vital, healthy, loving community of believers engaged in God's mission. Together we proclaim God's love and grace in word and action. Through our relationships with each other we show an angry and hating world how people can love, respect and care for each other. Through our faithfulness we show a hopeless world that there is far more that God can ever do for us. Through speaking about our faith, we inspire others with the message of Jesus and through our words, we can invite them into new life in Jesus Christ.



Thank you for the faithfulness of your ministry over many years. Thank you for your faithfulness in taking the next step in the mission of God's church and being part of Southside Uniting Church. I look forward to continuing to get to know you and seeing what God does in and through us in the coming years.

Merry Christmas.

David Fender

### MESSAGE FROM PS RICHARD MOORS

So, we are up to thesis 7 from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He says: "It may well be that the youth do have the right to protest against their elders. If that be the case, however, the authenticity of such protest will be demonstrated by youth's willingness to maintain solidarity with the guilt of the church-community and to bear that burden in love, abiding in penitence before God's Word."

Our natural thought sometimes is that young people don't fully understand issues, and so they may say things, but as they grow older they will learn the truth. In this way we can sometimes set ourselves up to ignore the challenges from the youth. Think about the demonstrations of school children this year, particularly around climate change. We have a choice to see this as a prophetic voice of the young, or as trouble-makers just seeking a day off school. (Yes, that is over simplifying responses.)

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There will be times when the young people will speak out and challenge what the church is doing. Bonhoeffer says that we need to listen to that voice. We especially need to listen to that voice when they say that we need to change, but that they are still a vital member of the church. It is not that they are holding us to ransom, change this or we go somewhere else. Rather they are calling for change in this body which they are a part of.

We need to think about how we allow space for our young people to speak into the church, to express how they feel about what we are doing. To give us a prophetic message when they see that things need to change.

You might hear people say, "The youth are the church of tomorrow." We need to remember that is not true, they are part of the church today, and we need to listen to their voice and be open for when they might correct us.

Ps Richard Moors

## SOUTHSIDE UNITING NEWS

Commencing Sunday 5 January there will be one newsletter produced for our whole congregation. This newsletter will come out fortnightly.

The newsletter will be primarily available electronically – email, on the website and Facebook and our app (when we get one). There will be a limited supply of printed copies available in each church for those who can't access the newsletter electronically.

## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Southside Church Council met on Tuesday 10 December.

We asked ourselves what the single most important thing that Southside Uniting Church should pursue in 2020. We recognise that there are many very important priorities that the church always faces and for particular seasons. Asking this question does not distract from this, but it focusses the attention of every member on a common goal. Our initial thinking is that we need to embrace the new beginnings that lie before us as a congregation. New beginnings both in terms of becoming aware and understanding the emerging culture of our neighbourhoods and how we best engage in mission. Also new beginnings as we develop the grace filled rhythms of working together as one congregation in multiple places. The church council will be praying and reflecting on this over the Christmas break before we meet again in January. Please be in prayer with and for them.

We made significant decisions about the shape of our ministry team. Each of our ministry team members have a specialist congregation wide ministry focus and some of us have responsibility as community ministers. The allocation of roles is below:

David Fender	Lead Minister and Minister for Spiritual Growth
David MacGregor	Minister for Worship and Pastoral Care and Tarragindi Community
Esteban Lievano	Minister for Outreach and Mt Gravatt Community
Jock Dunbar	Minister for New Missions Initiatives and Holland Park Community
Peter Elliott	Minister for Yeronga Community and undertaking some projects
Rachel Manton	Resources Manager
Richard Moors	Children, Youth and Families Pastor

Jock is currently offering supply ministry. He has been extended until 30 June 2020. The process has commenced to call a new minister to the congregation. Recognising that Peter will be leaving sometime, the new minister will serve as community minister for both the Yeronga and Holland Park communities. It does not flow naturally from this decision that the service times of Yeronga or Holland Park will be changing. Arrangements will be made to allow worship to continue at 9 am in both communities.

Rachel Manton has also been extended as Resources Manager until 3 April 2020. We are currently working on the position description and hope to be able to advertise soon.

There are Uniting Church requirements relating to filling both the vacant ministry placement and the Resources Manager role. We can't simply appoint Jock and Rachel to these roles. However, they are both able to be considered.

We are considering designs for branding to identify our new congregation. We have a temporary logo. Stay tuned in the new year for our new look.

## ANNUAL LEAVE

Rev David Fender	14 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> December
Rachel Manton	20 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> December
Ps Richard Moors	23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Rev David MacGregor	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> January

## ADVENT RESOURCES



As some of you have hopefully seen on the Facebook page, we have started our journey through the Jesse Tree. There are online reflections each day from our ministry team. You can find them on the Facebook page, or links on the Wellers Hill-Tarragindi page (under KFG and JAFFA resource page). Let me encourage you to use these to help to prepare for Christmas and the new year.

## PRAY FOR SOUTHSIDE UNITING CHURCH

Friday morning prayer for Southside Uniting Church is now in recess.

Watch this space for more information on prayer opportunities in 2020.

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES



## ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES

**When:** Wednesdays during December (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

**Where:** 855 Logan Road, HP West

How does it sound to interrupt your busy week to pause, pray, and share communion? Come along to an Advent mid-week evening service, hosted by Holland Park Uniting for our amalgamating congregations. Everyone is welcome.

## CAROLS ON THE COURT

**When:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 5pm for BBQ

7pm for Carol Singing

**Where:** Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt

Free petting zoo, a free sausage sizzle and other free activities. Bring a rug, bring a glowstick, bring your neighbours and friends. All are invited.

## LADIES NIGHT OFF / CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT

**When:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Where:** Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt in the Hall

**Cost:** \$5 covers all materials and supper

It's on again. As usual, a variety of activities will be available, with no special skills or experience required. While the night aims to give ladies a chance to catch their breath during the busy Christmas season, anyone is welcome to come. The activities aren't usually suitable for children. Please contact Viv 0408 789115 for more information.

## PORTUGUESE/BRAZILIAN CAROLS SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Where:** Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE/SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Where:** 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi  
**What:** A time of acknowledge sadness, grief or loss amid the festive season

## CHRISTMAS EVE

7.00pm 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi

## CHRISTMAS DAY

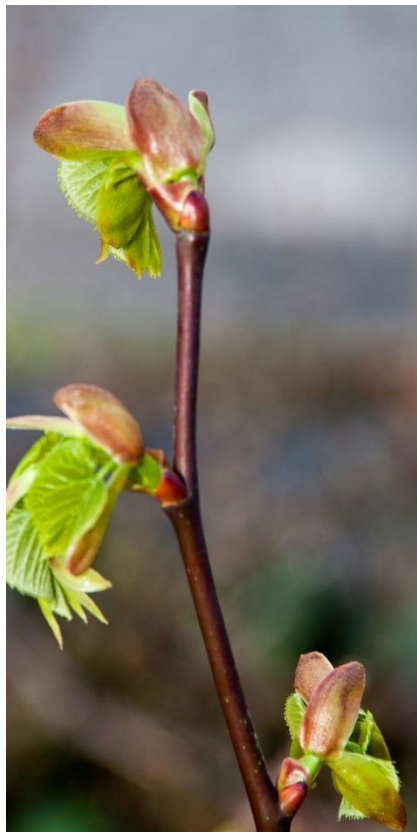
8.00am 855 Logan Road Holland Park  
8.00am 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi  
8.00am 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga  
8.00am Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt



# Christmas Blessings to all!

## OTHER EVENTS

## NEW YEAR NEW BEGINNING



Southside Uniting  
Church

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An informal time of worship  
to give thanks for our new  
congregation. Followed by  
afternoon tea.  
BYO chairs and a plate of  
food to share

1 January 2020 4pm  
Laura Street Park, Tarragindi

TO ADD A NOTICE EMAIL [DESTINYTOGETHERNEWS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DESTINYTOGETHERNEWS@GMAIL.COM) BY 9AM THURSDAY EACH FORTNIGHT  
NOTICES FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER TO BE RECEIVED BY 9AM ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2020