

Southside Notices

12-12-2021



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

As the end of the year draws near, coinciding with the conclusion of my time at Southside, I've been reflecting on what we have achieved this year. And Southside, we have a lot to celebrate.

In a year that has continued to be fraught by COVID, we have continued to offer worship, pastoral care and our regular fellowship and outreach groups. We have reintroduced morning teas and maintained our relational connections. This alone has involved a great commitment from you. For instance, we have over 100 people who appear on our worship rosters and over 30 people actively serving as pastoral carers.

Yet, we have not just maintained what we have. In many ways we have entered into the new future that we intended when we came together as Southside.

Our Mission Experiment Group (MEG) has established a new initiative called New Friends. Here they gather Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) women to build friendships. New Friends have had 3 gatherings this year and have drawn in leadership from outside our congregation.

A group of us have continued to participate in the Building a Discipling Culture (BDC) movement. This is establishing the framework to help us be more intentional in being disciples who make disciples. We have also established a second huddle (learning and practicing group).

A young families pastorate (mid-sized group) has been established. This group meets monthly for a meal, fellowship, prayer and bible study.

Through our initiatives in Family faith formation the home environment and the primary role of parents and grandparents has continued to be emphasised. Our youth and children's activities have been shaped in a way that supports what happens in the home.

A group of people have intentionally been praying for some of the children in our congregation throughout the year.

We are progressing toward opening our Op Shop. Our Holland Park centre is a buzz of activity during the week, and we have held 4 garage sales (with one more due before the end of the year). The Op Shop is a great opportunity for us to turn strangers into friends and to serve our local neighbourhood.

Not without a lot of careful thought, we have taken the big and painful step of selling the property at Holland Park Central. This has been something that weighed heavily on the previous Holland Park congregations for many years.

Subject to the successful settlement, and endorsement by the congregation at the meeting on Sunday 12 December, the church council is planning to purchase a block of flats that can be used to address in a very small way, issues of housing affordability in our area.

Regular Men's Breakfasts and Women's Morning Teas have taken place to build relational connections across our newly formed congregation.

You may have been aware of some, all or none of this. Some of these initiatives are only in their early steps and there is very little to be seen yet. In other areas we are seeing a great ground swell of engagement and excitement. These initiatives are possible though because we together are Southside. In everything that I have listed above there are people from all (or most) of our communities engaged. There is nothing above that any of our previous congregations could've achieved alone. Together there is strength. I love being in meetings where I hear people from different communities share their thoughts on how things should be done. There is respect, understanding and creativity. There becomes the potential for added energy and new ways. And this is all for the future benefit and growth of Southside.

I often think of a quote "All change looks like failure in the middle." When we look at what we have lost, and I acknowledge that for many of you feelings of loss, grief and disconnection are real, we can see that we might have been better not amalgamating. At the same time I am convinced that you are on a journey toward a brighter future. As you wait for that future to dawn, I encourage you to continue to seek God, to look toward each other and be filled with the hope of God who knows the plans he has for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Thank you for trusting me to lead you into this future over the past 3 years.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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Congregational meeting

A meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday 12 December at 11am at Yeronga. Business for the meeting will include presentation of the budget for the first 6 months of 2022 and a proposal regarding housing affordability.

Worship

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

Date claimers

Blue Christmas Service – 21 December, 7 pm at Holland Park

Christmas Eve Service – 24 December, 6 pm at Yeronga

Christmas Day Service – 25 December, 8 am at Holland Park, Mt Gravatt, Tarragindi and Yeronga.

Worship Services

Date	12th December (Yeronga 9:00am)	19th December	25th December 8:00 am
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Combined (David Fender)	Malia Ma'u	Malia Ma'u
Tarragindi 8.30am	Combined (David Fender)	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
Online 8.30 am	Combined (David Fender)	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
Holland Park 10.00am	Combined (David Fender)	Malia Ma'u	Heather Griffin
Yeronga 10.00am	Combined (David Fender)	Jock Dunbar	Jock Dunbar
MT Gravatt 5 pm			
Bible Reading	Isaiah 55:1-13 John 4:13-14	John 1:1-18 Ps 130:5-8	Luke 2:8-20 Ps 123:1-2

The Evening Service at Mt Gravatt on Sundays at 5pm will be in recess from 12th December 2021 being their last service for the year. It will then resume on the 31st January 2022.

Date	Centre	Time	Preacher	Bible Reading
21st December	Holland Park	7:00 pm	Jock Dunbar	John 1:1-10 Ps
24th December	Yeronga	6:00 pm	Jock & Richard	Luke 2:1-4 Ps 96:7-10
26th December	Online	9:00 am	Malia Ma'u	John 1:19-34 Ps 32:1-2

Worship in January

For the first two Sundays in January, we will only have two services as follows:

2nd January

8.30 am Tarragindi Centre

10.00 am Holland Park Centre

9th January

8.30 am Mt Gravatt Centre

10.00 am Yeronga Centre

Events

Carols

Carols on the Court 19 December 6 pm for sausage sizzle to start at 7pm

Pastoral Care

Romans 12:15 encourages us to "rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn". Sharing our highs and lows builds community and allows us to support each other in all that we go through in life.

Many of us have noticed that this practice has become harder over recent years due to the isolating effects of COVID, but also because of the nature of our church meeting in many places.

Bob Andrew from our Yeronga community has stepped forward and offered to distribute a bulletin each week that contains your news. Specifically, he is looking for prayer requests about:

- Illnesses
- Hospitalisations
- Bereavements
- Births
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Celebrations

These could be either for yourself, or for others, provided that you have their permission to share. Please also note that these prayer requests will not be confidential.

Please use this email messenger@ssuc.org.au to submit your prayer requests. The email will come out each Tuesday. Printed copies will be distributed fortnightly to those not on email.

Outreach

outreach@ssuc.org.au

Christmas Postcards

In each of the buildings there is a supply of Southside Christmas Cards. We are asking members of the congregation to take some and distribute them in letter boxes in our local area.

Op Shop Request

Hello Everyone at SSUC. My name is Liza and I have been asked to oversee the Bric-a-Brac room at our Community Care Op Shop at Holland Park. I would like to gather a team of people who would be willing to work with me in keeping the room in ship shape order.

What does that mean? We will stock/restock the shelves with the donations, reorganise when needed and keep the room tidy and clean.

If you feel inclined to come on board please contact me:-

Liza Wieland

Email: lidey@optusnet.com.au

Phone: 0448606775

Children Youth and Families

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

Fun in the Sun Days Christmas

We will be holding a one day activity for kids on 14th December, for kids in grades prep to 6 in 2021. This will be a 9am-3pm day of craft activities and a movie for kids. If you would like to help on the day please talk to Richard Moors. Registrations are available on the events page of the website. (<https://ssuc.org.au/events/fun-in-the-sun-days-christmas-craft>) The day will be at Southside Tarragindi, and will cost \$20, though it is free to those who registered for Fun in the Sun Days in June.

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.

The office will be closed from 5pm on 23rd December and reopen on 4th January.

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:

1. Click on this link
[https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/payments/embed/1?type=Offering&title=SSUC Credit%20Card%20Giving.&iframe=true](https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/payments/embed/1?type=Offering&title=SSUC%20Credit%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 26th December 2021. Please have notices in by 9am Wednesday 22nd December.

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