



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

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Intentional Interim Ministry

Please ensure that you read the letter from Rev Lyn Burden, attached to this newsletter, which contains the information presented at the recent Congregational meeting. The Church Council has had further discussion around this report at its March meeting this past week, and continues to affirm the direction presented at the Congregational meeting.

Included in this newsletter are several reports that were also presented at the March Church Council meeting.

Op Shop Executive

If you have questions regarding the Op Shop, please email opshopexec@ssuc.org.au or alternatively speak to one of the members of our Op Shop Executive:

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Update on Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) Process

The February meeting of the Church Council endorsed the Congregational Profile and the Position Description for the Senior Minister. These documents were approved by the South Moreton Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee as being appropriate to forward to the Synod Placements Committee.

The process of call involves the following steps:

- Seeking approval from Placements to advertise the position. (Completed)
- All applications go to the Placements Secretary. (Applications close on March 20th 2023)
- Placements Secretary and chair of JNC then shortlist the applicants to three persons.
- JNC then interviews those three persons.

The elected Southside members of the JNC are Beth Bolt, Bronwyn Boyce, Janelle Cliff, Rod Hurman, Paul McDonald and Ryan Robertson. The South Moreton Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee appoints 2 people to the JNC, one of whom is the Chair.

Once the members of the JNC receive the names of applicants, the process is confidential, and congregation members should not receive any information until an applicant has been selected, at which stage a Congregational meeting will be called.

Saturday Tennis

The Saturday Tennis group which meets on the tennis courts at our Mt Gravatt centre are looking for new players. If you are interested in having a social hit from about 1pm onwards, please contact the church office for more information.

Market Day Sales

The Market Day Sales at our Holland Park Centre will be on every Friday from 9am to 12pm. We will also have sales on Saturdays every two weeks. For details of when the sales will be, go to our website <https://ssuc.org.au/events/market-day-sales> or you can like Southside Market Days Holland Park Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SSUChurch>. We would love for you to support us.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship Ministry Area Update

What has been happening in this Ministry Area?

Glad you asked!

Because this image has not been my experience of the Ministry Area!



All activities of the Ministry Area are driven by the desire to have an effective pastoral care system across SSUC. The Ministry Area has taken some time to set up a Pastoral Care system that is similar across the communities. There have been opportunities for Carers to come together and discuss the system and have training in the use of UCare. UCare is the computer based software that takes us away from pen and paper, to ensure that information is shared quickly across the Ministry Team.

That all might sound pretty simple but it has taken quite a while to implement. We have struggled with the issues of confidentiality and privacy to name but a few tough areas. We are getting there with your support and prayer. We will keep you updated on developments!

We meet monthly. If there is ever any issue or concern you can contact any member of the Team and we will bring this to the meeting.

Ann McDonald, on behalf of the PC&F MA (Rev Lyn Burden, Beth Bolt and John Newman).

Events for Lent

There will be some materials available for use by our Bible study groups for Lent. If you would to be a part of doing these studies, please contact the church office to receive a copy. You also may like to be a part of a Bible study during the time of Lent in which case we can connect you with a group. Please also contact the church office for more information.

The following list outlines the worship and events for which we are planning.

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| March 18 | Prayer at Tarragindi |
| April 1 | Prayer at Holland Park 4-6 pm |
| April 1 | Launch (as part of prayers) Stations of the Cross @ Holland Park 4-6 pm |
| April 3, 5 | Stations continued, 10-12 Holland Park church open |
| April 6 | Maundy Thursday Service, 7.00pm at Mt Gravatt |
| April 7 | Stations continued after worship (10am-12pm) |
| 7 th April | Good Friday, 8am all four Centres |
| 9 th April | Easter Sunday 8.30am Tarragindi & Mt Gravatt
10.00am Yeronga & Holland Park |

**Prayer
(and Fasting)**

Join us for a time of prayer
Saturdays 4th March and 18th March
4pm to 6pm
Tarragindi Centre, 24 Pope Street

You may like to fast before the prayer time. The time will close with breaking the fast with communion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Holland Park Centre
855 Logan Road**

**1st April 4-6pm
Prayer and Fasting
followed by Launch Event**

**3rd, 5th & 7th April
10am - 12pm**

Worship

Combined Worship Service

Our next combined worship service will be on Sunday 26th March at 9am at our Mt Gravatt Centre. The Timor Children's Foundation will have some representatives who will come and share stories about TCF. A brief introduction will be given during the worship service, and there will be a display, as well as an opportunity for discussion and asking questions of TCF committee members during morning tea. TCF will share about the work they are doing focusing on three main projects of: - tertiary scholarships; - Samaria children's home; - dental project. For more information you may like to go to their website at www.timorchildren.com.

Worship Services

Date	12th March	19th March	26th March
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	No Service	Lyn Burden	MT Gravatt 9 am Combined Service
Tarragindi 8.30 am	Jock Dunbar	No Service	Combined Service
Online	Jock Dunbar	Lyn Burden	Combined Service
Holland Park 10.00 am	Jock Dunbar	Jock Dunbar	Combined Service
Yeronga 10.00 am	No Service	Amy Yang	Combined Service
Evening Service 5.00 pm	No Service	Lyn Burden	Combined Service
Bible Reading	Matt 22:1-14	Matt 25: 1-13	Matt 25: 31-46

Amy Yang

Next Sunday, Amy Yang will be leading and preaching at the Southside Yeronga service. Amy is a qualified UCA Lay Preacher and South Moreton Presbytery candidate for ministry. She was born and raised in Taiwan, but has lived in Australia for many years. Amy is married to Evan and has two young children.



Resources

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. There are a number of ways you can give including:

- 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.

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 March 2023. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 23rd March.

Fridge Seeking New Home

Southside has a fridge in good working order looking for a new home. It is a Whirlpool 291 litre 2 door. If anyone needs a fridge and is willing to donate \$10 to SSUC (honour system in the plate) it can be delivered within 10K. Here is a photo of the fridge. Contact the church office if you are interested.



Children Youth and Families

Richard presented a report at the Church Council meeting this week giving a summary of the groups and the activities they have been undertaking in the last few months. A few points from the report are:

- Tuesday Evening Discussion is now moving to Zoom as a trial. We would love to see more people link in and be a part of this. Details are below.
- The Family Service is continuing to build which is wonderful.
- Sunday School is providing a space where the children can get to know each other. More leaders are always welcome particularly at Mt Gravatt.
- The Fun in the Sun Days Christmas Craft was a great day with many leaders able to be involved.
- JAFFA numbers remain about the same as last year.

To read the complete report you can go to this link

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AqUeBGQ5rrtVqY1ndnDqBoW7WOQ57w?e=ABps7s>

Tuesday Evening Discussion

Join us Tuesday at 7pm:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75144114786?pwd=7cQ2vgjxqfrd50NMSFqHNqCIVJMGAl>

Meeting ID: 751 4411 4786

Passcode: a1NC7S

Good News Story

World Day Report

Southside members attended two World Day of Prayer services this year. Here are the reflections from those attending. Thank you to Malcolm Jones and Jennifer Pengelly who wrote their reflections.

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Holland Park

An ecumenical World Day of Prayer service was held at St Matthews Anglican Church Holland Park on 3 March and was well attended with representatives from the local Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Churches [including SSUC]

The special focus of the day was the nation of Taiwan, and its women & people generally. A keynote address was given by director- general Edward Tao [the Taiwanese consul general in Brisbane} who shared very valuable insights into Taiwan. Mr Tao said that the war between the Ukraine and Russia reminds us that the conflict between western democracies and authoritarian states is far from over. People should not take freedom in all its forms for granted. Taiwan is on the front line of the clash between civilisations, and needs our prayers and support. Please do not forget Taiwan and pray for peace.

Annerley Church of Christ

World Day of Prayer for the Annerley, Yeronga, Moorooka and Tarragindi area was held at Annerley Church of Christ. Churches in attendance were Annerley Church of Christ, Annerley Baptist, St Luke's Anglican Church Ekibin, St Brendan's Catholic Church Moorooka, and SSUC Tarragindi & Yeronga.

Unfortunately this year there were only 21 people in attendance including 3 men, a number of our regular people were not available to attend. The offering was \$317.

This year's service was written by the Women of Taiwan during Covid, it is always good to read the country's background and history. Their topic was "I have heard about your Faith"

A Taiwanese woman from the Church of Christ who was born and bred in Taiwan, made traditional food to share and supplied flags for decoration. She also said the Lord's Prayer in Mandarin.

The Guest speaker was Glynthea Finger a retired minister and a missionary for the Church of Christ. She visits Salzburg in Austria regularly on mission work. Her talk was on the topic "I have heard about your Faith" and she expanded on the five women's stories which were featured in the Service. She also reflected on how hymns and songs can reflect the different stages of your life.

Next year's service is written by the women of Palestine and the theme will be "Bear one another in Love."

A lovely time was shared by all who attended.

Did you know:-

1. Taiwan is half the size of Tasmania with about the same population as Australia;
2. It is home to a native Austronesian population, of the same stock as the Polynesians [and Taiwan is believed to be the ancestral homeland of the Polynesians];
3. Taiwan is the 7th largest trading partner of Australia & the 6th largest for Qld [and is the largest maker of computer semi-conductors];
4. Qld has a very large Taiwanese presence of about 45,000 people;
5. The main religions are Buddhism and Taoism; but about 5% of the population are Christian [about 1 million people], with half being Protestant and half being Catholic. Christians have had a large role in shaping Taiwan with several past presidents being Christian [including Chian Kai-shek and his son] and with Christians founding some of the large hospitals and education facilities;
6. China outnumbers the population of Taiwan by 1.4 billion to 23 million, and the Chinese military outnumbers the Taiwanese by more than 10 to one; and Taiwan sees itself in a David and Goliath struggle;
7. The official name of Taiwan is the Republic of China and their government was established in 1912 on the mainland, but fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war with the communists. Sections of the Taiwanese government have never abandoned their claims to be the rightful government of China - which annoys the Communist government of the People's Republic of China [who considers Taiwan a break away province]. But Communist China has never ruled over Taiwan.
8. At present tensions with China are very high with daily incursions by the Chinese military into Taiwanese air space and territorial waters. The situation between Ukraine and Russia resonates strongly with the Taiwanese people who see themselves in a similar perilous situation, located next door to an aggressive expansionist neighbour. In fact China tried twice in the 1960s to invade by force but were repulsed;

Update on Ma' u Family

The family have been welcomed with open arms: Sioeli and Semisi mow the church and manse yards at Ayr. As is the way up there, the grass literally grows before your eyes and at this time of the year, mowing needs to be done every 3 days.

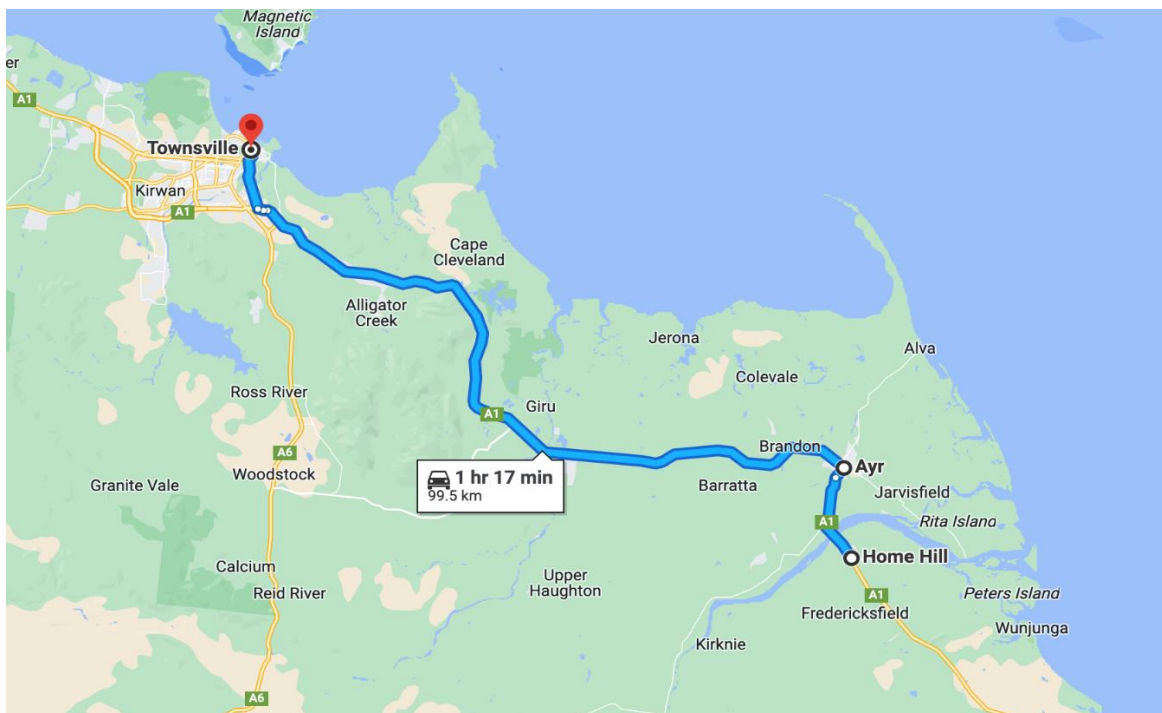
The past 2 months have been busy for the family. Semisi has had heaps of doctors' appts both in Ayr and Townsville - new doctors trying to get their head around his many issues and how one affects the others etc. Aside from a persistent chest infection for 3 weeks, he has been remarkably well and of all the family, I'd say the move has suited him the best - he has embraced the move and looks really well. Seini, Sioeli and Michael are settling well into their schools, making friends and understanding how things are done there.



Malia's Induction went well and she is already very much loved in Ayr and Home Hill and indeed, throughout the Burdekin area.

For the full update on Malia and her family, you can go do our website at this <https://ssuc.org.au/newsletters/mau-family-update>

You may also like to look at some more information about Burdekin at this link <https://www.burdekin.qld.gov.au/>



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