

# Southside Notices



02-02-2020



## Communities

### Holland Park

855 Logan Rd  
Holland Park West

### Mt Gravatt

Cnr Springwood &  
Hicks Streets  
Mt Gravatt

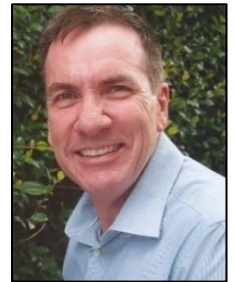
### Tarragindi

24 Pope Street  
Tarragindi

### Yeronga

58 Kadumba St  
Yeronga

## Rev David Fender's Message



Sunday 9 February is our first congregational meeting.

At this meeting we will elect a chairperson and secretary for the congregation. We will seek nominations from the floor of the meeting. Any member of the congregation is eligible to be nominated and elected.

We will also elect elders to serve on church council. Since November last year we have been involved in a process of discernment that has involved making and accepting nominations. Now, we need to act on our nominations and vote.

The Basis of Union tells us that the Church Council "... is responsible for building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining its members in hope, and leading them into a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world." To fulfil this responsibility, the Church Council within Southside Uniting Church will focus on developing, monitoring and reviewing the strategic direction and priorities that are to be pursued by the congregation, through the Ministry Areas, and in keeping with the vision, mission, values and culture established by the congregation. Day-to-day operational activities are the responsibility of the ministry areas.

There will be up to eight elders on the church council, together with the ministry team. Each community will elect up to two elders each. At Mt Gravatt unfortunately one person will not be elected. At the same time, each person will require at least

50% support to be elected. So, there is no guarantee that two people will be elected from any community. This is a discernment process in which each one of us is asked to seek God's desire on those he has prepared to lead us in the next two years. If it happens that there are not two elders elected from each, the church council will need to decide what to do. This could include co-opting members to fill the vacancies.

Members of our congregation are curious to know what will happen about serving communion and assisting with baptism if there are only two elders in each community. In each of our communities, the minister will choose appropriate people to assist. Whilst this role has traditionally been one undertaken by members of church council it doesn't have to be.

The meeting will also include the adoption of the budget for 2020. A copy is provided for you this week. The church council is recommending that we adopt a budget with a deficit of \$89,094. Our Treasurer Dave Allen (Mt Gravatt) will explain how this figure was arrived at. Rather than considering it a deficit budget, could I ask you to think of it as an investment budget. We are seeking to invest in the future mission and ministry of the congregation. we have allocated money towards new forms of outward mission, we are investing in children, youth and families, we are investing in systems to release us for mission. We are investing in buildings to make them safer for people to use. If we were to have a balanced budget, however, that would serve primarily to maintain what we have now. That is great for us. But it does little for the generations of people yet to come. It does little for our friends and neighbours who are yet to make commitments to follow Jesus. It does little to identify new ways of loving and serving people near and far.

For the next few years, we are asking you to invest in the future, by drawing on our reserves from the past. It is my hope that by investing now, we will see a return on that investment in the future.

In the past couple of weeks members were asked to contribute any items of business to the agenda. No general business proposals were received. There will be no proposal received from the floor of the meeting. However, there will be plenty of time for questions and answers about any aspect of our life together.

Grace and peace

David.

---

## Ministry Team Update

### Farewell to Peter Elliott

Peter Elliott will be finishing his ministry with us today. As a way of thanking him for all he has done there is the opportunity for us to contribute to a gift for Peter and Lorraine. If you would like to contribute in this way, please place your monetary contribution in an envelope marked "Peter Elliott" and place in the offering bag or Electronic Fund Transfer into our bank account and using reference "Peter Elliott". Our bank account details are on the back page of this newsletter. We thank Peter for his ministry with us both as Yeronga Uniting Church and also the now wider Southside Uniting Church. May God bless you and Lorraine in your next season.

---

## Ministry Areas

We are looking for people to serve in one of our ministry areas. Think of ministry areas as being like committees, however, there is less talk about more action. Ministry areas will provide leadership to develop aspects of our congregation's life.

### Worship

Developing systems for worship across the Congregation

Contact Rev David MacGregor email: [david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au)

### Pastoral Care

Developing systems for pastoral care across the Congregation

Contact Rev David MacGregor email: [david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au)

### Spiritual Growth

Creating and maintaining pathways and opportunities for people to experience ongoing spiritual growth

Contact Rev David Fender email: [david.fender@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.fender@ssuc.org.au)

### Outreach

Focusing the Congregation on outreach locally, nationally and internationally

Contact Rev Esteban Liévano email: [esteban.lievano@ssuc.org.au](mailto:esteban.lievano@ssuc.org.au)

### Children, Youth and Families

Ministry with children, youth and families where we see church and family partnering together to position the family unit as the primary place in which faith is nurtured in young people.

Contact Ps Richard Moors email: [richard.moors@ssuc.org.au](mailto:richard.moors@ssuc.org.au)

### Resources

Develop, implement, maintain and review systems in the areas of finance, property, compliance and general administration.

Contact Rachel Manton email: [rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au](mailto:rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au)

---

## Events

### Combined Worship Service

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

SSUC Yeronga, 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga

A team from each Community will provide morning tea.

We would encourage you to carpool to Yeronga

9.30 – 11.00 Worship Service

11.00 – 12.00 Morning Tea

12.00 – 1.00 Congregational Meeting

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm

1. Election of Chair and Secretary
2. Election of Elders
3. Adoption of 2020 budget
4. Discussion about Southside visions

## **The Gospel of Matthew**

On **22<sup>nd</sup> February**, from 9:30am-12pm, Richard will be reading through the Gospel of Matthew. This will take place at Tarragindi Community, 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi. It is a chance for us to hear the whole of the Gospel which the lectionary focuses on for the year.

Following on from that on March 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12 Richard will be running a class working through the context of the Gospel, with historical context. This is a chance for us to learn more about the gospel. Those who explored Luke with me last year found it very interesting. This will also take place at Tarragindi.

## **Lent Small Group Studies**

5 weeks commencing

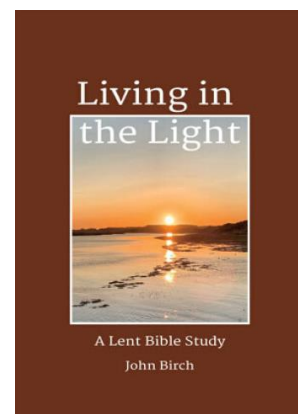
**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

Reflect on the Nature of Temptation in the light of the gospel as we journey through some Old

Testament readings and

touch on Jesus' own struggle with temptation, and the key moments in his life and teaching which helps us in the lead up to Easter.

For more information please see the attached flyer or email [david.fender@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.fender@ssuc.org.au)



## **How will we sing the Lord's song in this land?**

We live in a world that is complex, diverse and changing rapidly. God's people find themselves grappling with a missional context that has not been experienced before. It is an environment that we don't completely understand, we are not trained for or have much experience in.

The reality is that for the vast majority of Australians, the local church is invisible or viewed as irrelevant. For those of us who are part of Southside, we know (either consciously or unconsciously) that something has got to change if we are going to faithfully communicate the gospel to the world around us.

By coming together as Southside, we have committed ourselves to being open to change. But the question remains, what changes are needed so that we may show the relevance of the gospel in the neighbourhoods that we live?

This is a big challenge that faces us today and so we echo the cry of the psalmist: "How will we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

The big question for us today is how we can embrace a new beginning in God's mission in our local neighbourhood in 2020 and beyond.

We are going to continue to look at this throughout this year and beyond.

## **To start with we are going to have a workshop on**

**Friday 28 February 7 - 9 pm and Saturday 29 February 9 - 3pm.**

Everyone in the congregation is invited and welcome to attend.

There is no cost and food will be provided.

## Church Council Update

The church council has approved a thematic goal for 2020 – *Together we are embracing new beginnings*. On Sunday 9 February David Fender will explain what this means.

The church council also received information about the buildings at the previous Holland Park Central Uniting Church. A licensed builder has inspected the buildings and noted a number of safety, maintenance, compliance and accessibility issues. Some work has been attended to immediately. The Resources Ministry Area now needs to evaluate a range of options about the future of this property to ensure that we are being good and safe stewards of our resources. At this stage no decision has been made. If you would like to know more about what's happening you are invited to a community forum at Holland Park Community, 855 Logan Road, at 10:30 am on Sunday 16 February.

Authorisation was given to the Resources Ministry Area to develop appropriate office facilities for the church office.

In the past we have accessed money from the Gambling Community Grants Fund. These grants have provided much needed equipment and facilities for our groups and activities. The church council has affirmed that we can continue to access these grants. If your group is interested in applying for a grant, please speak to Rachel Manton (Resources Manager).

We also thanked those members of church council who have served on the interim church council and are not standing for election. Since October these people have taken on dual roles on the church councils of their previous congregation and Southside. We have valued their presence, contributions and wisdom.

---

## News from our Regular Activities

### Girl's Brigade

First day back for 2020 is:

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

SSUC Mt Gravatt

Cnr Springwood & Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt

For girls in prep to aged 21 years.

For more information in general go to

<https://girlsbrigade.org.au> or contact Viv Valentine on 0408 789 115 or [45thbrisbanegirlsbrigade@gmail.com](mailto:45thbrisbanegirlsbrigade@gmail.com)

### 3F's

3F's Will be resuming for 2020 on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am at Tarragindi Community, 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi. This first meeting will be the AGM. For more information contact Del McMullen [delmcmullen@hotmail.com](mailto:delmcmullen@hotmail.com)



### SAGE (Free Activities Group for Everyone)

SAGE recommences on Wednesdays 9.30am to 12pm at the Mt Gravatt Community, 46 Springwood Street, Mt Gravatt. All adults and children are welcome. There is a huge variety of activities available from sport to table games, crafts etc. You are also welcome to bring your own preferred activity, Morning tea is provided. Huge opportunities to connect with our wider community. Please pray for us. For more info contact Carolyn 0468 930 050.

### Meet 'n' Eat

The next Meet 'n' Eat will be on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm at Tarragindi Community, 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi. For more information contact Cynthia Kilah at [the.kilahs@bigpond.com](mailto:the.kilahs@bigpond.com)

## Children and Youth Activities

Children and Youth Activities that will resume soon:

Boy's Brigade 7pm 7<sup>th</sup> February at Broadwater Rd UC

Girl's Brigade 7pm 7<sup>th</sup> February at Mt Gravatt

UNITE Youth Group 3pm 9<sup>th</sup> February at Mt Gravatt

JAFFA 3.30pm 13<sup>th</sup> February at Tarragindi

Kids for God 16<sup>th</sup> February during church at Tarragindi

Sunday School 16<sup>th</sup> February during church at Mt Gravatt

## World Day of Prayer

This years' service is prepared by the Women of Zimbabwe the topic is

"Take up your mat and walk"

Our Guest speaker will be Rev David MacGregor.

Service: **10.30am Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Southside UC Tarragindi Community

24 Pope Street, Tarragindi

Followed by a light lunch, please bring a plate to share.

**PLANNING MEETING for service:** 11.15am Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February in church house 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi.

---

## Information from Resources

### Giving

Thank you for your financial contributions to the work of God. If you have been giving by EFT, please transfer your giving to our new bank account below.

If you have not been giving by EFT, we would ask you to please consider giving in this way. Now is also a good time to review your giving and to seek God's guidance on this.

Name: Southside Uniting Church

Bank: ANZ Bank

BSB: 014-202

Account: 4736-88757

### Communications Box

In each of the Communities there is a white communications box. This can be used to place anything that needs to come back to the church office like a receipt to be reimbursed, a notice for the newsletter. This box will be cleared at least weekly and any information will be delivered to the office.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> February. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

---

## Good News Story

On Sunday and also on our Facebook page you will be able to see a video interview of Caitlyn Robinson from Mt Gravatt who is one of five young women from across the world who has been chosen to attend a side conference to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York later this year. If you would like to support Caitlyn and help get her to New York, you can make a donation into the Southside Bank account and adding the reference "Caitlyn Robinson" Our bank details are on the back page of this newsletter.

## From Other Sources



### **Amplify Conference**

This year Ignite and Elevate conferences have joined together to form Amplify Conference. This will see training in children, youth, young adult and RI ministries. The conference is taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> March at Mueller College, Rothwell. Price is \$65 before the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, and \$75 after. Jake Mulder from Fuller Youth Institute is coming to share their latest research findings. Please talk to Richard Moors if you

would like help getting there, either with financial assistance or car-pooling. This is a great training opportunity.



## Contact Us:

### General Enquiries

[hello@ssuc.org.au](mailto:hello@ssuc.org.au) // 07 3848 7093 // 58 Kadumba st, Yeronga  
for notices [notices@ssuc.org.au](mailto:notices@ssuc.org.au)

## Ministry Team:

### Rev David Fender

Lead Minister and Minister for Spiritual Growth  
[david.fender@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.fender@ssuc.org.au) // 0413 314 995

### Rev Jock Dunbar

Holland Park & Yeronga Community Minister and Minister for New Missions  
[jock.dunbar@ssuc.org.au](mailto:jock.dunbar@ssuc.org.au) // 0410 400 940

### Rev Esteban Liévano

Mt Gravatt Community Minister and Minister for Outreach  
[esteban.lievano@ssuc.org.au](mailto:esteban.lievano@ssuc.org.au) // 0410 400 940

### Rev David MacGregor

Tarragindi Community Minister and Minister for Worship & Pastoral Care  
[david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au) // 0414 392 802

### Ps Richard Moors

Children, Youth and Families Pastor  
[richard.moors@ssuc.org.au](mailto:richard.moors@ssuc.org.au) // 0408 446 281

### Rachel Manton

Resources Manager  
[rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au](mailto:rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au) // 0427 257 920

## Church Council:

### Chair

Don Richardson  
[chair@ssuc.org.au](mailto:chair@ssuc.org.au) // 0417 795 537

### Treasurer

Dave Allen  
[treasurer@ssuc.org.au](mailto:treasurer@ssuc.org.au) // 0407 742 555

### Secretary

Rachel Manton  
[secretary@ssuc.org.au](mailto:secretary@ssuc.org.au) // 0407 742 555

---

#### Bank Account Details:

Name: Southside Uniting Church  
Bank: ANZ Bank  
BSB: 014-202  
Account: 4736-88757

