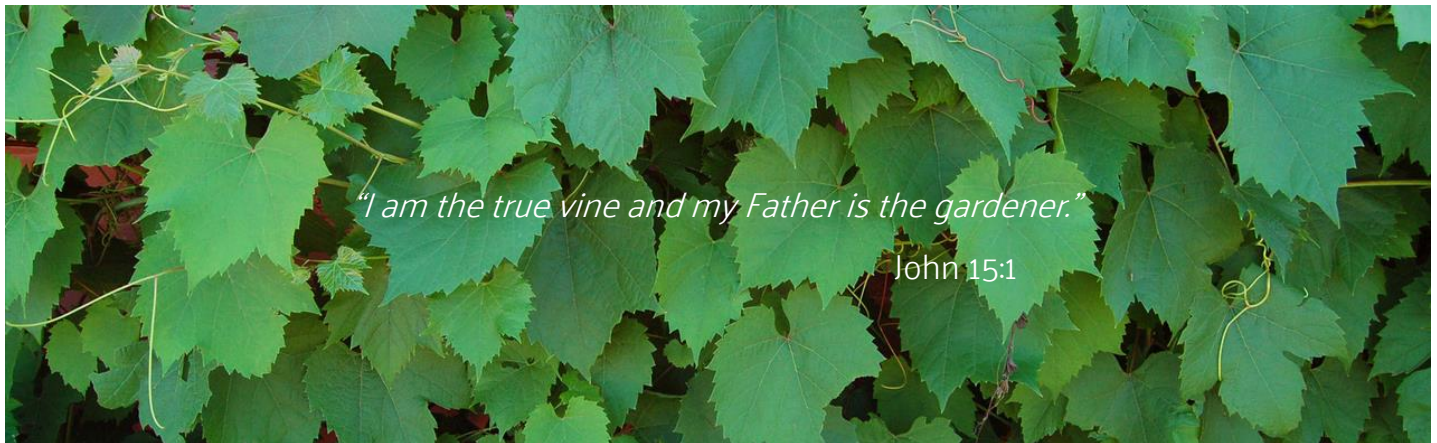


Southside Notices



19-01-2020



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

As a new year starts, and in particular a new year as Southside Uniting Church, I want to ask you how you're managing your time and commitments and whether there is something that you need to do about it.

A saying that I often share with people is that we are to do all that God calls us to do and no more and no less.

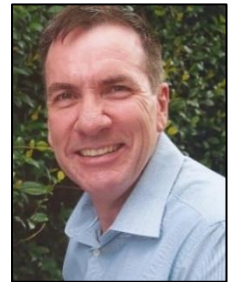
Passages such as 1 Corinthians 12 teach us that we each have a part to play in the life of the church. Each act of service is equally valuable and necessary, but we are not all able to contribute to the same extent. It's about finding the sweet spot of serving where God has equipped and called us to be. Sometimes we do more than this, and we end up overworked, stressed, tired and resentful. Other times, we do less than we're called and then we're being lazy and selfish.

So, at the beginning of a new year and new congregation, can I please ask you to prayerfully consider your ability to serve in the life of our congregation. Reflect on your gifts, passions and interests. Think also about your life in its totality: work, family, health, other commitments.

The result of this may be that you take up some new areas of service, or that you lay down a previous area of service. You may be very comfortable continuing what you are doing, that's great too. The important thing is that you find the place where God wants you to be serving.

Grace and peace

David.



Ministry Areas Update

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: dmacgreg1@optusnet.com.au

Pastoral Care

Developing systems for pastoral care across the Congregation

Contact Rev David MacGregor email: dmacgreg1@optusnet.com.au

Spiritual Growth

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

Contact Rev David Fender email: dfender@optusnet.com.au

Outreach

Focusing the Congregation on outreach locally, nationally and internationally

Contact Rev Esteban Liévano email: este.lievano@hotmail.com

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: richardmoors@gmail.com

Resources

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

Contact Rachel Manton email: rachel_manton@outlook.com

Events

Combined Worship Service

Sunday 9th February 2020

SSUC Yeronga, 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea

We also 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 9th February at 12pm

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

Please submit any other agenda items in writing to

secretaty@ssuc.org.au or place in the

Communications Box by 26th January.

News from our Regular Activities

Girl's Brigade

First day back for 2020 is:

Friday 7th 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



SSUC Tarragindi Ladies Breakfast

Saturday 1st February at

8.00am

Café Boulevard, 1420 Logan

Road, Mount Gravatt

Everyone is welcome

RSVP to Cynthia Kilah 0408

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St Paul's Uniting Sporting Club

2020 Soccer Season Sign-On Days

will be at the Clubhouse (Yandina Park, Wecker Rd, Mansfield) on:

- Friday 31st January 5pm-7pm
- Saturday 1st February 1pm-3pm

Everyone 4 years and up are welcome to join.

For more information go to www.stpaulssoccer.org.au

or contact David Valentine on 0407 691965 or

Email: warrigalconsultants@bigpond.com

Prayer for Joint Nominating Committee

This week the Joint Nominating Committee will be having an interview with a potential new Minister for Southside Uniting Church. Please keep the Committee and also the Minister in your prayers this week, that as they seek God's wisdom, that they will be able to discern God's will through this process.

Information from Resources

Giving

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

If you have not been giving by direct-debit 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.

Calendar

On the last Sunday of each month a calendar for the following two months will be distributed containing all the activities and events across Southside Uniting Church. The next will be distributed on the 26th January.

Good News Story

Kairos Prison Ministry Australia



Kairos Prison Ministry Australia is an interdenominational Christian

ministry reaching out to incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them; to bring sustainable meaning and hope in the place of loneliness, isolation and despair. From 30 December to 3 January, 2 members of our congregation, Dick Copland and Bill Elliott, joined 12 others in running a course inside Wolston Correctional Centre.

The team was blessed through things such as all members receiving their security clearances and their gear and equipment entering the prison without a hitch. The prison staff were helpful and friendly, and they were supported by the prison chaplain.

During the week, the team and eighteen residents worked through a series of carefully designed activities which included meditations, lots of singing, talks, posters, discussions, listening, and prayers.

Several of the residents had medical conditions, and many were struggling with personal issues. Most had some understanding of Christianity.

The changes that occurred in the residents during the week were profound. Men who were reluctant to talk or communicate at the beginning of the week gained in confidence and peace. There was a lot of laughter and fun. It was wonderful to see how the residents responded to the caring nurture by the team. Some team members were changed too.

On Wednesday, there was a forgiveness ceremony where everyone compiled a list of those they needed to forgive (sometimes including themselves). These lists were then shredded. Later, the residents received letters in special sacks. Each team member wrote a personal letter to each resident. As well, residents received a number of community letters. These were the only letters some residents received. Wednesday afternoon was an emotional experience for many.

One of the outstanding features of the course was the way the men were able to pray for each other. Hopefully, Kairos graduates will be able to form share and care groups within their units.

The course could not have been run without the green servants. These were graduates from previous Kairos courses. Four were rostered on each day. These guys were amazing. They set up the chapel and conference room, helped with morning and afternoon teas as well as lunch. More importantly, they acted as mentors to the course participants. They were a wonderful support to the inside team as well.

This Kairos course will be followed up with monthly reunions where all graduates still in prison from all 10 Kairos courses held at Wolston are welcome. The first reunion was held on the 4th of January. 31 guys attended. These guys are actually forming a church within Wolston.

Please pray for the Christians in prisons who live out their faith in difficult conditions.

Many answers to prayer were seen during the week. This is not surprising as over 600 people were praying for Kairos Wolston number 10, including members of our congregation.

Dick Copland



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