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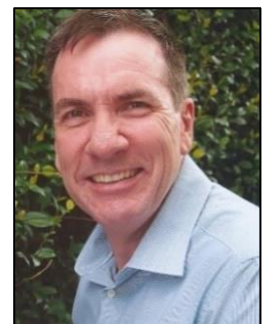
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Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
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Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

On 28 February 2021 David MacGregor will retire from full time ordained ministry. David has known this and shared it with various people for a while now, it will mark his 65th birthday.



Closer to his retirement date we will have formal and informal opportunities to thank David and Dale for their ministry at Southside, and before that Wellers Hill Tarragindi. And there will be much to celebrate. Wendy and I had the privilege, over 30 years ago, of being members of a congregation where David was our Christian Education Worker. We have now been privileged to share with him in ministry at Southside.

With David's departure on 28 February there will be a vacancy left in the ministry team. There are no immediate plans to fill this vacancy. Having come into this year with a deficit budget of \$89,000 and then having impacts from COVID on our income, the church council is uncertain of what our financial status will be next year and beyond. When we presented the deficit budget at the beginning of the year we shared that it was a transition budget and that our goal was to move toward a balanced budget. To fill the vacancy now commits us to a minimum placement of 5 years, with no guarantee of being able to fund this.

The church council were also aware that prior to the formation of Southside, our previous 4 congregations were served by 5 ministry agents, one minister in each congregation plus a Children's Youth and Families worker at Wellers Hill Tarragindi, who was shared across the region. This position was also partly funded by the Presbytery. Currently, our ministry team is 6. Not filling the placement will return us to our staffing levels from 2019. It is also worth noting at this stage that the Presbytery grant for the Children's Youth and Families Pastor will cease at the end of this year. We therefore need to fund this position entirely ourselves.

David's retirement will necessitate a change in roles. From March next year I will assume responsibility as Community Minister for Tarragindi. There will also be changes to the specialist ministry roles as follows:



	Currently	Post March 2020
David Fender	Lead Minister Spiritual Growth	Lead Minister Pastoral Care
Jock Dunbar	New Missions Initiatives	New Missions Initiatives Spiritual Growth
Esteban Lievano	Outreach	Outreach Worship
Richard Moors	Children, Youth and Families	Children, Youth and Families
Rachel Manton	Resources	Resources

You will be aware that recently we decided to employ a full time Administrator (Rachel) and to renew Richard's appointment for a further 3 years. These decisions were made with the awareness that David was intending to retire. We believe that an Administrator and Children, Youth and Families Pastor bring addition skills, resources, ministry focus and strengths to the ministry team, that enhance the contributions of the existing 3 ministers of the word. After David's retirement, we are confident that the team of 5 will be able to serve, support and enhance the ministry of the congregation.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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35th Synod

The Synod meeting is a gathering of around 400 members of the Uniting Church in Queensland and happens every 18 months. This year's meeting will occur from 22 to 25 October. The Synod in Session has responsibility for the general oversight, direction and administration of the Church's worship, witness and service within Queensland.

Amongst the usual business of a council of the church (receiving reports etc), particular business for the Synod includes:

- The induction of the new Moderator, Rev Andrew Gunton. Andrew will serve as Moderator for the next 3 years. His induction will be livestreamed on Thursday 22 October. We will provide a link when it becomes available.
- The renomination of the General Secretary until 2023
- The adoption of Project Plenty, the Synod's strategic framework for the coming years
- Proposals brought by members relating to the forming of a non-geographic missional presbytery and also encouraging the Assembly to create 2 separate Uniting Churches, both affirming to the Basis of Union.

Jock Dunbar, David Fender, Esteban Lievano, David MacGregor and Jen Pitt from our congregation will be members of Synod. Please speak to one of them if you would like further information. In addition, Derek Griffin will be offering his extensive skills to assist in the online aspects of the Synod meeting.

Please be in prayer for the Synod.

Worship

Rev David MacGregor – Worship Minister

worship@ssuc.org.au

MOVING FORWARD IN WORSHIP ACROSS SSUC

Thanks to all who have taken the time to complete the current worship survey. Feedback from you is already proving valuable as discernment begins around:

- Styles of worship across our centres
- Frequency of Sunday services at our centres
- Time of services
- Intergenerational possibilities
- personal expectations and hopes
- The future of online worship
- How our worship engaging our wider community, among much more.

The survey is open until at least 18 October, so please consider responding if you haven't done so already.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/88388ZN>



As advertised we are offering two further opportunities; face-to-face this time for you to be part of this discernment, to make comments and ask questions, for us this time to hear and be informed by the thoughts of other Southside sisters and brothers in Christ. We will seek to record these gatherings.



These are our two "town hall" meetings:

- Thursday 15 October – 1 pm at SSUC Mt Gravatt,
- Sunday 18 October – 7 pm at SSUC Yeronga

As Rev David Fender has shared, for a range of practical-related reasons (COVID19-related particularly) our current worship trial will now continue up to 22 November.

Blessings, as individually and together we seek to worship, serve and give witness to our risen Lord.

Shalom,

David MacGregor (Rev)

Sharing a Cuppa after Worship on Sunday

Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa on Zoom from 10 am to 11 am each Sunday. Details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84892158152?pwd=T1VvWXNPbS8xQ3dxeKVNam1DUzBadz09>

Meeting ID: 848 9215 8152

Passcode: 388966

Outreach

Rev Esteban Lievano – Outreach Minister
outreach@ssuc.org.au

It's Time to Pack a Shoebox Online!

This year has been a challenge for all of us, but we want to tell you about an exciting opportunity to help you continue packing shoebox gifts and sharing God's love with children around the world. The Operation Christmas Child team has created a convenient and personal way for you to give shoebox gifts without leaving home – with Pack a Shoebox Online!

<https://samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/packonline/>

Simply choose a boy or girl, select an age and view a list of gift items that we will strive to fill the boxes with, based on availability. Then, make it your own by adding a personalised letter to your shoebox recipient. We will pack it for you and send it to a child in need.

We praise God for all that He has done so far through the Operation Christmas Child season, and we're excited to kick off this new opportunity. Thank you for your love for children and your commitment to share with them Good News and great joy this shoebox season!

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples!

Psalm 96:3

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor
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Church Families Picnic

Our next picnic for the families in the church (those with children in primary school or lower) is planned for Today! 11th October. We will meet in Glindeman Park near the play equipment on the Lawn Street side. Come along from 11:30am, bring your lunch, chairs, hats. (The picnic will be cancelled if there is rain, or restrictions are not lifted as is planned).

URGENT REQUEST: Religious Instruction:

Holland Park State School has an urgent need for an experienced Instructor for 4th Term, beginning next week on Thursdays between 11.30am - 1.15pm.

Inexperienced classroom helpers would also be valuable

For more information please contact:

Sherilyn Pitt: sherilynjp@gmail.com and 0419 249 619, or

Laurelle Penhaligon: penhaligon_jl@hotmail.com and 042 999 1128.

First Aid Training Course - Saturday 31st October

Boys' Brigade has organized First Aid Training courses on **Saturday 31st October** (yes, that's election day)! The courses ["Provide First aid" and/or "CPR"] will be provided by Australian Lifesaving Academy QLD and are run in the house at our Tarragindi centre: 24 Pope st Tarragindi.

"Provide First Aid" will be an all-day course starting at 9am (please arrive earlier, 8.45 to register etc) finishing between 4-5pm. CPR course also starts at 9am and concludes before lunch – assuming you pass.

Course cost is the same as last year and as charged by ALAQ for our situation. The full day ("Provide First Aid") Course is \$100 and the ½ day CPR Course is \$60. Payments (Cash/EFT) will be collected by Boys' Brigade and forwarded to the ALAQ (please do not attempt to pay ALAQ or SSUC direct).

This training is being taken under a Southside Uniting Church Covid Safety Plan. The venue is restricted to 20 participants maintaining appropriate social distancing and limits on serving refreshment and food etc. So please register asap to secure a place, and BYO any lunch or refreshment requirements that you may have .

To express your interest in the training please email rod.hurman@gmail.com or call on 0409 646 087 asap

New Missions

Rev Jock Dunbar – New Missions Minister
new.mission@ssuc.org.au

Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator
admin@ssuc.org.au

Booking for Face to Face Worship

To book your ticket to attend face to face worship there are a few options:

- Go to our website at ssuc.org.au and click on the “pre-book to attend a face to face worship service”
- Use this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/portal/events>
- Go to our Church Central app and click on “Events” to access the link.
- Phone the church office on 3848 7093. If no one answers please advise your name, phone number, date, time and location of the service you would like to attend

All bookings made online will be confirmed by email within a few days.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Rachel at the office on 3848 7093.

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.

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 25th October.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 22nd October.

Spiritual Growth

Rev David Fender – Spiritual Growth Minister
spiritual.growth@ssuc.org.au

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Join us at 8am Tuesday mornings for a time of prayer via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/107964270?pwd=aXhvbmdSbGFicmdkRlFpWFNINm1SUT09>

Meeting ID: 107 964 270

Password: 24pope

Prayer

You are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared through:

- The “Prayer Requests” feature on the Southside app
- Using the “Contact us” feature on the ssuc.org.au website and selecting “Prayer request”
- Emailing prayer@ssuc.org.au
- Telephoning a member of the ministry team and sharing your request with them.

Unless you request otherwise, prayer requests will be shared with our prayer team and listed each week in our worship sheet.



Good News Story

If you have a good news story of God’s transforming power within our Congregation and/or Community. Please email through to notices@ssuc.org.au so we can share the Good News!

Contact Us:

General Enquiries

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