

Southside Uniting Church

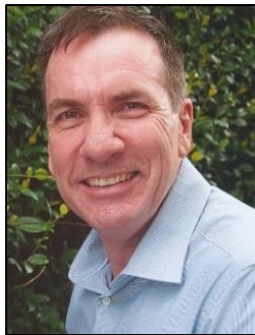
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1 DECEMBER 2019

MESSAGE FROM REV DAVID FENDER

The church council met on Tuesday 26 November. The work of the church council is vitally important in the forming of our new identity. I deeply appreciate the commitment that members are giving to the role on this church council, given that it is in addition to their existing roles on the separate church councils.

Thank you to those who participated in the survey for our new name. We had 158 response and 58% of these chose the name Southside Uniting Church. Additionally, 139 of the 158 responses chose Southside Uniting Church as one of their top three preferences. I think that you'll agree that this reflects a resounding affirmation for the name. We are now in the process of creating a logo to go with the new name. This logo will include the UC symbol to identify our congregation as part of the Uniting Church.



The church council also spent time considering the budget for 2020. My thanks go to Dave Allen (Mt Gravatt), Paul McDonald (Tarragindi), John Newman (Yeronga) and Rachel Manton (Resources Manager) for their dedicated work over the past weeks to pull together financial information from the four congregations, to create three possible scenarios for the church council to consider. Each of these scenarios needed to balance ministry and mission needs with a finite amount of money. Consequently, each of the scenarios involved a deficit, which can be supported for a short time by our substantial financial reserves. In deciding to recommend a deficit budget the church council was mindful of the reason we are coming together is to grow the mission of the congregation. It was thought best that to do this would be to invest wisely in our capacity to grow and incur a short-term deficit. This was opposed to having a balanced budget which severely limits our capacity to invest in opportunities to grow. This is not a long-term strategy. The ability of the congregation to balance its budget must be addressed within the next couple of years. At this stage we do not have final figures so I'm unable to share this with you. A copy of the proposed budget will be presented for approval at our first congregational meeting on 9 February 2020.

I am also excited that the church council approved an exciting missional initiative for 2020. We will be engaging the services of Phil McCredde to lead us in becoming aware and understanding the nature and context of our neighbourhoods and then helping us to create flexible and low risk experiments to serve and connect with people. The aim is to share the story of Jesus and our faith with our neighbours in ways that make sense to them. Please start to pray for this initiative and consider whether God might be prompting you to be part of this new thing that he's doing.

As we move into the season of Advent, we are reminded of the time that the Israelites went through waiting for the coming of the Messiah and the two thousand years that the church has been waiting for Christ to come again. Waiting can be a time of frustration "just hurry up and come"!! It can also encourage us to become

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satisfied with the status quo, where we become reluctant to want anything to change. I am aware that for many of us we are having feelings of frustration now with the advent of our new congregation. There are feelings of excitement and renewed energy, there is grief and loss, there is a sense of normality as we see the usual things of Christmas continue and there is apprehension of what lies beyond our limited horizon. Throughout the year I have reminded us that we have no choice but to enter the future, the choice we have is to choose what that future will be. Through Southside Uniting Church we are choosing our future. More importantly we are choosing to enter that future in companionship with our Lord and Saviour who calls us to follow him.

Grace and peace
David Fender

MESSAGE FROM PS RICHARD MOORS

Bonhoeffer's 6th theses on youth ministry says: "Church youth work is possible only on the basis of addressing young people concerning their baptism and with the exclusive goal of having them hear God's Word. It remains the act of the church-community toward its members. Every transgression of this boundary constitutes a betrayal of Christ's church-community."

Again, we see his focus upon the church community as being the centre. Our role in ministry with young people is to help young people understand their baptism and understand how to hear God's Word. Yes, indeed this will mean that sometimes they will need to have special classes to unpack the Bible at a level which is appropriate for them. But that is not all we are to do with our young people. If the young are only in their age appropriate class, then for Bonhoeffer that is a betrayal of the church-community. Remember for him the church gathered is where we truly experience Jesus, and if the young people are not part of this, then it is a betrayal.

Note therefore that the role of ministry with young people is an act of the church community. It is not just the paid youth worker, or the leaders of children/youth ministry. The ministry to young people is the role of the whole church. Whether that is getting alongside the young people and hearing their story. Whether it is simply greeting them and helping them to feel welcomed. Whether it is being flexible to allow them in the church service and for their needs to be met. We need to remind ourselves it is only in the last hundred years that young people have been taken out of church services, prior to that they were part of the whole of the service. I would suggest that we need to regain some of that.

Richard Moors

DAVID'S DIARY

Sunday 1 December	Worship at Yeronga
Wednesday 4 December	Day off
Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December	Time Away with Ministry Team
Sunday 8 December	Worship at Mt Gravatt
Tuesday 10 December	Church Council
Friday 13 December	Day off
Saturday 14 December to Friday 27 December	Annual Leave



RESOURCES MANAGER LEAVE

Rachel will be taking leave from the 20th December to 30th December inclusive.

MUSCIANS WANTED!!



St Marks Uniting Church Mt Gravatt is inviting all musicians to be a part of the orchestra for the Carols on the Court on 15th December. Whether you would like to play for only one or a couple of carols, or for the whole night, we would love you to join us.

Rehearsals will commence on Wednesday 20th November from 6-30pm to 8pm at St Marks. Then each Wednesday on 27th November, 4th December and 12th December and as required.

Any enquires please phone Sue Lancaster on 0417 841 478.

ADVENT RESOURCES

As some of you have hopefully seen on the Facebook page, we have started our journey through the Jesse Tree. There are online reflections each day from our ministry team. You can find them on the Facebook page, or links on the Wellers Hill-Tarragindi page (under KFG and JAFFA resource page). Let me encourage you to use these to help to prepare for Christmas and the new year.



CHRISTMAS FUN DAY



When: 17th December 2019

Time: 9am-3pm

Where: Cnr Springwood & Hicks Streets, Mount Gravatt.

Cost: \$20.00 (covers morning tea, lunch and craft)

If you are prep to grade 6, come along for a great day of Christmas activities and fun. There will be lots of great craft and we will explore about an amazing Christmas gift.

Email richardmoors@gmail.com for registrations details or go to

<http://www.whatuc.unitingchurch.org.au/groups-activities/kfg-jaffa-club-resources/>

PRAY FOR SOUTHSIDE UNITING CHURCH



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**8am every Friday morning
at Holland Park
or wherever you are!**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Ephesians 6:18

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES



FESTIVAL OF CAROLS – SRI LANKAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

When: Sunday 1st December

Time: 6.00pm

Where: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 1357 Logan Road (Cnr Mountain Street), Mt Gravatt

3F'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Tuesday 3rd December
Time: 9.30am to 12 noon
Where: 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi
Entertainment By Winkle Rock Dance Band

ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES

When: Wednesdays during December (4th, 11th, 18th)
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Where: 855 Logan Road, HP West

How does it sound to interrupt your busy week to pause, pray, and share communion? Come along to an Advent mid-week evening service, hosted by Holland Park Uniting for our amalgamating congregations. Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

When: Sunday 8th December
Time: 9.00am
Where: Cnr Springwood and Hicks Street, Mt Gravatt
What: Play and Sunday School Presentations

KIDS CAMP OUT REUNION

When: Saturday 14 December
Time: 6pm-7.30pm
Where: Cleveland Uniting Church.

We are picking up on the KCO theme of "Be the light" by having our reunion at the Cleveland Christmas Light display. It's an amazing display that has been going now for almost 20 years!!! So, after our reunion activities, you can stay on and enjoy the Christmas Lights - there's plenty of activities for children and it's all about the gift of Jesus - not a Santa in sight. This is for those who went to Kids Camp Out this year and those who didn't. Please talk to Richard Moors if you are interested.

CAROLS ON THE COURT

When: Sunday 15th December
Time: 5pm for BBQ
7pm for Carol Singing
Where: Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt

Free petting zoo, a free sausage sizzle and other free activities. Bring a rug, bring a glowstick, bring your neighbours and friends. All are invited.

LADIES NIGHT OFF / CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT

When: Thursday 19th December
Time: 7:30pm
Where: Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt in the Hall
Cost: \$5 covers all materials and supper

It's on again. As usual, a variety of activities will be available, with no special skills or experience required. While the night aims to give ladies a chance to catch their breath during the busy Christmas season, anyone is welcome to come. The activities aren't usually suitable for children. Please contact Viv 0408 789115 for more information.

PORTUGUESE/BRAZILIAN CAROLS SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

When: Saturday 21st December
Time: 5pm
Where: Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE/SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

When: Saturday 21st December
Time: 7pm
Where: 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi
What: A time of acknowledge sadness, grief or loss amid the festive season

CHRISTMAS EVE

7.00pm 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am 855 Logan Road Holland Park
8.00am 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi
8.00am 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga
8.00am Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt



OTHER EVENTS

NOOSAVILLE CAMP

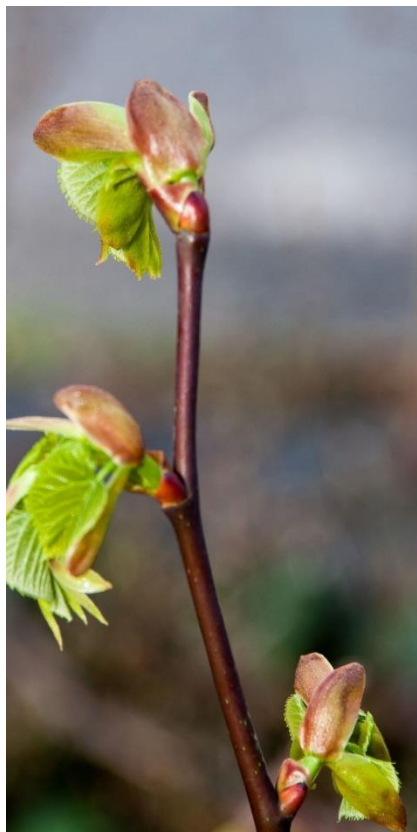
Camp Dates: 26th December 2019 to 2nd January 2020.

Cost: \$11.00 per head per night camping and \$5 per head for the night meal to be paid to Kathy Higgins before the camp.

Account details: BSB 064118 Account No. 00716395.

To RSVP or for more information please contact Sue Lancaster (H) 3841 4767 or Kathy Higgins (H)33436455 (M) 0419029027 or Bill Higgins(M)0408734133.

NEW YEAR NEW BEGINNING



Southside Uniting
Church

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An informal time of worship
to give thanks for our new
congregation. Followed by
afternoon tea.
BYO chairs and a plate of
food to share

1 January 2020 4pm
Laura Street Park, Tarragindi

TO ADD A NOTICE EMAIL DESTINYTOGETHERNEWS@GMAIL.COM BY 9AM THURSDAY EACH FORTNIGHT
NOTICES FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER TO BE RECEIVED BY 9AM ON 12TH DECEMBER