



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 MacGregor's Message

Greetings Southside friends in Christ

These past 10 weeks/5 fortnights, as we've come out of COVID19 gathering restrictions and returned to in-person worship, you have been invited to engage in a worship trial.

Thank you to all who have been part of this. Because of changed worship times, the moving-around of ministry team, two venues each Sunday and COVID19 booking-in, this has meant significant readjustment for Southside UC.

Quite intentionally we have factored into the trial, opportunity for feedback – especially through a survey (of which 90 participated!) and three "town hall meetings". Ministry team and others in leadership have engaged also in many one-on-one conversations. The trial has been brought to prayer.

Friends, we have taken on-board your feedback and reviewed it extensively. This past week, town hall meetings, Worship Ministry Area, ministry team and Church Council have all met.

In discerning the best next iteration of Southside UC worship, factors like these have been considered:

- Survey and town hall feedback. A one-page survey "dashboard" comes with these notices
- Best deployment of ministry team and their giftings, aware of staffing in 2021
- COVID19 realities when it comes to the reintroduction of morning tea hospitality
- Rostering realities, including the difficulties with recruiting volunteers for many roles. I need to be clear – for mostly COVID19-related reasons, there has been a reticence from former roster volunteers at our centres to continue to do so, thus placing a strain on arrangements for our services.



- The importance of being a missional church, including God's call to offer something bold and adventurous in worship – not for ourselves ultimately, but for our community
- Timing issues – when is a service too early ... too late in the morning?
- Confusion around the terms “blended” and “contemporary”. While still committed to worship that is “life giving” in Christ, and connecting with the times we are in, we will drop those terms.
- The place of online worship and worship connection for those without internet
- People's preferred Sunday routines, acknowledging that disrupted routines can feel unsettling

The Worship Ministry Team, as delegated by Church Council has recently met to decide the best way forward, especially in relation to the regularity, times and staffing/volunteer aspects of our Sunday services. Church Council has also had considerable discussion.

As I write this, it is clear though, that further consultation and discernment is needed, in advance of the decisions which will be made around our services from 29 November onwards.

Sunday services aside, there is a commitment toward introducing at a time other than Sunday, a “bold” service, more-overtly missional in focus. Various options are “on the table”. We are further committed to holding this new iteration of worship constantly under review.

We follow a Lord who in Christ and the Spirit promises to “make all things new”. Please journey with us on that as we partner with our living God in God's mission – through our worship, witness and service.

Shalom,

David

Rev David MacGregor – Minister for Worship & Pastoral Care

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Rev David MacGregor On Leave

Rev David MacGregor will be away on annual and study leave from 26 October to 8 November.

- Dick Copland will coordinate the Tuesday morning 8 am prayer group in David's absence. Please contact Dick should you require the Zoom login details.
- For pastoral support during David's absence, please contact one of the ministry team. <https://ssuc.org.au/contact-us>
- MIDWEEK MUSING will be in recess, returning on Wednesday 18 November

Worship

Rev David MacGregor – Worship Minister
worship@ssuc.org.au

Worship Roles

As per David Fender's news video this week, these are the worship roles that are required to be filled to be able to have worship services. Not all roles are required at all Centres though. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact the church office on hello@ssuc.org.au or 3848 7093. Training will be provided with regards to COVID requirements.

COVID Champion	Singers	Communion Preparation
Door Greeter	Piano/ Musicians	Communion Servers
Audio /Visual	Bible Readers	Morning Tea (coming soon)
AV Prep	Intercessory Prayer	COVID Cleaning
Worship Leader	Count Offering	

Worship Services

Date

Tarragindi 8.30am
Online 9am
Tarragindi 10.30am
Holland Park 10.30am

25th October

Esteban Lievano (Matthew 22:34-46)
Jock Dunbar (1 Thessalonians 2:1-8)
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Esteban Lievano (Matthew 22:34-26)

Date

Bible Reading
Mt Gravatt 8.30am
Online 9am
Mt Gravatt 10.30am
Yeronga 10.30am

1st November

Jonah 1
David Fender
Esteban Lievano
Esteban Lievano
David Fender

Date

Bible Reading
Tarragindi 8.30am
Online 9am
Tarragindi 10.30am
Holland Park 10.30am

8th November (Holy Communion)

Jonah 2
Jock Dunbar
David Fender
David Fender
Jock Dunbar

Sharing a Cuppa after Worship on Sunday

We are now having two Zoom Cuppas on a Sunday with a first one from 10 am to 11 am Details are:

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

Meeting ID: 848 9215 8152

Passcode: 388966

a second one from 5 pm to 6 pm. Zoom details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165849103?pwd=RTI5aFUrbTRtcjI0NWWRuYThDSnd5QT09>

Meeting ID: 821 6584 9103

Passcode: 061377

Would love to see you there.

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 8th November. We will meet in Yeronga Memorial Park. Come along from 11:30am, bring your lunch, chairs, hats. (The picnic will be cancelled if there is rain).

Revamping Children and Family resources

As you hopefully know each week we are producing a midweek video for the children and resources for families to use to have faith conversations. We recognise that the most effective place for young people to be learning about the faith is in the family (every study on faith development backs this up). So we want to resource our families to have those conversations. The recent worship survey shows that some have not found these completely helpful, so I am trying to adjust things. We will be trying to make the midweek video more exciting, please feedback any comments you have, whatever your children say, I would love to hear. As far as the resources go I will produce a single sheet which can be used by all families with some questions to discuss and a challenge activity. Please let me know if this is more or less helpful. We want to be helping you to support and grow the faith of your children.

First Aid Training Course

The date for First Aid Training has changed to 14th November start at 9 am.

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

Outreach

Rev Esteban Lievano – Outreach Minister

outreach@ssuc.org.au

New Missions

Rev Jock Dunbar – New Missions Minister

new.mission@ssuc.org.au

Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator
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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 8th November.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 5th November.

Spiritual Growth

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

Tuesday Morning Prayer

For the next two weeks the Zoom details will be different, due to David MacGregor being on leave. Details are:

Time: Oct 27 and Nov 3 2020 08:00 AM Brisbane

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87249704309?pwd=TS9XUzZzMGp3RXVQbW43d053N1YUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 4970 4309

Passcode: 2icN0f

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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Southside Uniting Church Worship Survey October 2020 **feedback dashboard**

Who took part?

90 participants,

most born 1965 or earlier

- Born 1997–2012 5
- Born 1981–1996 4
- Born 1965–1980 10
- Born 1946–1964 37
- Born 1945 or earlier 33



How could our worship services better connect with our mission? Top 3

(people choose chose multiple options)

1. connect with real life, world, environment and justice themes 66%
2. engage with families in our community 60%
3. use music and language that connects with the non-churchgoer 46%

Respondents

Holland Park 14
Mt Gravatt. 29
Tarragindi 34
Yeronga. 13

THANKS TO
ALL WHO
TOOK PART!

Commencement times preferred



Which worship option do you favour?

Five options were offered for ranking, plus the “option” of suggesting something else again.

Despite having 90 responses (!), no clear preference emerged, other than: that worship be offered each Sunday at each of our four centres.

Comments incl.:

- monthly all-together service (also streamed)
- Sunday afternoon/evening contemporary worship time
- Afternoon/evening service other than Sunday?
- Traditional service is missing
- Difficulties understanding “blended” and “contemporary”
- “alternative” services ...
- Need to consider best timing for services in the community – for unchurched folk
- Young people & families must be part of our mission
- Is not trialling an evening option limiting the options?

Intergen. approach / Family Faith Formation

- 39% accessing family faith/children’s ministry resources often or occasionally
- 83% support for an intergen. approach
- 6 respondents found the lack of children’s activities associated with worship a deterrent to coming

Various (a random selection)

- Online. Worship 50/50 split - pre-recorded v. livestreamed
- 87% affirmation for COVID19 compliance work
- Evening gathering option: 71% significant support
- 46 sharing in online Holy Communion
- Tech team has been doing well given thrust into unexpected engagement with COVID, but more support/planning/equipment needs to be invested in the music recording space of the worship services.
- Could we have more of the old hymns.
- Thank you for everyone’s efforts with the online services and hard copy worship materials. 10/15/2020 9:38 AM These have been brilliant and allowed me to worship more often and feel more part of the church community
- Having split services options gives feeling of a shattered community and of late not knowing who was going to preach until you arrive is disconcerting,
- We need to be willing to move forward with open hearts & minds, willing to adapt & try the new
- What about morning tea? Gathering together important
- 10.30 service is too late in the day

Rev David MacGregor

Minister for Worship & Pastoral Care