

Southside Notices

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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

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Greetings,

These last few weeks have shown, in so many ways the abundance of God, and what it means to be a generous church!

A big 'shout out' to all the people who were involved in the congregational lunch last Sunday! There was a positive atmosphere as people chatted with people they already knew and made new friends, and of course, the food was fabulous!!

And a very big 'Thank you' to all those who have already completed and returned their giving and serving cards! Already we are seeing the generosity of people! It's not too late! You can put your cards into the envelope and place them in the offering plates or go online and complete the form. The links for completing them online are:

Serving Card - <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/303/embed>

Giving Card - <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/302/embed>

It would be appreciated if you can do this before **Sunday 3rd September!** If you didn't get your 'serving/giving cards' letter or need replacements, additional cards will be available at worship services this weekend or contact Rachel in the office.

As this is a review and renewal time we are encouraging everyone to return your response to the serving and giving cards, so we have a really good picture of where the people of Southside see their gifts (time, talents and treasure) being utilised. I see this time as an opportunity for each of us to be reflecting on God's calling on our lives through our giving and serving. This maybe discerning new opportunities, re-affirming current involvement, or re-thinking what we are doing now in order to do something about which we are more passionate. As mentioned on Sunday, we are not asking people who already contribute a lot to the life and witness of Southside to do more, but rather, looking for more people to be involved in our life together. As a congregation we are experiencing the abundance of God's blessings and our response enables lives to be changed and a difference made to the world for which Jesus gave his life!

Grace and Peace,

Lyn

Priorities and Goals

Over the past months the Church Council has been working on our priorities and goals for the coming year, developed from our founding document (Destiny Together), the Congregational Profile (which was required for the work of the Joint Nominating Committee) and listening to the many voices of the congregation through listening circles and other meetings. It is my pleasure to provide you with this important document.

You can see that our main priorities for 2023/2024 are Building Unity, Forming Disciples, Connecting with Community and Resourceful Stewardship. I encourage everybody to be involved as we work together around these priorities, and the specific goals within them, and continue to fulfill our purpose statement:

Led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, called to be followers of Jesus, and participants in God's mission of transforming people and communities.

Upcoming Events

Abundant God//Generous Church Reflective Space

To continue providing space for those who find reflective prayer spaces helpful, we will be hosting some reflective activities at Holland Park Centre on **Wednesday 30th August, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd of September**. This will be open between **10am-12:30pm**. Come along and spend as much time as you like. You choose what you want to engage with. Invite others along. We will have the Godly play story of the parable of the sower each day from about 12:10pm.

Information sessions on the Voice with Lyn and Jock

In addition to attending your established group, Lyn and Jock will facilitate some information sessions on the Voice, including where the request came from: the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

3 September at Yeronga, following worship 11:30-12:30pm

10 September at Tarragindi, following worship 10:15-11:30am

The Voice to Parliament Referendum – The Last Sprint

Queensland Community Alliance (SSUC is a member) have organised a programme at **St John's Anglican Cathedral, Tuesday 5th September 6.30pm to 8.30pm** to help community conversations around the Voice to Parliament Referendum based on the values of the church.

To RSVP: Register online <https://bit.ly/voice-sprint>, Scan this QR code or speak to Jock about this event.



Voice to Parliament – Q&A, Action Event, and Information Sessions

Did you miss the Q&A on the Voice with Noel Pearson, hosted by our Uniting Church President Rev. Sharon Hollis? You can find a recording here: <https://vimeo.com/855625215?share=copy>

Southside Spring Garage Sale

Southside's next Garage Sale at the Mt Gravatt Centre will be held on **Saturday 9 September from 7am to 12noon**. Save the date in your calendar and come along, whether to help or to shop, and enjoy the friendly atmosphere. These events are the face of Southside to the local community.

As always, Southside will be donating 50% of the profits. This time, we are partnering with Orange Sky. Our donation will provide funding for a replacement dryer. Surplus funding will provide a number of laundry and shower services.

Orange Sky is based in Brisbane and provides a regular laundry and shower service to every day Australians. Their focus is on creating a safe, positive and supportive environment for people who are too often ignored or who feel disconnected from the community. The volunteers are not social workers or experts on homelessness – they are sympathetic listeners and great conversationalists.

Orange Sky continues Southside's theme of helping the homeless and follows our Backpack Bed for Homeless recipient from March. The covid pandemic and now the steeply rising cost of living are seeing more people and families struggling to put a roof over their heads and forcing them to make tough decisions regarding whether to feed themselves or pay bills. In a small but effective way, supporting Orange Sky with a replacement dryer will help many people and bring a sense of dignity to them.

HymnFest - Songs of Revival!

On **10 September 2023** at **10am** a Hymnfest will be held at Holland Park celebrating some of the great hymns & gospel songs of the 4 great revivals between 1730 and 1910

Come along and learn a little about these revivals & join in singing some of the great songs that were written during them. We will also learn a little about their authors & composers & the story behind the songs. You will hear some well-known old favourites as well as some less well known songs, that were very popular at the time .

Come along ready to sing with gusto : O For a Thousand Tongues ; Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing; What a Friend we have in Jesus; Just as I am; To God be the Glory; Are you washed in the Blood; There is power in the Blood, I will sing the wondrous story; Guide me O thou Great Redeemer , and I stand amazed in the presence

It will be a time of joyous & inspiring worship , as we remember the fire of past revivals & the personal transformations that occurred; and invite the Holy Spirit to set our hearts and the Lord's church ablaze again.

Men's Hangout

To the Guy-folk of SSUC,

Please be invited to an afternoon of kicking back, putting your feet up, and reminiscing about a bygone era that were the 80s and 90s. If you're from that era, or even curious about it, we're looking at you!

Come enjoy a few episodes of MacGyver (the original of course) with a bunch of guys who may or may not occasionally break open a dad joke or two. In fact, come test some out on us. We can compare notes.

When: Saturday 16th September 2023 - 1:30pm - 5:30pm
Feel free to drop in when you can and head off when you must.

Where: Southside Uniting Church - Yeronga. 58 Kadumba St, Yeronga.

What to bring: Yourself
beanbag if that takes your fancy
soft drinks and snacks for yourself or to share.
(Coffee & Tea will also be available)

RSVP: Thursday 14th September, email or SMS.

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Dinners of Eight (or Lunches)

What is it?

Dinners/Lunches of Eight is a social gathering, around a meal, at someone's home.

When is it?

This activity is planned for a night or day between the 9th and the 15th October.

How does it run?

People of SSUC are asked whether they would like to participate as either a host or a guest. Groups of eight are then created. Hosts will make contact with their guests and determine the menu. Guests will be asked to contribute to the meal e.g. drinks, side dishes, sweets.

How is it organized?

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the Expression of Interest form at this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/312/embed> or contact the church office. The form includes information like preferences and dietary requirements. This will help the Pastoral Care Team organize the groups and share important information with the host.

Why?

Dinners or Lunches of Eight is a lovely way to foster friendship and fellowship. We encourage you to be involved.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship Ministry Area News:



At our August meeting, we were very happy to welcome **Liza Weiland** to our MA with the intent of utilising Liza's gifts in the area of hospitality and increasing our emphasis on Fellowship. To this end, you will have already seen the notices regarding the **Dinners of Eight**, and the need for hosts on these proposed occasions. Please consider this opportunity to meet with others across SSUC in an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere.

We are hoping also to initiate occasions that would allow our **new Senior Minister** to engage and meet with members of SSUC in an informal atmosphere in 2024. More information on that project as it comes to hand.

The next **prayer meeting in September** will be at the **Yeronga Centre at 10am on Tuesday, 5th**. Prayer meetings will follow in October and November at the Holland Park Centre at 10am.

Please take time to **pray** for your pastoral care group members and the Ministry Team in the coming weeks.

Ann McDonald on behalf of Rev Lyn Burden, Beth Bolt, John Newman, Malcolm Jones and Liza Weiland.

Children Youth and Families

Parenting for a Life of Faith – Rachel Turner

Rachel Turner is visiting Australia from the USA. She has done a lot of work on Parenting for faith, helping families to share the Christian faith. She will be in Brisbane next month. You might like to go to:

BRISBANE Southside: Sunnybank Baptist Church • 12th September: 9:30am-12:00pm

Over a High Morning, tea Rachel will share about five key tools that equip parents to create a culture in their home where faith can flourish. Plus, time for Q & A and conversation. Don't miss your opportunity to meet Rachel in person. \$10 single; \$15 couple; \$5 school age child to a maximum of \$10 for 3 or more children (Book tickets - <https://brushfire.com/sua/ministry/557941>).

She will also be presenting the same material at Chermide Uniting Church the evening before (7.15-9:30, if you would like to attend the booking link is - <https://brushfire.com/sua/ministry/557938>

Family Service Set-up Team

As part of our monthly Family Service we normally move around some of the furniture in the worship space and set some tables and other things up. It would be wonderful if we could put together a group of people who were willing to come in on a Thursday or Friday and to set things up. You could commit to every month, or just occasionally. If you would like to help please talk to Richard.

Ministry Spotlight

Each fortnight we will be focusing on a particular ministry that is a part of Southside. Thank you to all the coordinators who have taken the time to share about the ministry with Malcom Jones and thanks to Malcolm for taking the time to meet with each person and to write the article. As you can imagine, it will take us quite a few months to be able to showcase each ministry. We hope you enjoy finding out a bit more about what is happening.

Timor Children's Foundation

East Timor is one of Australia's closest neighbours and is a nation which has faced decades of oppression and violence and continues to be on the list of least developed nations in the world. At most risk are the children [half the population of 1.4 million is under the age of 18, and many of those are malnourished].

A specific focus for The Timor Children's Foundation [established in 2002] has been providing assistance to orphans and young adults. There are over 40 children's homes in East Timor. Children are often placed in these facilities because their families are too poor to look after them.

Many families are also too poor to pay for their children's education, and so the foundation has been providing scholarships to help children get an education to become the future professional and leaders of their society.

The foundation also assists with some basic medical care issues including dental care, but the level of medical care continues to be far below that in Australia with the infant mortality rate being 10 times higher than here.

A great way to assist the foundation work [which is done on a not for profit basis, with very low overheads, and is interdenominational] is to donate money to their work. One of the best ways to do this is to make sure you attend the annual lunch held to raise funds. This year that lunch will be held on 9 September at the Gap Uniting Church from 12 noon until 2pm at a cost of \$25 per person. A guest speaker will be attending and a light lunch is provided. You can be sure all monies received will get to their intended destination and will be used for their intended purpose.

If you would like to know more about this excellent charity, or if you think you can help, ring Dick Copland on 0409614101 [richardcopland@yahoo.com.au]. Also make sure you check out the foundation website on <https://www.timorchildren.com>.

Worship

Date	27th August	3rd September	10th September
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	No Service	Jock Dunbar	No Service
Tarragindi 8.30 am	Jock Dunbar	No Service	Jock Dunbar
Online	Jock Dunbar	Jock Dunbar	Jock Dunbar
Holland Park 10.00 am	Lyn Burden	No Service	Lyn Burden
Yeronga 10.00 am	No Service	Richard Moors	No Service
Evening Service 5.00 pm	No Service	Lyn Burden	No Service
Bible Readings	John 6:1-14	Luke 8:4-8	Gen 2:4b-25

Livestream

Please note there will be no livestream on the 17th and 24th September. Worship broadcasts will resume on 1st October.

We Need Your Help!

Garage Sale at MTG – How can YOU Help?

This is a Call to Arms! Come and join in the fun of the Garage Sale – make new friends and share God’s love with others.

There are heaps of ways to help:

Donate Goods – donation of goods is now open but will close on Saturday 26 August. Bring along to a Mt Gravatt service or phone Rod Hurman (0409646087) or Beth Bolt (0414802190) to make a convenient time to come and drop off. Donations of cakes can be dropped off on the day from 6.30am. For those with green thumbs that have plant donations, please call Bill Semple (3343 5229).

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept furniture that requires pick-up and needs more than one person to lift. We are able to assist in advertising suitable items on marketplace – contact Helen O’Brien (0403726629)

We are also unable to accept donations of magazines, photo albums, lever arch folders and other folders. If clothing is being donated, items must be saleable ie no missing buttons, no rips or tears, zips must work, elastic must be ok and items must be clean.

Pre-Event Assistance - If you can’t help on the day, perhaps you are available during the week before.

Bric-a-Brac requires assistance to set-up from 12-3.30pm on Wednesday 6th September. Phone Kathy Higgins (0419029027) to register.

Clothing will be progressively setting up from 12noon on Monday 4th September and continuing on Tuesday and Wednesday. Times will vary but will include day time and some evenings. Phone Beth Bolt (0414802190) to register.

Set-up Help – Marquees will begin to be erected on Friday 8th September from around 4pm. Phone Ian Bolt (0403845800) if you can assist. Timing is approximate and is dependant on weather etc.

Help is always most welcome from 6am to 8am on the day. This is a busy time as stalls are finalised for the event. Stalls such as electrical, yard and toys cannot be set-up until the day and so assistance getting stock out and in place before 7am is greatly appreciated. Phone Rod Hurman (0409646087) or Beth Bolt (0414802190) if you can help.

Pack-down Help – Fresh legs and arms are ALWAYS appreciated. Pack-down starts around 11.30am and concludes around 3.00pm. Can you spare an hour or more? Phone Rod Hurman (0409646087) or Beth Bolt (0414802190) to register.

Devonshire Teas – Do you have a gift to serve and engage people in conversation? Then this opportunity is for you. We will be serving Devonshire Teas from 9am to 11.30am and need people to collect orders, serve the dev teas and clear tables. The actual preparation of the dev teas will be done by others. So if you have a welcoming smile and enjoy saying ‘Hi’ to people, call Beth Bolt (0414802190) to register. If 3 hours is too much, then register for 8.45am – 10.30am or 10.15am – 12pm!

Come and Buy! – And finally, something we can all do ... Have a wander around, enjoy the atmosphere, enjoy a yarn with someone and enjoy the food that is on offer – BBQ, Devonshire Teas, and the goodies at the Cake Sale. While you’re there, take home a plant; something for your home from Bric-a-Brac, Vintage, Manchester or Electrical; a book to relax with while enjoying some cake, fudge or slice; a new piece of clothing for your next day out teamed with a piece of jewellery from Accessories; a toy for your child or grandchild; and something for your yard. All this and supporting a great cause ... Orange Sky.

In advance, thanks for your help.

From Other Sources

South Moreton Presbytery News – Thank you Rev. David Busch

Presbytery Minister Rev. David Busch has accepted a call to minister with Merthyr Rd UC from November 2023. Rev. Busch indicated in 2022 this would be his final year as Presbytery Minister, and will conclude his ministry with the Presbytery in late September taking accrued annual leave throughout October. We give thanks to God for his ministry across the Presbytery in different roles for more than 10 years, and ask God’s blessing for his transition into congregational ministry in Moreton Rivers Presbytery. A JNC was formed early in the year to call a new Presbytery Minister and remains active.

Timor Children’s Fund Annual Fundraising Luncheon

Saturday 9th September from 12pm to 1pm with a light lunch

The Gap Uniting Church, 1050 Waterworks Rd, The Gap Tickets \$25.00 each

RSVP info@timorchildren.org by 6th September (see flyer for more information)

Play - The Trip to Bountiful

The Sunnybank Theatre Group is hosting a play from 8th to 23rd September called "The Trip to Bountiful". Horton Foote's moving play, set in 1952, tells the story of Carrie Watts, an elderly woman homesick for her youth in the country, who longs to escape the cramped Houston apartment where she lives.

Our own Pam Cooper is directing the play.

Tickets are priced from \$12.00 to \$28.00 and are available on the website www.sunnybanktheatre.com.au or by phone on 3345 3964. Please see the website for more information

Resources

Office Hours

The church office is located at 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga.

Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2pm

The office will be closed on Mondays as Rachel will be working from home on this day. Rachel can still be contacted on her mobile or email.

Giving

Thank you for your financial contribution to our congregation. There are a number of ways you can give:

- 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
- Give via credit card by phoning the church office

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 10th September 2023. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 7th September.

Op Shop Contacts

If you have questions regarding the Op Shop, please email opshop@ssuc.org.au or alternatively speak to one of the members of our Op Shop Executive:

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