



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

I am aware that in our amalgamation to form Southside that many of the ways that we have previously done church have altered. We have moved from being 4 small congregations to one medium congregation. There are differences in relationships; role of ministers, church council and leaders; activities and the types of risks we face. Moving from a small to medium sized congregation is always stressful. To add to the stress of what we're doing, our multi-site congregation means that we operate both as a small and medium sized congregation.

Each Sunday we meet in 4 small groups to worship. We continue to relate primarily to the people of our community and in most cases our activities take place in our local centres, with the people of our community. But we are no longer disconnected from what happens across the congregation. Decisions made need to take into consideration the needs of the whole congregation, not just a local community; we need to build relationships with people who we do not regularly see in worship; our leaders are drawn from across the congregation.

I am aware that this means that people are feeling disconnected. The informal networks through which decisions were informed, made or communicated are no longer effective. There is more than one minister to relate to. We have increased the range of our activities and where they happen, so we are communicating more and we can feel overwhelmed by the amount of information and involvement that we need to be involved in.

I first want to thank you for your patient perseverance through these changes. I don't think any of us, myself included, were prepared for the past 2 years. We are trialling something unique and are having to find new ways of moving through. Thank you for the trust that you have placed in myself, the ministry team and the church council. Please also accept my apologies for the times when I have not honoured your trust. Where I have moved too fast, not given proper honour to traditions, where I have failed to communicate enough.

We have heard that an essential aspect of relationships within and between communities and with the ministry team is lacking and we are seeking ways to rectify this.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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Staff Leave

Esteban Lievano until 6 December

Church Council report

The church council met on 28 October for its regular monthly meeting.

Budget

The church council endorsed a budget to be presented to the congregation for approval. The church council previously decided that we would move to a financial year (July to June) this means that this budget is only for 6 months.

Financial reports

Financial reports for the year up to September was provided. Overall Offerings gap to budget has grown further to \$30,000 representing a monthly increase to budget of \$7k. We had hoped that following our Stewardship focus during August that offerings may increase. The church council continues to monitor our offerings. Overall expenses remain within budget. However, there have been a number of non-budgeted expenses this year. Many of these may be recouped from our Mission Development Fund reserves.

Vital Signs

Traditionally, churches have recorded data related to membership, worship attendance and finances. The church council endorsed a series of other signs that point toward church growth and health. These relate to our ministry strategy and catalytic steps (don't know what these are, please talk to David Fender). The vital signs relate to growth in membership of our outreach groups; numbers of people serving in, through and beyond the congregation; the number of people from outside our congregation who are serving; first time commitments to Jesus Christ; membership of groups; people who are sharing faith, stories and discipling pre-Christians. For 2021 we will report on the actual figures. In 2022 we will be setting goals and then developing ways to achieve these goals.

Governance structures

Time was spent reflecting on the question "Does our structure help us to achieve our vision of seeing more people living and loving like Jesus?" This question is designed to address issues such as Community Ministry, Ministry Areas, the role of the Ministry Team and processes for making decisions. We will continue to explore this and would appreciate any feedback from members of the congregation.

Housing Project

The property at Holland Park Central is due to settle at the end of January 2022. The church council is aware that this raises the issue of a loss of income and also the missional potential of investing the proceeds from the sale. We continue to explore possibilities and are working on a proposal to bring to the congregational meeting for endorsement.

Operational Plan

The church council received a six-monthly update from the Ministry Team on the operational plan. If anyone would like a copy, please contact David Fender.

If you wish any further detail about these matters, please contact a member of the church council.

Vaccination Policy

You will be aware that the State Government has introduced a range of Health Directives relating to double vaccinated people. At this stage churches are not affected by these Health Directives. At its next meeting the church council will be considering what the position of Southside should be. Prior to the meeting on 25 November, we would like to receive the views of congregation members. Please contact (by phone or writing) David Fender or any member of church council.

Church Directory

Our first edition of the church directory was emailed on Friday and copies were printed for those not on email. While we have made every effort to ensure the details in the directory are accurate, we do realise that this may not be the case. Also, as this is the first Directory since Southside, we have asked permission of everyone to be included in the directory. Even if you were in a previous directory prior to the amalgamation, we would ask your permission to be included in this one. If your details are not correct, or if you have been omitted please either contact the church office or complete the form at this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/229/embed>.

Working Bee

A working bee is planned for Monday 15th November from 8am to 3pm at Holland Park to organise the upstairs of the house into a sorting area for the Op Shop.

Come when you can and go when you must. Coffee will naturally be served.

For more information please contact Paul McDonald on .paul_mcdonald@iprimus.com.au or 0422 998 772

Worship

Rev David Fender – Worship Minister
david.fender@ssuc.org.au

Date claimers

Blue Christmas Service – 21 December, 7 pm at Holland Park

Christmas Eve Service – 24 December, 6 pm at Yeronga

Christmas Day Service – 25 December, 8 am at Holland Park, Mt Gravatt, Tarragindi and Yeronga.

Worship Services

Date	14th November	21st November	28th November
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Malia M	Malia M	Jock Dunbar
Tarragindi 8.30am	Jock Dunbar	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
Online 8.30 am	Jock Dunbar	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
Holland Park 10.00am	David Fender	David Fender	Jock Dunbar
Yeronga 10.00am	Jock Dunbar	Jock Dunbar	David Fender
MT Gravatt 5 pm	Jock Dunbar	Richard Moors	Esteban Lievano
Bible Reading	John 7:37-38 Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15; 21-24	John 8:12 Isaiah 9: 1-7	John 14:27 Jer 29:1, 4-14

Events

Carols

Carols on the Lawn 5 December 6 pm for sausage sizzle to start at 7pm

Carols on the Court 19 December 6 pm for sausage sizzle to start at 7pm

Men's Breakfast

Come join us for a combined Men's Breakfast at **Tarragindi** Community

Saturday 20th November, 2021
7.15 am for 7.30 am, till 9.00 am
24 Pope St Tarragindi

Facilitator
Rev Harold Kilah

“Know Your Neighbour”

As we wrap up the Men's Breakfast series for the year, Harold will facilitate the morning with interaction from those attending, as we get to know the men we see from week to week. But do we really know them? Come along and discover if you really do!!

Enjoy good food and fellowship in a friendly atmosphere. (\$5 Donation appreciated)

To register use <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/174/embed>

or RSVP to Dick Copland ph: 0409 614 101 or Paul McDonald: 0422 998 772.

Girls' Brigade Carwash

Saturday 20th November, 8am-12noon

at Broadwater Rd Uniting Church, Broadwater Road, Mansfield

Cost: \$10 per vehicle

\$5 morning tea (barista coffee, tea or cold drink with cake / slices / biscuits)

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor

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Fun in the Sun Days Christmas

We will be holding a one-day activity for kids on 14th December, for kids in grades prep to 6 in 2021. This will be a 9am-3pm day of craft activities and a movie for kids. If you would like to help on the day please talk to Richard Moors. Registrations will be available shortly. The day will be at Southside Tarragindi, and will cost \$20, though it is free to those who registered for Fun in the Sun Days in June.

Outreach

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

Christmas Postcards

In each of the buildings there is a supply of Southside Christmas Cards. We are asking members of the congregation to take some and distribute them in letter boxes in our local area.

Christmas Hampers

During November we are collecting money to be given to the school chaplains at Wellers Hill, Upper Mt Gravatt and Mt Gravatt State Schools. They will be able to use this money to bless the families that they believe need it most, with either end of year expenses or back to school expenses.

Robyn Maxwell at Wellers Hill tells us: "The Woolies gift vouchers we received last year were such a blessing to many of our families at Wellers Hill State School. We gave vouchers to many of our families who could not afford Christmas food and gifts. The families were grateful and excited that they would be able to buy things to make it seem like Christmas for their children. We also gave vouchers to families at the beginning of this year. With so many school expenses at the start of the year, the vouchers helped lift the financial burdens which the families were feeling after the 6 week holiday. A wonderful thing I noticed when giving families vouchers, was that the simple act of giving one encouraged each family. They felt cared for by the school community and..noticed, not overlooked. Each family seemed to be coping better emotionally after receiving one. The 'TLC' vouchers were enough to help each family feel like they could find hope and strength and face hardships because someone cared. Giving vouchers was also contagious and some of our families vowed to give others help when they were able to. All of these families are doing much better than last year. Thank you for your generosity. Wellers Hill State School families appreciate your giving immensely."

Money can be given through EFT, please indicate that this is for Christmas Hampers

Or by placing money in the marked box in each foyer.

Thanks

Thanks to the generous support of our neighbours, friends and members of our church family, we are pleased to forward \$700.50 to Frontier Services - the proceeds from our recent Plant Sale.
Cynthia & Harold Kilah

New Missions

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

The MEG (Mission Experiment Group) held an informal gathering of women from diverse cultures and languages in October, with 20 attending. There was lots of talking, listening, and laughing along with tea, coffee and food.

Next Thursday, a larger and more formal gathering will be held at Yeronga Hall. We are expecting 40 in attendance. Please pray that each woman we meet and attends is able to know the hope of friendship and experience the love of God. Pray that those of us within 'mainstream Australia' would learn and be open to learning more about life from a different perspective (culturally and linguistically).

Spiritual Growth

Rev Jock Dunbar – Spiritual Growth Minister
spiritual.growth@ssuc.org.au

Keep an eye out for our forthcoming Advent Daily Reflections. It is a collection of short reflections on a chosen Scripture each day during the season of Advent, prepared by members of Southside Uniting. Printed copies will be made available on 21 November, but digital copies will be distributed to all who have email. It will bless you in your spiritual preparation for this Christmas season.

Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator
admin@ssuc.org.au

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 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.
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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=SSUCCredit%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 28th November 2021. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 25th November.

Good News Story

Brigade Queens Presentations

Last Friday night, the Queensland Brigade community joined together to celebrate the achievements of the Queen's Award (Girls' Brigade) and Queen's Badge (Boys' Brigade) recipients. The Queens awards are the highest international award for the Brigades and have royal patronage. There were badge presentations at Government House by the Qld Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM, followed by a celebration dinner and presentation of certificates. A number of our Company members were there as well as family members, to support our 45th Brisbane recipients:

Caitlyn Robinson
Reuben Haigh
Jack O'Brien
Owen Reid

We enjoyed a lovely evening to honour the hard work and commitment of all 8 GBers and 16 BBers who achieved their Award this year.



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