

Southside Notices



16-02-2020



"How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?"

Psalm 137:4

Communities

Holland Park

855 Logan Rd
Holland Park West

Mt Gravatt

Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi

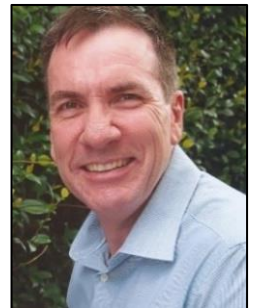
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga

58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

There's a comic where he asks, "who wants change?" and the crowd before him raises their hands. Then he asks, "who wants to change?" and the same crowd keep their hands down.



Last year we made a choice that we wanted change. In coming together as one multisite congregation we affirmed that we wanted to engage in God's ongoing mission. And that decision must inevitably lead us into change. Because churches, like all other living things are constantly changing. The promise that stands before us includes reaching more people for Jesus, including children, youth and young families and that we will show the love of Jesus to our neighbours. But this promise brings with it a change. Already, you may be noticing some things that are changing. No longer does our church council consist of only those people who we worship with on Sunday; we are sharing our buildings with others; for some events we have to travel to other properties; no longer is everything done in the way that it used to be done.

I wonder how you cope with change. For myself I find that the best way to start is to keep change in perspective. Change is an inevitable part of life and we have all been through various changes in the past. Some we have liked; others have not been so great. Depending on our personality we might resign ourselves to the change, we might resist it, or we might embrace it. I pray and hope that you will embrace this

change with me. Our process of change will be collaborative, measured, clearly articulated, well communicated, and purposeful. Pause and ask yourself, is it change or turbulence that people dislike. When we engage in the process of change, we are part of discovering the outcome and it becomes more palatable.

The second thing about change is to remember the presence and promise of God. “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)

It is easy to believe this promise when things are stable and predictable. It’s when we are in unfamiliar territory that we are tempted to doubt the promises of God. But yet it’s in these times that we need to be ever mindful that our God is greater than any change before us and that he can take us through to the other side. I have found that it is in the process of change and upheaval that my relationship with God grows stronger, more intimate and more spiritually satisfying.

Perhaps this is because while everything around me seems to constantly be changing, I then see more clearly the unchanging nature of God’s love and care for me that remains solid as a rock.

So, I invite you to reflect on how you may embrace the changes that we are part of now. The pain of change can be lessened when we have all the information that we need. So, I remind you again, that I and the ministry team are always willing to talk with you and share our passion for our congregation and answer your questions. Please get in touch.

Grace and peace
David.

Ministry Team Update

Preacher Exchange

On the fourth Sunday of each month, there will be a preacher exchange at each of our Communities. Details of the exchange that will take place on Sunday 23rd February will be:

Holland Park	Rev David Fender
Tarragindi	Rev Esteban Lievano
Yeronga	Rev Jock Dunbar
Mt Gravatt Sunday morning	Ps Richard Moors
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Ministry Areas

We are looking for people to serve in one of our ministry areas. Think of ministry areas as being like committees, however, there is less talk about more action. Ministry areas will provide leadership to develop aspects of our congregation's life.

Worship

Developing systems for worship across the Congregation

Contact Rev David MacGregor email: david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au

Pastoral Care

Developing systems for pastoral care across the Congregation

Contact Rev David MacGregor email: david.macgregor@ssuc.org.au

Spiritual Growth

Creating and maintaining pathways and opportunities for people to experience ongoing spiritual growth

Contact Rev David Fender email: david.fender@ssuc.org.au

Outreach

Focusing the Congregation on outreach locally, nationally and internationally

Contact Rev Esteban Liévano email: esteban.lievano@ssuc.org.au

Children, Youth and Families

Ministry with children, youth and families where we see church and family partnering together to position the family unit as the primary place in which faith is nurtured in young people.

Contact Ps Richard Moors email: richard.moors@ssuc.org.au

Resources

Develop, implement, maintain and review systems in the areas of finance, property, compliance and general administration.

Contact Rachel Manton email: rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au

Events

The Gospel of Matthew

On **22nd February**, from 9:30am-12pm, Richard will be reading through the Gospel of Matthew. This will take place at Tarragindi Community, 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi. It is a chance for us to hear the whole of the Gospel which the lectionary focuses on for the year.

Following on from that on **March 14th 21st and 28th and April 4th** from 9:30am-12 Richard will be running a class working through the context of the Gospel, with historical context. This is a chance for us to learn more about the gospel. Those who explored Luke with me last year found it very interesting. This will also take place at Tarragindi.

How will we sing the Lord's song in this land?

We live in a world that is complex, diverse and changing rapidly. God's people find themselves grappling with a missional context that has not been experienced before. It is an environment that we don't completely understand, we are not trained for or have much experience in.

The reality is that for the vast majority of Australians, the local church is invisible or viewed as irrelevant. For those of us who are part of Southside, we know (either consciously or unconsciously) that something has got to change if we are going to faithfully communicate the gospel to the world around us.

By coming together as Southside, we have committed ourselves to being open to change. But the question remains, what changes are needed so that we may show the relevance of the gospel in the neighbourhoods that we live?

This is a big challenge that faces us today and so we echo the cry of the psalmist: "How will we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

The big question for us today is how we can embrace a new beginning in God's mission in our local neighbourhood in 2020 and beyond.

We are going to continue to look at this throughout this year and beyond.

To start with we are going to have a workshop on

Friday 28 February 7 – 9 pm and Saturday 29 February 9 – 3pm.

Everyone in the congregation is invited and welcome to attend.

There is no cost and food will be provided.



Lent and Easter Notices

Ash Wednesday Service

7 am 26 February

Day #1 of the
Season of Lent

SSUC Tarragindi

24 Pope St



Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit
within in me

Psalms 51:10

a shorter reflective service

led by Rev. Jock Dunbar

All welcome

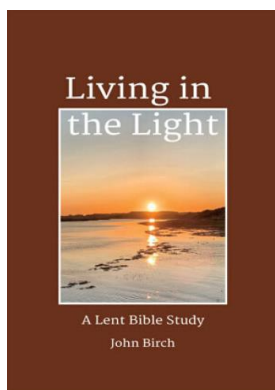


Lent Small Group Studies

5 weeks commencing

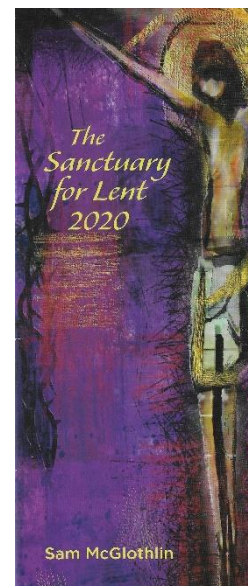
2nd March 2020

Reflect on the Nature of Temptation in the light of the gospel as we journey through some Old Testament readings and touch on Jesus' own struggle with temptation, and the key moments in his life and teaching which helps us in the lead up to Easter. For more information please see the attached flyer or email david.fender@ssuc.org.au



The Sanctuary for Lent

Lent is the time between Ash Wednesday (26th February) and Easter. It is a time when we can reflect on what Jesus did for us and what Easter means for us as Christians. The Sanctuary for Lent is a collection of guided readings, meditations and prayers for each day of Lent. Booklets are available in the foyer of each building.



News from our Regular Activities

A relaxed time over a meal enjoying being Christian community together



- **5.30 pm Sunday 16 February**
- BYO main course and/or dessert to share
- BYO cutlery and plates
- We'll look after refreshments & the rest!
- Queries:
Cynthia Kilah: 0408016803.
the.kilahs@me.com



Tarragindi
24 Pope St



Sunday morning for high schoolers.

This year Richard will be leading a group for high schoolers at Mount Gravatt on the first Sunday of the month, and at Tarragindi on the second Sunday of the month. If you have children in High School, please encourage them to come along and join in.

3F's

3F's Will be resuming for 2020 on **Tuesday 18th February** at 9.30am at Tarragindi Community, 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi. This first meeting will be the AGM. For more information contact Del McMullan delmcmullen@hotmail.com

One Day Fun Day Launch

Tarragindi has a long history of a children's holiday program in the July school holidays. For the last two years this has been called One Day Fun Day. As the year moves on it is time to start to get ready for this. We have some exciting plans for 2020 and are looking forward to sharing them. Richard will be talking with interested people at morning teatime (approximately 10:30am) on **1st March at Mount Gravatt** and **8th March at Tarragindi**. Please come along and hear what the plans are and think about how you might be involved



SAGE (Free Activities Group for Everyone)

SAGE Wednesdays 9.30am to 12pm at the Mt Gravatt Community, 46 Springwood Street, Mt Gravatt. All adults and children are welcome.

There is a huge variety of activities available from sport to table games, crafts etc. You are also welcome to bring your own preferred activity, Morning tea is provided. Huge opportunities to connect with our wider community. Please pray for us.

For more info contact Carolyn 0468 930 050.

Men's Breakfast

Join Southside UC @ Yeronga for a Combined Men's Breakfast on Saturday 21st March at 7.15am for 7.30am to 9am at 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga.

Our speaker will be Professor Darryl Jones and will be speaking on "Should We Believe in Climate Change?"

RSVP to Bill at 3162 2229 or billelliott@optusnet.com.au

Unite Theme

This year Unite will be exploring a theme throughout the year. It is based on U2's song "One." We will be exploring what it means to work together, to accept people who are different than us. Unite meets Sunday afternoons at 3pm at 46 Springwood Road, Mt Gravatt, for young people grade 7 and up.

World Day of Prayer

This year's service is prepared by the Women of Zimbabwe the topic is "Take up your mat and walk"

Our Guest speaker will be Rev David MacGregor.

Service: **10.30am Friday 6th March 2020**

Southside UC Tarragindi Community
24 Pope Street, Tarragindi

Followed by a light lunch, please bring a plate to share.

Enormous Garage Sale

Southside UC Mt Gravatt will be holding their biannual Garage Sale on **Saturday 7th March** from 7am at 46 Springwood Road, Mt Gravatt. They will have many stalls including books, home baking, vintage, retro, plants, furniture, bric a brac and clothing.

There will also be Devonshire teas and a sausage sizzle.

Come along and support this great event and grab a bargain.

Southside UC Yeronga Day Fellowship

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th March** at 10.00am to 11.30am. Theme for the day will be "Growing In Our Tolerance". All welcome. For more information contact Pam 3277 8516.

Information from Resources

Resources Ministry Team

The Resources Ministry Team has been formed and we have had our first official meeting of the year. We would still like to see more members be a part of this team, so if you have a heart for property, finance, compliance, communications, admin or anything else that helps resource Southside UC, then please contact Rachel at rachel.manton@ssuc.org.au. Would love to hear from you.

Notices

For notices to be included in this newsletter please email notices@ssuc.org.au or place in the Communications Box. The next newsletter will be issued on 1st March.

Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 27th February.

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!

From Other Sources



Amplify Conference

This year Ignite and Elevate conferences have joined together to form Amplify Conference. This will see training in children, youth, young adult and RI ministries. The conference is taking place on 7th March at Mueller College, Rothwell. Price is \$65 before the 17th of February, and \$75 after. Jake Mulder from Fuller Youth Institute is coming to share their latest research findings. Please talk to Richard Moors if you would like help getting there, either with financial assistance or car-pooling. This is a great training opportunity.

Fundraiser for Christian School in India

Melissa & Luke Lowcock are holding a 3 Course Indian dinner Friday 27th March at 7pm to raise money for facilities for St Christopher's Lucknow India. Event is being held at Riverlife Church Cafe, 17 Mile Rocks Road, 17 Mile Rocks.

Cost is \$25 for 3 Course Dinner, \$27 Including Softdrink or \$10 for a kid meal.

For more information contact Melissa Lowcock 0404 005 443.

The Face book event is <https://www.facebook.com/events/486428128734533>

Tickets are available from <https://likelowcock.brushfire.com/events/463053>

UC Easter Family Camp

Celebrate Easter this year in the great outdoors at Glengarry Education Centre, 9th-13th April 2020.

Accommodation: Cabin/Tent/Caravan. Open to all ages, Self-catered, Loads of Fun & Fellowship!!!

Pre-registration essential. For more info & registration contact Clive: 0435 015 248 or orlivefinter@gmail.com

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