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Holland Park West

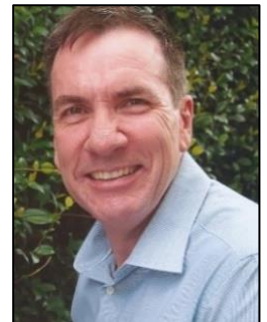
Mt Gravatt
Cnr Springwood &
Hicks Streets
Mt Gravatt

Tarragindi
24 Pope Street
Tarragindi

Yeronga
58 Kadumba St
Yeronga

Rev David Fender's Message

More people living and loving like Jesus



This phrase has been adopted by our church council as our congregation's new vision statement. You may not recognise the words, but you will understand the sentiment, because you have been instrumental in developing this vision.

Over the past years we have together talked about our preferred future as God's church. We have discussed our desire to be part of God's mission, to serve our communities, to see young and old come to faith in Jesus and to see people continue to grow in their discipleship. This is why we came together as one congregation. 3 times we voted (to enter the Year of Discernment, to enter Destiny Together and to enter Southside) and 3 times we overwhelmingly affirmed that we believed God was calling us to something more. The church council has heard this and shaped that into a phrase that encapsulates our vision for the future.

More people living and loving like Jesus is at the heart of the mission of God as expressed through Jesus Christ. In Mark 1:17 we read Jesus saying, "Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people." In this simple sentence we find Jesus' desire for people.

In the first place there is a call to come to him. Jesus invites all people to draw nearer to him, so that they may experience the love and grace of God and know more fully, the fullness of life that he offers to them. This applies to those who have known Jesus all their lives, there is yet more to discover, and for those who have never had a personal relationship with him, he has a wonderful gift of new life in store for them.

And there is the invitation to learn and grow in him as we follow. This is the life of discipleship, where we engage in a lifelong journey of transformation into what we have been recreated to be in and through Jesus Christ. Our journey of discipleship shapes us to live and love like Jesus did.

Being transformed like Jesus naturally leads us to share what we have experienced with others, thus leading to more people coming to know Jesus.

Our vision sees our church growing deeper in faith and numerically because the 2 are interconnected. The more of the wonder, grace and love of Jesus we discover for ourselves the greater will be our desire that others will know that too.

Over the coming months and years we will be active in bringing this vision to life. Ultimately though the realisation of the vision will be seen as each one of us lean into what God is doing in and through us and cooperate with his Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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Church Council Update

The church council met on Thursday 25 March 2021.

The following were elected as church council office bearers for 2021:

Paul McDonald	Chair
Gaye Pitman	Secretary
Dave Allen	Treasurer

A decision was made to offer for sale the house at 11 Lamette st, Holland Park. This house is immediately behind the Holland Park Central (HPC) property. Initially the sale of Lamette st had not been considered. However, in meeting with a Real Estate Agent regarding the sale of HPC he advised that selling both properties together would increase the attractiveness of HPC and was also likely to increase the value of both properties on the market. In deciding to sell Lamette st, the church council considered whether its sale affected our original decision to sell HPC. After deliberation it was decided to proceed with the sale of both properties. A request will now be made to the Presbytery and Synod to support this decision.

The church council adopted a new vision statement for our congregation. David writes about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

We endorsed the Ministry Team's operational plan for 2021. The operational plan sets out the major activities that the team will be doing to further lead our congregation forward.

Reports were received from the Pastoral Care and Children, Youth and Families Ministry Areas.

Finance Update



Overall offerings are close to budget.

Overall income is \$4,000 ahead of the budget.

Expenses generally are within expectations for this time of year.

While the overall financial position shows a slightly higher deficit, we will see some movement of our finances over the next few months which should see the gap narrow.

Worship

Rev David Fender – Worship Minister

worship@ssuc.org.au

Maundy Thursday Service

This service has been cancelled due to the lockdown.

With news the lockdown has been lifted from 12noon Thursday 1st April our Easter services will go ahead with the following restrictions:

- Face masks must be worn at all times when inside.
- The only time you can remove your mask is to eat or drink.
- If you are outside and finding it difficult to physically distance, then we would encourage you to put your face mask on.
- Morning tea will go ahead on Easter Sunday, with the requirement that you must be seated when eating or drinking.

A reminder that we will also have the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services available online if you prefer to stay home. To access these please go to our website at ssuc.org.au.

Good Friday Services

8am in each of our four Centres

Friday 2nd April 2021

If you will be attending at Mt Gravatt or Tarragindi, pre-booking is required via this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/190/embed> or phoning the church office.

Holland Park and Yeronga do not require pre-booking

Easter Saturday Reflective Service

3rd April at 9.00am

Mt Gravatt Centre

Easter Sunday Services

In each of our four Centres

8.30am - Tarragindi and Mt Gravatt

10.00am – Yeronga and Holland Park

Sunday 4th April 2021

If you will be attending at Mt Gravatt or Tarragindi, pre-booking is required via this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/191/embed> or phoning the church office.

Holland Park and Yeronga do not require pre-booking

Worship Services

Date	2 nd April (Good Friday)
Mt Gravatt 8.00am	Esteban Lievano
Tarragindi 8.00am	David Fender
Holland Park 8.00am	Richard Moors
Yeronga 8.00am	Jock Dunbar

Date	Centre	Time	Preacher
3 rd April	Mt Gravatt	9:00 am	Richard Moors

Date	4 th April Easter Sun (HC)	11 th April	18 th April
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Esteban Lievano	David Fender	Esteban Lievano
Tarragindi 8.30am	David Fender	Esteban Lievano	David Fender
Online 9 am	David Fender	David Fender	Jock Dunbar
Holland Park 10.00am	Richard Moors	David Fender	Esteban Lievano
Yeronga 10.00am	Jock Dunbar	Esteban Lievano	David Fender
MT Gravatt 5 pm		Esteban Lievano	Richard Moors
		(HC)	
Bible Reading	Luke 24:1-12	Luke 24:13-35	Acts 6:1--7:2a,44-60

What's On

Celebration of Ministry

"therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing"
(1 Thessalonian 5:11)

So many people in our congregation give of themselves. We come together to encourage, support and celebrate each other in their ministry.

Saturday 10 April 10-11:30 am
Mt Gravatt Centre, Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt

Booking required for catering purpose
<https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/193/embed>

Safe Ministry with Children Training

Saturday 24th April from 9.00am – 11.30am

Mt Gravatt Centre, Cnr Springwood and Hicks Streets, Mt Gravatt

Anyone who works with children is required to do this training every two years.

To assist with planning for the training please register your attendance at this link <https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/194/embed>

If you have any questions about the training, please contact Richard Moors.

If you are unable to make the training, we are able to run another one at a later date, alternatively you are able to do the training online. If you would like to do the training online please contact Rachel Manton in the church office.

Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor
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Young Families Picnic

Will take place on 11th April at Yeronga Memorial Park, between the High School and the Dog park, off Villa St. 11:30am.

Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator
admin@ssuc.org.au

Name Badges

We will be ordering some name badges for anyone who would like one or update their existing badges. The new badges will have both the Southside icon and the Uniting Church logo on them with people's first and last name in the middle.

Cost of the badges are \$9 for a pin or \$10 for a magnet.

If you would like to order a badge, please let Rachel know in the church office either via email or phone.

Office Hours

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

Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm

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 18th April 2021. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 15th April.

From Other Sources

Emmaus

Would you like a **Face to Face Encounter** with the Risen Christ in the tradition of the Emmaus Walk for seniors.

If you are 60 years or older

- Desire a deeper , more meaningful walk with the Lord
- Hope for Christ's love to be real in every relationship you have
- Wish to make a deeper impact on the world and your community of faith by living a life centred on Jesus

Then a Face to Face Encounter is for YOU.

At a Face to Face Encounter you will

- Hear 14 talks about God's grace and love
- Participate in Holy communion
- Enjoy in-depth table discussions with people your age, covering topics such as God's grace, grief, and end-of-life issues
- Experience God's grace personally through prayer and service
- Understand more fully the presence of Christ as a body of believers.

Where Bayside Uniting Church, Wondall Road, Wynnum

When: Tuesday & Thursday 4, 6, 11 & 13 May 9am till 4pm

See **Lesley or Don Richardson** (04177210008) for more details if you are interested in knowing more or want to be involved.

Upcoming Day Retreat

Camps Farthest Out (CFO) Brisbane is hosting a face to face Day Retreat (Day Apart) on **Sat 17th April** at **Southside Uniting Church (Yeronga) Hall** from **9:30am**. Our theme for this year is "Breaking Free to Peace and Hope." The cost is \$5 per person. CFO is an international organisation welcoming people from different Christian traditions. It is an adventure in finding wholeness through prayer and spiritual exercises and is for anyone seeking to experience a closer walk with God. At our events, you will find friendly, caring people and a safe environment to be yourself without apology or criticism. For any enquiries (and to RSVP) please contact Beth Bunn on 33564959 or at bethbunn@aapt.net.au.

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