



## Rev David Fender's Message

### 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

I have had 2 fascinating conversations over the past month that I want to share with you. But first a bit of context. Our church's vision is More people living and loving like Jesus. We will see this vision come to reality as we share our faith in Jesus and help them come to a personal relationship with him. There are many aspects of this that scare me. I do not feel comfortable talking about my faith to pre-Christians. I am worried about the impact this might have on my friendships. I don't want to come across as a religious nutter. And I think this might be the same for many of us. So back to the 2 conversations.

The first was part of our BDC huddle. This helped me see that positioning our friends to have spiritual conversations is not a matter of one day talking about the weather and then the next day asking if they would like to know Jesus as lord and saviour. Rather, we could see our relationships as an ever-deepening experience. Moving from casual encounters to meaningful conversations about personal values, finding out what motivates them, and they are passionate about. This then allows us to move to conversations about spiritual matters. Best is when they ask questions. But we can share stories about God working in our lives or the answers to prayer. Then finally, this may lead us to times of discovery. It's when we start to explore what Jesus means for that person in their lives. We could invite them to read the bible with us, to attend a church group, a worship service, to pray with us.

The second conversation was with a young guy who is gifted as an evangelist. So talking about faith comes naturally to him. He shared a unique insight. He acknowledges that God is already working in the places he'll be and with the people he'll meet. So before going out he prays for the places and people he'll meet. He prays that he will be in touch with what God is doing.

For me both of these conversations came as a great release. To remember the power of prayer and the leading of God and to relax and allow a relationship to develop at its own natural pace.

As we continue to move into God's missional future, can I ask you to hold onto these 2 truths. This is God's mission that we are part of and he wants the people that we are, not a false representation of ourselves. As Jock reminds us, we are all enough in Christ for what he calls us to.

Grace and peace

David Fender

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## Staff Leave

Rachel                      18 September – 4 October  
Esteban                    21 September – 4 October

## Events

### **Holland Park Garage Sale**

Please keep Saturday 23 October free to be part of the volunteer team for the next huge Garage Sale at our Holland Park centre, postponed from August due to the last Covid lockdown.

The sale will raise funds towards the setting up expenses of the Op Shop and we will be donating a tithe of the funds to a local community cause to be finalised. More details coming soon.

### **Budgeting Workshops**

#### **WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT IS NEEDED TO DEVELOP A BUDGET AND HOW TO USE THAT BUDGET**

16 October // 30 October // 13 November // 27 November // 11 December

8.30 am -11:00 am

Southside Uniting Church Mt Gravatt Centre  
CNR Springwood & Hicks Street, Mt Gravatt

Contact: [Hello@ssuc.org.au](mailto:Hello@ssuc.org.au) // 3848 7093

Bookings: <http://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/220/embed>

## Worship

Rev David Fender – Worship Minister  
[david.fender@ssuc.org.au](mailto:david.fender@ssuc.org.au)

### **Combined service**

Sunday 17 October 9 am  
Tarragindi Centre, 24 Pope st, Tarragindi  
Please stay for morning tea afterwards

We will be having allocated seating for this service, so please pre-book by using this link  
<https://southsideuc.ucareapp.com/forms/222/embed>

### **Worship Services**

<b>Date</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>
Mt Gravatt 8.30am	Richard Moors	Jock Dunbar	Malia
Tarragindi 8.30am	Esteban Lievano	David Fender	David Fender
Online 8.30 am	Esteban Lievano	David Fender	David Fender
Holland Park 10.00am	Richard Moors	Jock Dunbar	Malia
Yeronga 10.00am	Esteban Lievano	David Fender	David Fender
MT Gravatt 5 pm	Richard Moors	Malia	Richard Moors
Bible Reading	John 1:29 Gen 21:1-3,22:1-14	John 1:50-51 Gen 27:1-4,15-23; 28:10-17	John 8:58 Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

## Spiritual Growth

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

### **Global Leadership Summit**

YOU HAVE INFLUENCE

...and your leadership matters!

We are so excited to invite you join us for the premiere leadership event of 2021 – The Global Leadership Summit being held at Yeronga (58 Kadumba st). You will experience rich, high-impact, inspiring sessions, and learn from a diverse faculty who will share their wisdom and practical perspective to support you in your leadership growth.



Whether you're a business leader, CEO, pastor, teacher, nurse, student, artist, soldier, parent, doctor, volunteer, entrepreneur, or simply finding your place, YOU HAVE INFLUENCE, and when you commit to grow your leadership, everyone around you wins!

Saturday 9 October 2021

9 am to 4pm

No cost to Southside members

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

Contact David Fender for more information

Please go to <https://ssuc.org.au/events/global-leadership-summit> to register.

## Children Youth and Families

Ps Richard Moors – Children Youth and Families Pastor  
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### **Mentoring**

We want to start linking our young people with older Christians who can support them through their adventure through life. Mentors would meet regularly (probably monthly) with a young person and just hear how there life is going, and support them in life and faith. We will be having an information session on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10-11am at Mount Gravatt. If you would be interested in being a mentor or a mentoree, or just hearing what is the plans please come along.

## Outreach

Rev Esteban Lievano – Outreach Minister  
[outreach@ssuc.org.au](mailto:outreach@ssuc.org.au)

### **Op Shops news**

Work continues with the Resources Management Team and external consultants to prepare for the necessary work to be done at our Holland Park centre to allow the opening of the shop, now planned for early in the new year.

## Resources

Rachel Manton - Administrator  
[admin@ssuc.org.au](mailto:admin@ssuc.org.au)

### **Office Hours**

The church office is located at 58 Kadumba Street, Yeronga.  
With Rachel Manton being on annual leave until the 5<sup>th</sup> October, the church office hours will vary. If you need to contact someone please email [hello@ssuc.org.au](mailto:hello@ssuc.org.au).

### **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](mailto:notices@ssuc.org.au) or phone the office on 3848 7093. The next newsletter will be issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021. Please have notices in by 9am Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## Good News Story

### **SSUC Mt Gravatt Garage Sale Wrap**

A big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped in any way to make the SSUC Spring Mega Garage Sale at our Mt Gravatt centre last Saturday such a huge success on many levels. Thank you also to one and all who donated goods to the sale.

The day was perfect (weather wise), buyers turned up in numbers to catch a bargain, and Covid stayed away. The team for the day came from across the congregation, the setup preparations were more comfortably staged across the week prior, and Eftpos payments were introduced for the first time.

We thank our God for the outcomes that included raising just over \$7350 at last count (with post sale income still coming in), meaning over \$3600 (50%) will go to support the ongoing work of the Annerley Baptist Church project among the homeless and those sleeping rough in the Southside. Our congregation already partners with the church in supporting this project with our ongoing volunteering.

Daniel Robinson has created a touching visual record of the day. Here is the link to the video <https://vimeo.com/southsideuc/download/602366939/9d5ad3d14d>

Most important about the day was the opportunity for our congregation to come together over a common cause and engage with the wider community, raising our profile as a loving community of God at work with the needy in our region.

## **Contact Us:**

### **General Enquiries**

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## **Ministry Team:**

### **Rev David Fender**

Lead Minister and Minister for Worship

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Day off on Friday

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Day off on Monday

### **Rachel Manton**

Administrator

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Day off on Saturday and Sunday

## **Church Council:**

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