

# SouthPoint Life NEWSLETTER

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## *Living Light*

1 JOHN 1:5B GOD IS LIGHT, AND THERE IS NO  
DARKNESS IN HIM AT ALL.



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## About Us

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SouthPoint Edwardstown is a community church, a place where Everyone is Welcome.

Our service is on Sundays at 10am, followed by informal morning tea, where we get a chance to chat with visitors, new members, and friends.

Every Sunday during school term we offer "Create", art classes. Headed by Paul & Gaynor Steele, if art is your therapy, please come along to bring your projects to life. Paul & Gaynor welcome beginners, intermediate or advanced artists, or artists in heart. All welcome.

As we are currently running our operations and ministry "ourselves" – we created eight groups for better and more efficient organization.

1. Pastoral Care
2. Hospitality
3. Outreach and Engagement
4. Leaders support and development
5. Generations and Discipleship
6. Preaching and Communication
7. Worship and Music
8. Stewardship

Starting with Pastoral Care, let us introduce you this fantastic group and their work.

### Ministry Area under Spotlight

#### **Vision statement:**

Pastoral Care is to express God's love, through caring for the needs of people, to build quality relationships, restore individual lives, build healing communities, praying for each other, and growing disciples of Jesus at SouthPoint Church of Christ.

The Pastoral Care team encourages existing SouthPoint connect groups to establish trust, loyalty and confidence through long-term relationships and provide guidance and oversight to a group of God's people.

Pastoral Care involves nurturing, discipling, influencing, caring for and guiding people towards ongoing spiritual maturity. Ideally, we want everyone at SouthPoint to be connected to and be involved in a Connect group. Small groups are an amazing avenue to provide pastoral care.

### **Top 5 priorities for Pastoral Care:**

- Build each other up as a Pastoral Care Team.
- Listen to people and have meaningful conversations.
- Build confidence and trust amongst ourselves as a team and church members.
- Provide practical support in a variety of forms.
- Be in prayer for the needs of our congregation and provide prayer after the Sunday service.

### **What does it look like in reality:**

Thank you Pastoral Care team and all others who prayed for Geoff McKay throughout the day of his brain tumour biopsy.

When the neurosurgeon rang me after the operation to tell me that all had gone well, and that he had spoken to Geoff in recovery, it was truly an answer to prayer.

Thank you for other kindnesses also shown.

May God guide the specialists in treating the tumour.

Pauline McKay

### **Who Does SouthPoint Support?**

We are involved in our community more than you think.

You may be familiar with PuddleJumpers using our kitchen, but did you know that we also offer hall hire to a Japanese group, who learn counting using Abacus.

Lion Heart Learning use our Kids Church premises for their playgroup.

Every Sunday evening our church is also home to Malayalam community who have been worshipping here for over 15 years!

One of our longest standing relationships is with Compassion, international charity.

Our Wednesday Connect group support RAHAB.

We will introduce these groups to you one by one in coming months.

Today, we start with Women's Shelter, which is part of our PROJECT OF THE MONTH.

## Reflections

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In this section we look back at recently enjoyed events.

### Weekly INC Café Fellowship

INC stands for Inclusion which is a café on the grounds of Minda at North Brighton. The purpose of INC is for folk from SouthPoint and the Community to meet weekly for a time of fellowship and an opportunity to bring a friend. Each week we also have a time for a person to "Show and Tell" something that is significant to them. We average 10+ people each week.

Originally set up as a trial for 3 weeks, it proved to be very successful and is running well into its 2<sup>nd</sup> month now



## International Women's Day Indian Cooking & Lunch

Nicole hosted an Indian Cooking & Lunch afternoon on International Women's Day. It was a fabulous time of fellowship for the ladies. Thank you to Lilly for showing us how to make Bhajia and Sonal for the spiced rice and Puri.

### Project Of The Month

This month we will be celebrating Mother's Day. Our aim is to celebrate mothers near and far, those that we know and also those that we don't.

Our church plans to deliver 20 warm and beautifully wrapped blankets to a Women's shelter.

Each one will have a handmade card with an individual positive message and inspiring scripture. Our church information and contact details will be on the back.



Our aim is to bless these women, so even though their circumstances may be difficult they know that our church community is thinking of them.

**Please pray for a seed to be planted  
and for God's love to be shown.**

**Thank you for everyone who has  
donated towards this project.**

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## In The Pipeline

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In June we are planning to host Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This event is in support of Cancer Free Future. More details in coming weeks.

## Prayer Points

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As we continue to pray for the World, Covid-19 to end, and our church, we also want to have a special prayer for India. Especially as some of our members are taking it hard thinking about their families and friends. Special prayer request came from Sonal to FABs group (one of our amazing Connect Groups):

The situation in India is unimaginable. I lost my paternal uncle to Covid-19, my cousin in Queensland lost her in-laws last week to COVID-19. Please keep praying for the heartless politicians who have put politics before people. Much appreciated. Sonal

We are also thinking about Ryan and his family and friends.

## **THANKING NAARAH AND VERA**

Our SouthPoint family would like to give appreciation and recognition to Naarah and Vera who have been invested in SouthPoint for many years. We thank them very much for their continuous work, always keeping SouthPoint going forward. Now we look forward to your friendships in your "non-working" capacity as we continue fellowship together.

It is pure joy to see the passion, energy and talent Vera brings to every project at SouthPoint. The garden, Puddle Jumpers or the renovation of the manse are all examples of Vera's gifting. Not forgetting your commitment as an Elder – your consistency is amazing.

Thank you Vera, we love and appreciate you!!!

Naarah has served wholeheartedly through being responsible for many of the details that are crucial to the successful operation of our church community. She also brings a talent for attention to detail and is responsible for the beautiful displays and decorations that make this place an enjoyable and meaningful place to be. Thanks Naarah for your faithfulness and we pray you are blessed and have many opportunities to use these gifts and talents in your new carers role. We look forward to hearing more about this new role as we continue to fellowship together.

## Introducing Admin

With Naarah departing from Admin position, Hanli and Ivana have taken over.

Please do get in touch to say hello, ask questions, or provide feedback about what you would like to see at SouthPoint. You might have ideas for events, fundraising, home groups, kids church activities etc. We want to hear it all.

You can reach us via e-mail: [admin@southpointcc.org.au](mailto:admin@southpointcc.org.au) or phone 8293 5754 or speak with us in person.

We share our days in the office, which is now open on Tuesdays (9-5 Hanli), Thursdays (9-3 Ivana) & Fridays (9-5 Hanli& Ivana).

Going forward from now on, we would appreciate any feedback, suggestions and inspiration.

Please share your experiences with us.

Yours,

Hanli& Ivana

***Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.***