

From UCA Assembly:

This Sunday 22 October will mark five years since the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The Uniting Church is committed to acknowledging this anniversary each year as an opportunity to reflect on and lament the wrongs of the past and to reaffirm our own apology to survivors and promise to embody a culture of safety.

The following reflection is part of the Liturgy of Acknowledgement and Lament which can be accessed on: <https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-Liturgy-of-Acknowledgement-and-Lament.pdf>

Reflection:

If the Church is not a safe place, it is not a place where the gracious love of God in Christ can call people into community in which all can share, grow and serve. It is not a place where all in the gathered community might hear the message of Christ. This is the challenge that faces Churches as a result of the findings of the Royal Commission.

It is easy to identify this issue as 'other' than us. "It couldn't/ didn't happen here". When we do this we deny the pain of those who have been abused in one of our Churches. When we make this issue someone else's, we open ourselves to complacency and we ignore the challenge for us all... that to bear witness to God's love in Jesus Christ is to create a community of welcome and safety, for all who may engage it.

This is the challenge the Church is invested in. For all those who have been harmed in the life of the Church, there must be appropriate processes of redress and apology, appropriate processes for restoration. For all those who are in the community of faith, the witness that this community of faith is a community of safety. And, as we seek to continue to bear witness to Christ, the challenge, for each one of us, is that being a community of safety is our responsibility... together.

On the UCA Assembly Website there is also a joint statement from the Assembly, UCA Redress and National Safe Church Unit that can be accessed on: <https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Anniversary-of-apology-2023-statement.pdf>

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Wagin Group

CONGREGATIONS OF
DARKAN, DUMBLEYUNG AND WAGIN



OUR VISION

To honour God through purposeful loving.

Pentecost 20 22 October 2023

Members of



OUR MISSION

*To be a prayerful,
Spirit-filled people,
encouraging one another
to Christ-like maturity,
reaching out and
affirming all people
with the love of God.*



**Give therefore to
the emperor the things
that are the emperor's,
and to God the things
that are God's.**

Matthew 22.21

Sunday, 22 October 2023

Waratah 9.15 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 21

Liz Pederick
Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley

Bible Readings

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, 29 October 2023

Wagin 10.00 am

Pentecost 22

Combined Service at the
Historical Village Chapel

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday, 5 November 2023

Darkan 9.00 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 23

Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley
Arthur Pederick

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, 12 November 2023

Waratah 9.15 am
Wagin 10.15 am
Dumbleyung 11.00 am

Pentecost 24

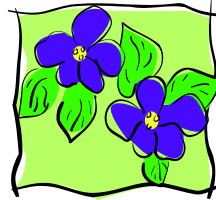
Liz Pederick
Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley
Wendy Pederick

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



Communion

Wagin 22 October 2023
Dumbleyung 12 November 2023
Darkan 19 November 2023



Darkan Flower Roster

5 November 2023 D Gooding
19 November 2023 A Hart



**Praise the Lord
Our God!**

THIS WEEK'S WAGIN ROSTERS

Door: Robyn Willey
Morning Tea: Biscuits
Reader: Wendy Steels
Worship: Graham & Ann-Britt

NEXT WEEK

Combined Service
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Combined Service
Combined Service

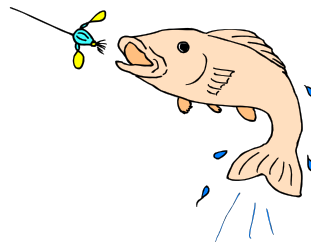
As a little boy slipped in late to Sunday school, his teacher asked him why he was late.

He hesitated in embarrassment then said, "I started to go fishing this morning but my dad wouldn't let me."

The teacher raised her shoulders and prepared to expound on the wisdom of a father who would place greater emphasis on Sunday school than fishing.

But before she delivered her linguistic pearls, the young boy gave a further explanation.

He said, "Yeah, my dad told me there wasn't enough bait for both of us to go fishing."



DATES, MEETINGS, INFORMATION:

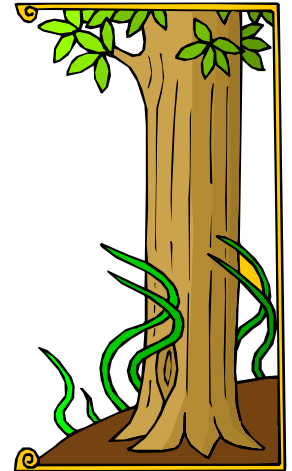
Today there will be a Wagin Congregation meeting after the service.

The next Church Council Meeting will be Saturday 28 October, 2023, 8.30 for 9.00 am at the back of Wagin Church.

CommuniTEA Hub, Wesley Hall, Ranford Street, Wagin. Every Thursday, 10 am to 1 pm. A place for a cuppa, chat and connection. For more information contact Wendy Pederick on 0429 171 676, Ann-Britt & Graham Wasley on 9861 1724.

*God writes the gospel
not in the Bible alone,
but on trees, and flowers
and clouds and stars.*

Martin Luther



WAGIN REGULAR FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets every Wednesday at 7 pm at Ian and Liz's place, studying The God Who is For Us, Life, liberty and righteousness in Romans, by Reg Piper. Contact Liz Pederick on 0429087733

FRIDAY MORNING CELL GROUP meets every Friday at 10.00 am at the back of Wagin church. Contact Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley on 98611724.

The FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING is at 12 noon at the back of Wagin Church. Contact Robyn Willey on 0417 924 823

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