

FROM OPEN DOORS AUSTRALIA

An Excerpt from:

<https://www.opendoors.org.au/frontline-faith/pray-for-israel-and-palestine/>

AN UPDATE FROM THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN GAZA

Open Doors calls Christians around the world to pray for the people of Israel and Palestine. Pray that peace will come to this part of the world and that this violence will stop. Open Doors spoke with a Christian in Gaza.

“My family and I feel fear and anxiety due to the heavy bombardments... we feel that the house will fall. It is a permanent earthquake. We try to hug our children and relieve them of fear and terror, and many times we cannot [comfort them] from the force of the strikes,” a Christian father from Gaza says to Open Doors.

“Currently, we live in a difficult situation in Gaza that is incomprehensible, as we do not know what is coming... all we see, hear and feel is war... explosions and destruction everywhere and the screaming of children from the intensity of the bombing. There is a strong fear of what is coming as there is no safe place in Gaza,” he continues.

“For a moment, it seemed as if the gates of heaven were closed in the face of this miserable and poor city... in Gaza, everything seems gloomy.” He says that this war seems “different from any previous escalations; we were not able to sleep for two days because the bombing is severe at night.”

He adds, “We pray that love and peace will prevail in our country, and I ask for a prayer for God’s protection over my family and our home, that the war will end quickly, and that the Lord will meet all needs, especially at this time, and that we can be the light in the middle of this total darkness and reflect the light and love of Christ in Gaza.”

THE CHURCH IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

The man is one of the about 800 Palestinian Christians of different Christian denominations in Gaza. The churches in Gaza have cancelled all their services due to the current war and the bombings of the Israeli air force. Open Doors supports the churches in Gaza so that they can help Christians with food and medicine where needed.

Palestinian Christians in the West Bank did have their church services. “We prayed for peace and justice in the Holy Land,” a Christian from Bethlehem said.

PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND PALESTINE:

Pray for peace and an end to all violence and injustice in Israel and Palestine.

Pray that the church will be a beacon of hope for the people through their testimony in words and actions.

Pray that the Lord will comfort those who lost loved ones.

Pray also that the international community will work towards lasting peace in the Holy Land.

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Wagin Group

CONGREGATIONS OF
DARKAN, DUMBLEYUNG AND WAGIN



OUR VISION

To honour God through purposeful loving.

Pentecost 22
5 November 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.*



**The greatest
among you
will be your
servant**

Matthew 23.11



Sunday, 5 November 2023

Darkan 9.00 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 23

Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley
Arthur Pederick

Bible Readings

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

Sunday, 19 November 2023

Darkan 9.00 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 25

Wendy Pederick
Robyn Willey

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

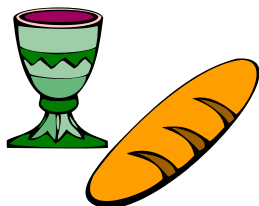
Sunday, 26 November 2023

Waratah 9.15 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Christ the King

Liz Pederick
Arthur Pederick

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

**Communion**

Dumbleyung 12 November 2023
Darkan 19 November 2023
Wagin 26 November 2023

**Darkan Flower Roster**

5 November 2023 D Gooding
19 November 2023 A Hart

**THIS WEEK'S WAGIN ROSTERS**

Door: Ian Pederick
Morning Tea: Sharon Diver
Reader: Fred Wharton
Worship: Arthur Pederick

NEXT WEEK

Sharon Diver
Julie-Anne Evans
Nena Bell
G & A Wasley



It was raining outside. Not just raining, but pouring. Buckets of water were falling from the sky.

The little boy turned to his mother.

"Mummy?" he said. "Yes, darling?" his mother replied.

"It's raining very hard, isn't it?" the little boy asked.

"Yes, it is," the mother answered.

"Does that mean that Jesus is taking a shower?"

DATES, MEETINGS, INFORMATION:

Wagin Aglow will meet Saturday 11 November, 2023, 10.00 am at the home of Robyn Willey, 21 Johnston Street.

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 is Love

*The Bible does not say God is forgiveness,
even though He is forgiving;
or that God is knowledge,
even though He is all knowing;
or that God is power, even though He is all powerful.
All attributes are, like facets on a diamond,
radiant windows into the heart of God.
But with regard to love,
God does not merely act it out – He embodies it.*

From: The God-Shaped Heart by Timothy R. Jennings MD

WAGIN REGULAR FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets every Wednesday at 7 pm at Ian and Liz's place. 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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