

**Extract from Pastoral Statement on the Bombings in Lebanon
and the Conflict in the Middle East
by Rev Charissa Suli,
President of the Uniting Church in Australia
24 September 2024**

Dear members of the Uniting Church in Australia and our broader community,

It is with a heavy heart that I reach out to you regarding the tragic events unfolding in Lebanon. On 23 September 2024, devastating airstrikes in southern and eastern Lebanon claimed the lives of over 492 people, leaving more than 1600 others injured and displacing many countless families. As violence escalates in the region, the situation has deeply affected the lives of people in Lebanon, Israel, and Palestine. This ongoing conflict continues to cause immense suffering and loss on all sides.

As we grapple with this news, we are reminded of the deep connections we have within our Uniting Church family. In the past 24 hours I have heard from people in the Uniting Church community grieving for their family, friends, and loved ones back in Lebanon. We hold them in our prayers, standing in solidarity as they process pain and uncertainty.

In these troubled times, we turn to the Word of God for peace and hope. These words of Jesus remind us:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."
(Jn 14:27).

This peace, a gift from Christ, transcends the fear and violence that so often consumes our world. Let us hold fast to this promise, even in the darkest moments.

Call to Prayer: Week of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

I invite every congregation, agency, faith community, school, family, and member within the Uniting Church to join in a Week of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East from 29 September to 5 October 2024. Let us unite in faith, praying for peace in this region, and for all those affected by the destruction and suffering.

Each day of this week, I encourage you to lift up specific prayers for those affected and to reach out to communities in the diaspora.

May God grant us the strength to be peacemakers, and may we continue to uphold the people of Lebanon, Israel, and Palestine, and all those suffering in the region, in our prayers.

In Christ's love and peace,
Rev Charissa Suli President of the Uniting Church in Australia

Suggestions for each day are on the Prayer Sheet

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Wagin Group

**CONGREGATIONS OF
DARKAN, DUMBLEYUNG AND WAGIN**

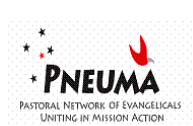


OUR VISION

To honour God through purposeful loving.

**Pentecost 19
29 September 2024**

Members of



**Salt is good,
but if salt has
lost its saltiness,
how can you
season it?**

Mark 9:50



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.*



Sunday, 29 September 2024 Historical Village Chapel Wagin 10.00 am	Pentecost 19 Paul Whitfield Chaplain, Penrhos College	Bible Readings Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
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Sunday, 6 October 2024 Darkan 9.00 am Wagin 10.15 am	Pentecost 20 Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley Paul Whitfield	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
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Sunday, 13 October 2024 Waratah 9.15 am Wagin 10.15 am Dumbleyung 11.00 am	Pentecost 21 Arthur Pederick Arthur & Wendy Pederick Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley	Job 23: 1-9,16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
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Sunday, 20 October 2024 Darkan 9.00 am Wagin 10.15 am	Pentecost 22 Arthur Pederick Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley	Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
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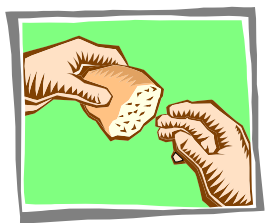
DATES, MEETINGS, INFORMATION:

Today, Sunday 29 September, there is a Combined Churches Service at 10 am the Historical Village Chapel in Wagin. The Speaker is Paul Whitfield, Chaplain at Penrhos College. There will be a Morning Tea after the service.

THE SOCK APPEAL is continuing. Socks are the number one requested item at homelessness services, and there's never enough of them. Everyone deserves to have cosy toes this winter. Bring new pairs of socks to the Wagin Church and put them in the "sock box" in the back of the Wagin Church. We will pass them on to those who minister to the homeless.

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.

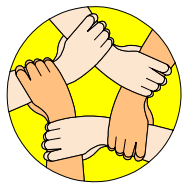
"Surely the challenge for the church today is to be taken captive by the agenda of Jesus, rather than seeking to mould him to fit our agendas, no matter how noble they might be."
Michael Frost



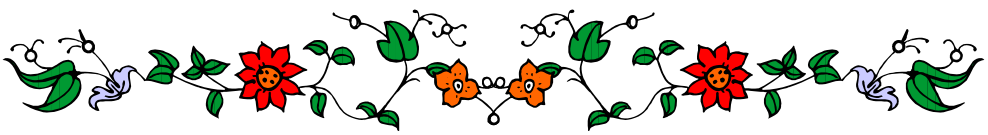
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Wagin 27 October 2024



Darkan Flower Roster
6 October 2024 S Blake
20 October 2024 tba



THIS WEEK'S WAGIN ROSTERS	NEXT SUNDAY
Door: Combined	Ian Pederick
Morning Tea: Churches	Wendy Steels
Reader: Service	Joan Johansson
Worship: at Historical Village	tba



BEING THANKFUL
A Minister said to a five-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"
The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

WAGIN REGULAR FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

TUESDAY HOME FELLOWSHIP. For information, contact Ann-Britt and Graham Wasley on 0428 611 724 or 98 611724

WhatsApp PRAYER GROUP. Wednesdays 6 am to 8 am. For information please contact Robyn Willey on 0417 924 823

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