

October Mission of the Month: *Open Doors & The Persecuted Church*

Open Doors was established in 1955 when Brother Andrew, a newly committed Christian, began smuggling Bibles into Eastern Europe. (Read the story from the book *God's Smuggler* – available in the Church Library)

Since then Open Doors has expanded to work in over 70 countries, providing Bibles, training and practical support to the persecuted church. Open Doors seeks to strengthen and prepare Christians living in persecution, and to mobilise the Australian church to identify with the global body of Christ.

Open Doors works through local partners and build long-term relationships in countries all around the world, with people who know and understand what is needed to see the church strengthened and the gospel proclaimed. The mission is to help the local church transform their nation for Jesus.



Please keep giving!

We may not be meeting physically for worship, but we still have bills to pay and ministries to support. You are encouraged to make use of the electronic funds

transfer option from your bank account to the Uniting Financial Services Congregation account using the following information:

BUC Property Committee BSB 634-634 Acc 10000-1487

**Mission of the Month giving can be done electronically as well:
write "Mission" in the description.**

**Keep on praying - We may have been locked down,
BUT we are never locked out from God!!**

**The physical weekly Prayer Meetings are in recess, but all are
welcome to join in the Zoom prayer gatherings. Click on the zoom link:**

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98976481554?pwd=WndnL1V5T0plYkJacFF3UGFHdUplQT09>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Jan & Gordon Allan
- * Jen Dinning
- * Kim Allen
- * Gordon Richardson
- * John Bishop
- * Denis & Lisle Wall
- * Sierk Dykman is in care at Allambie Heights Village
- * Matt Phillips is undergoing radiotherapy treatment for cancer
- * World: global covid crisis; refugees & the persecuted Church
- * Mission partners (Bruce & Kathy in Nigeria, Edwardes Family in Ireland)

Have a prayer request? * Email: prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au



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We aim TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world since 1916.

GOOD NEWS WEEKLY **Welcome Back to Church!** **Sunday 24th October 2021**

As we open our Church doors again in this covid transition time, I recognize that not everyone is in a position to physically meet – we all need to assess our own situations, especially if we are vulnerable, acknowledging that there may be unvaccinated people in our services.

If you are on a roster for a Sunday task and are unable to be present, please let me know and we can arrange someone else to take that role.

Please:

- * **Check in using the Church QR code or with the Concierge**
- * **Wear a mask (we have spare masks at the Welcome Desk)**
- * **Maintain physical distancing**
- * **Refrain from singing 😞**

9.30 am Morning Church *The Church Under Fire*
#4 Suffering will end! Romans 8:17 - 39

Service Leader: Ian Weeks **Preacher:** Ian Weeks
Music: Allan Leslie **Reader:** Sepesi Piukala
Welcoming: Tova Swadling & Helen Meillon
Flowers: Laumahoi Vakalahi

5.30 pm Evening Church *Christianity Explored Cont.*
Responding to Jesus: James, John & Bartimaeus
Mark 10:35 – 52

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October Sermon Series: *The Church Under Fire!*
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1. The Church Under Fire

What we know so far

2. Suffering will end – Romans 8

a) **The foundation** for this good news: our identity in Christ vv 1 - 17

BUT we continue to share in His suffering in this present time.

b) HOWEVER, this present suffering will not go on forever:

- i) glory will replace it v 18
- ii) whole of creation is anticipating this glorious end! vv 19 – 22
- iii) we groan in anticipation of this glorious end vv 23 – 27

c) SO, in the mean time

- i) we trust in God's good plans vv 28 – 30
- ii) we rejoice that God has our back vv 31 – 34
- iii) take comfort in that nothing in this world, or beyond, can separate us from God & His love for us in Christ Jesus v 35 - 39

Following Jesus in this world will not always be easy; but any suffering will be insignificant compared to God's great and glorious plans for us in eternity – so let us endure with hope and patience!



WHAT'S ON @ BUC?

Meetings will gradually resume in the near future.
An up-dated calendar will be circulated soon.

Thurs 28th Oct	BUC Prayer Meeting by zoom	11.00 am
Thurs 28th Oct	Church Council Meeting	7.30 pm

Congratulations to Susana Piukala & Livai Ofiu who will be married at service held at BUC on Saturday 20th November at 2.00 pm. Please pray for them as they prepare for their wedding.

Marcia Schnabel passed away early Friday morning 22nd Oct – We give thanks to God for Marcia's life of faith and faithful service to her Lord and our Church. Please pray for her daughter Sarah.

Next Sunday 31st October 2021
Open Doors Sunday

Next Sunday we will have Ms Jordan Scott from *Open Doors* who will share with us at both services.

9.30 am Morning Church *The Church Under Fire*
Stories from the Persecuted Church

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Music: Gwen Gatford	Reader: Ian Weeks
Welcoming: TBA	Flowers: Seni Piukala

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More Stories from the Persecuted Church

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