**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BALLARAT**
**ADVENT TO EPIPHANYTIDE APPEAL**

**supporting**
**Anglican Board of Mission (ABM AID)**
**GAZA & WESTBANK EMERGENCY APPEAL**




The Season through Advent to Christmas and Epiphanytide provide important opportunities of giving; with our families and friends, community and further afield. As part of such giving please consider supporting this Diocesan wide appeal to bring urgent medical aid to families in Gaza and the West Bank. The humanitarian crisis there is on-going.

As the Emergency Appeal on the ABM website abmission.org states: "People in Gaza are enduring displacement, hunger and the collapse of essential services. Please give now to help families affected by the crisis."

Support of this appeal via ABM will go to help fund medical consultations and treatment through the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza and St Luke's Hospital in the West Bank. The hospitals are managed by the Anglican Church through the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle-East,

providing health care for so many people who are suffering trauma, grief, exhaustion and much more. Severe shortages of clean drinking water, food and other basic needs continue. Medical workers and patients still live under continued threat of attack.

You can help! Together as a Diocese we can be part of helping to make a difference. Approximately $218 is the average cost of medical care for one person. This is an opportunity to give a gift for people in the Holy Land, the place of God's gift given in Christ.

Ways you can donate:

- Raise funds in your parish via
    1. A once off offering from a retiring collection at worship.
    2. Use an ABM donation banner by fastening them to envelopes for extra giving during the season. *(see the back page for something you can print).*
    3. Hold a small fundraising event where all or some of the proceeds are earmarked for this appeal.
    4. Pray for this project and for all who continue to be affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel.

**What to do with funds raised?**

Any contributions to this appeal can be sent to the following:

**Ballarat Anglican Diocesan Corporation - BSB 633-000 Account Number 155 020 977. Please use ABMAdvent as a reference.**

**or**

**If individuals want to donate direct to ABM as a tax deductible donation they can go to https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-emergency/gaza-west-bank/**

*Please note there are many other projects on the ABM website that may be of interest in your parish or to you personally. Just look up https://www.abmission.org/*

*The Photos in this document come from the ABM website – abmission.org*



*Gaza-Palestine. Amid massive destruction A young man and his mother drive a cart Through the streets. Photo by Mohammed Ibrahim on Unsplash*



*A nurse with a newborn at St Luke's hospital, West Bank.*

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# PRAYER

## FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT IN GAZA AND ISRAEL

*Almighty and Everlasting God:*
*Our days are in your hands;*
*we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn;*
*we pray also that you would soften the hearts of all those involved in the conflict, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace in the land where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, first came to bring hope and abundant life to all people;*
*these things we ask in his Holy Name.*
**Amen.**



*An ambulance exits the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.*

*You can use these text boxes to print and use on envelopes if you want to or make your own.*

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