

NOVEMBER PREACHING PLAN

Nov 5th

8.30 Lockyer HC	Rev Corina	Joshua 3: 7 - 17
9.30 Denmark	Rev E Sanderson	Psalm 107: 1 - 7, 33 -37
10.00 AUC HC	Rev Corina	1 Thessalonians 2: 9 - 13
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Matthew 23: 1 - 12

Nov 12th

8.30 Lockyer	R Anderson	Joshua 24: 1 – 3a, 14 - 25
9.00 Denmark HC	Rev Corina	Psalm 78 :1 - 7
10.00 AUC	R Anderson	1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18
11.00 Mt Barker HC	Rev Corina	Matthew 25: 1 - 13

Nov 19th

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	Judges 4: 1 - 7
9.30 Denmark	T Ayres	Psalm 123
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
11.00 Mt Barker	A Hortin	Matthew 25: 14 - 30

Nov 26th

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	Ezekial 34: 11 – 16, 20 - 24
9.30 Denmark	Judy Wilson	Psalm 100
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	Ephesians 1: 15 - 23
11.00 Mt Barker	E Burns	Matthew 25: 31 - 46

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*ALBANY REGION
CONGREGATIONS*

*Lockyer, Albany Uniting Church,
Mt Barker, Denmark*



NOVEMBER 2023



O God

*As we rejoice in the gift of each new day,
so may the light of your presence
set our hearts on fire
with love for you;
Now and forever
Amen.*

Message from the Manse: Rights and Responsibilities

Most of you will be – at least somewhat – familiar with the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights from 1948. In the culture of ‘we have a right’ it may be useful to realise that there is a movement to balance the tendency to have ‘rights’ prevail at the cost of others and the environment. A group of former statesmen and – women and advisors have joined forces to develop a Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities. After decades of deliberations what follows is still in draft form, but there is hope that one day this declaration will find as much acceptance as the one concerning human rights. For more information, computer literate people can visit this website: <https://www.interactioncouncil.org/>

1 Every person, regardless of gender, ethnic origin, social status, political opinion, language, age, nationality, or religion, has a responsibility to treat all people in a humane way.

2 No person should lend support to any form of inhumane behaviour, but all people have a responsibility to strive for the dignity and self-esteem of all others.

3 No person, no group or organization, no state, no army or police stands above good and evil; all are subject to ethical standards.

Everyone has a responsibility to promote good and to avoid evil in all things.

4 All people, endowed with reason and conscience, must accept a responsibility to each and all, to families and communities, to races, nations, and religions in a spirit of solidarity: What you do not wish to be done to yourself, do not do to others.

5 Every person has a responsibility to respect life. No one has the right to injure, to torture or to kill another human person. This does not exclude the right of justified self-defence of individuals or communities.

6 Disputes between states, groups or individuals should be resolved without violence. No government should tolerate or participate in acts of genocide or terrorism, nor should it abuse women, children,

DIARY DATES

- THUR 2nd NOV** } SCOTS CRAFT MARKET, open 9am – 3pm daily.
- FRI 3rd Nov** } Come along and enjoy morning tea or a light lunch and support the stall holders and the fund-raising charity.
- FRI 10th NOV** PEG SWEETMAN'S FUNERAL, Allambie Park
- TUES 14th NOV** LOCKYER LADIES FELLOWSHIP, Lockyer UC, 12noon
AUC FELLOWSHIP, Handasydes, 2pm. All welcome,
Contact Joan Stewart 9844 8958 if attending.
- THUR 16th NOV** FELLOWSHIP Morning Tea, 10am, Vancouver Café,
ALL WELCOME. Details from Mary 0427 554 947
- FRI 17th NOV** AUC COUNCIL MEETING, Lesser Hall Wesley, 4pm
- SUN 19th NOV** BARGAIN BONANZA fund-raiser. We need more goods to sell. Please get them to Edith by Friday 17th
She will pick up if necessary.

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Rosters for AUC and Lockyer:

AUC: RECORDING/

	<u>DOOR</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>MUSIC</u>
<u>5th Nov</u>	B Bickford	W Dwyer	B Reed	T Reed/
<i>Lockyer</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>J Ahern</i>	P Elms
<u>12th Nov</u>	C Ferry	E Verran	C Ferry	W Dwyer/
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>A Webb</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	S Harris
<u>19th Nov</u>	D Hosking	W Dwyer	A Tero	M Little/
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Ahern</i>	<i>A Hortin</i>	<i>J Wright</i>	P Elms
<u>26th Nov</u>	D Coxall	M Little	B Reed	W Dwyer/
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Bowman</i>	<i>A Hortin</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	P Elms

Morning Tea, Lockyer only

5th Nov *J Wright/J Bowman* **12th Nov** *J Thompson*
19th Nov *M Hannington* **26th Nov** *A Webb*

Please swap with someone if you are unable to take a turn, thanks to those willing to take part to help make services run smoothly.

Editorial Comment: Contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities, Corina has provided us with interesting and thought-provoking material. Reading through it we could think "I don't do that" or "of course that's how it should be" or "that's the government's job" but I urge you to think "how can I make things better?" If you continue to read on through the magazine, you will find many examples of how simple acts of kindness and generosity, using gifts and talents and the giving of time for the benefit of others all help to make the world a better place. Insisting on our rights encourages inward thinking and selfishness, taking on responsibility for our actions and how they impact on others encourages us to look outward, putting the needs of others before our own needs, all done with a loving heart, as our Christian beliefs call us to do. Clare Ferry

or any other civilians as instruments of war. Every citizen and public official has a responsibility to act in a peaceful, non-violent way.

7 Every person is infinitely precious and must be protected unconditionally. The animals and the natural environment also demand protection. All people have a responsibility to protect the air, water and soil of the earth for the sake of present inhabitants and future generations.

8 Every person has a responsibility to behave with integrity, honesty and fairness. No person or group should rob or arbitrarily deprive any other person or group of their property.

9 All people, given the necessary tools, have a responsibility to make serious efforts to overcome poverty, malnutrition, ignorance, and inequality. They should promote sustainable development all over the world in order to assure dignity, freedom, security and justice for all people.

10 All people have a responsibility to develop their talents through diligent endeavour; they should have equal access to education and to meaningful work. Everyone should lend support to the needy, the disadvantaged, the disabled and to the victims of discrimination.

11 All property and wealth must be used responsibly in accordance with justice and for the advancement of the human race. Economic and political power must not be handled as an instrument of domination, but in the service of economic justice and of the social order.

12 Every person has a responsibility to speak and act truthfully. No one, however high or mighty, should speak lies. The right to privacy and to personal and professional confidentiality is to be respected. No one is obliged to tell all the truth to everyone all the time.

13 No politicians, public servants, business leaders, scientists, writers or artists are exempt from general ethical standards, nor are physicians, lawyers and other professionals who have special duties to clients. Professional and other codes of ethics should reflect the priority of general standards such as those of truthfulness and

fairness.

14 The freedom of the media to inform the public and to criticize institutions of society and governmental actions, which is essential for a just society, must be used with responsibility and discretion. Freedom of the media carries a special responsibility for accurate and truthful reporting. Sensational reporting that degrades the human person or dignity must at all times be avoided.

15 While religious freedom must be guaranteed, the representatives of religions have a special responsibility to avoid expressions of prejudice and acts of discrimination toward those of different beliefs. They should not incite or legitimize hatred, fanaticism and religious wars, but should foster tolerance and mutual respect between all people.

16 All men and all women have a responsibility to show respect to one another and understanding in their partnership. No one should subject another person to sexual exploitation or dependence. Rather, sexual partners should accept the responsibility of caring for each other's well-being.

17 In all its cultural and religious varieties, marriage requires love, loyalty and forgiveness and should aim at guaranteeing security and mutual support.

18 Sensible family planning is the responsibility of every couple. The relationship between parents and children should reflect mutual love, respect, appreciation and concern. No parents or other adults should exploit, abuse or maltreat children.

19 Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any state, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the responsibilities, rights and freedom set forth in this Declaration and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.

Blessings,
Corina

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As the days speed by, consider some old Irish wisdom:

Take time to work, it is the price of success.

Take time to think, it is the source of power.

Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream, it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to love and be loved, it is the privilege of the gods.

Take time to look around, the day is too short to be selfish.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

Beatitudes for the Aged:

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are those who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at the table today.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop and chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm truly loved and not alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

Esther Mary Walker

BARKER BITS: We haven't seen Valerie down this way for a while now, but she keeps in touch and is finding plenty to keep her occupied in Perth. She will never be short of a job playing for church services locally as there are never enough musicians to cover if someone needs some time off. Anne and Tom Mackie's grandson was recently married, with the wedding held on one of the family farms. Milly attended the church service at Overton, it was good to see her as she is not up to coming on Sundays. She and Eileen both need prayer. Nita tends the church garden for us, for which we are most grateful. It is always good to have Corina lead our monthly communion service and we enjoyed having Ross and Shirley come last Sunday. They brought Anne Tero with them and it was lovely to catch up with them all.

Blessings, Sue Wilson

LOCKYER NEWS: Jan is back with us for which we are thankful. Sue is back safely but I haven't caught up with her to ask how the holiday went, the reason being I turned eighty-six and the wheels started falling off!! Next day I fell down the back step and after seven hours waiting in E.D. on a Friday evening the diagnosis was a good bump on the head [maybe a good thing] and a broken rib. Consequently, this week has been hard work which is not over yet as I have a few underlying problems. Enough doom and gloom, a bright spot in our week was Mischa's fifteenth birthday lunch at Amy's and great fun. We can identify with Mt Barker as regards music. Fortunately, they have Nita and we have Louise when Corina is able to bring her. She does enjoy coming and there is always someone willing to take her home. I trust Elaine is on the mend soon and back to her old self. I think we should begin our Christmas Hamper for Young House. It may take a little longer to build it up this year it but it will happen.

*Do not doubt Gods tender mercy,
Trust His word and seek His way;
You will find His grace sufficient,
For the burdens of today.* Anon

Cheers, Joan

PRAYER PROMPTS:

Please keep the following members in your prayers: Mick Vertigan as he recovers in rehab in Perth from a serious accident, Joan Stewart, Allan and Judy McKechnie and Elaine Archer, all with health problems. Please also pray for those who have recently lost loved ones, in particular, the family of Jennifer Sinclair who passed away recently in Perth and the family of Peg Sweetman who passed away peacefully in her sleep on 21st October. We especially think of Peg as she was such a faithful regular, first at Scots for many years then at Wesley until she became too frail and became a resident at Juniper where she was happy for the short time she was there. We think of her family who were very close to her and cared for her so lovingly. Her three daughters had visited her shortly before her passing. I will personally miss her as she is part of my history too over many years. Corina will be taking her funeral service at Allambie Park on Friday 10th November. The time has not yet been finalised but a notice will be in the local paper on Thursday 2nd November or contact Bill Roth of Albany Funerals for details. Edith

SHOEBOX SNIPPETS: Again, a big thank you for all of you who support this project. We are collecting already for next year, as usual we never stop! Just doing 150 boxes next year will make it a lot easier to reach our targets. I particularly want to thank Margaret, who knits beautiful teddies. She is an elderly friend of Maxine and I also thank Maxine for cutting out the pencil cases for Antonia to sew. Our next **Bargain Bonanza** will be on **November 19th** as the venue is not available in December because of Sunday trading. We could do with more items to sell if you could look for some as it is a bit close to our last stall in October. We made \$336 then which wasn't too bad. As usual I will take some items to sell at the next Scot's markets as well, we made \$120 last time. Thanks again to those who have dropped off goods to me already and to those who have already given me donations of money or items for the boxes.

God bless, Edith

From Samaritan's Purse:

Sometimes it is the simple gifts which capture a child's heart. From the Philippines, we can share some precious reactions from boys and girls at shoebox outreach events which took place earlier this year. Two boys were running around with their beanies even though the morning weather was too hot. When asked why they were wearing them, they said it was their first time ever to wear one, their beanies were their precious finds. For a 13-year-old girl, her precious find was a simple note book with a floral cover. For many children in rural villages in countries like the Philippines, personalised items are cherished when second-hand or shared items are commonplace. For many others, just the experience of receiving a shoebox filled with gifts was simply overwhelming. One girl cried tears of joy as she realised someone had lovingly packed a shoebox with gifts just for her. It is truly amazing to see God work through shoeboxes to draw boys and girls to him, no matter where they're from or how little they have.



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