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Albany Region Congregations



Welcome to our service.

Duke St Church morning tea is on the 3rd Sunday of the month, Denmark Uniting Church & Lockyer have morning tea after their Service. Mt Barker is before their Service.

18 February 2024.



Beginning of Lent

This year Easter will be early, on 31st March. So, we have already entered the season of Lent, with Pancake Day last Tuesday, and Ash Wednesday on 14th February. (I had a waffle with strawberries, almost as good as pancakes...)

In the early Christian church, Lent did not have a fixed period of time, but eventually Lent began 6 weeks (42 days) before Easter, which resulted in 36 days of fasting (Sundays did not count). People were accustomed to fasting and they wanted to fast as long as Jesus did when he was in the desert. In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent, to get to the number 40. (We know today that the exact number is not all that relevant, because 40 is a symbol. Forty days means a long time, as does 40 years of wandering in the wilderness: a very long time.)

In Rome, people who had been excluded from Holy Communion – because of their misbehaviour – began their period of public repentance on the first day of Lent. They prepared for their restoration to the sacrament of the Eucharist. These penitents were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and required to remain separate from their congregation until they were reconciled with the community on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. These practices fell into disuse in the 8th to 10th century). The beginning of the period of repentance then became symbolised by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.

In the Roman Catholic Church today, ashes are applied in the shape of a cross on the forehead of each worshipper.



Way of Life

If I thought that the Christian faith was only concerned with church-going or looking after a pious minority I would have very little use for it. But it isn't. Christianity is concerned with the whole of life, from falling in love to the way you bring up your children, from the use you make of your money or talents to the way you treat your neighbour, from the mystery of birth to the mystery of death and with everything that happens in between.

The Christian faith was a way of life before it became a religion. It still is. You cannot take a certain proportion of life and call that 'religious' any more than you can give God an hour or two on Sunday and consider the rest of life your own. The way you live, the way you treat others – these are the important things whether you profess to be a believer or not.

The way in which we behave is an accurate indication of what we really think about God.

Ideas taken from 'Day by Day with J.B. Phillips.

Submitted S. Wilson



February 18

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	E. Burns
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	A. Hortin

February 25

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	E. Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	A. Hortin

Dates every week

Museum: Open Tues-Thurs, 9-11am.

Tuesday Discussion: Meets at 9.30am for 10am start at Elizabeth's place. All welcome to come and discuss a wide variety of topics.

Wednesday Prayer group: Meets at 9.30am at Heather's place. All welcome.

Thursday Bible Study group: Meets at 10am at Rev. Corina's place. All welcome.

Thursday Lenten Studies: Will be offered by Corina, weekly on Thursday afternoons starting on 22nd February, to 21st March from 4pm -5pm in Lesser Hall. All welcome.

February 24 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

February 29 Craft Markets, York St, 9am-3pm

March 1 Craft Markets, York St, 9am-3pm

March 6 World Day of Prayer, Holy Family Catholic Church, 10am

These ashes come from the burnt palm leaves used in the previous year's Palm Sunday service. Receiving ashes is not a sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church; therefore, anyone who wishes to receive ashes may do so. The ashes serve as a reminder of our mortality, and often applied with some variation of the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ash Wednesday Services are also held in Anglican, Lutheran, and some other Protestant churches, but not in the UCA in Albany region. Maybe we need no extra reminder that 'we too will die'.

I suggest we fast from sad thoughts and rejoice in Summer!

Blessings,
Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Aileen Lucas, Rev Judy & Allan McKechnie and their families.

Lockyer: Anne & Alan Hortin, Rodney Marsh and their families.

Mt Barker: Pauline Hordacre, Carolyn & Doug Lincoln and their families.

Denmark: Dorothy Laffin, Anne Mackay and their families.

Synod: Emmaus Walks, Kairos Prison Walks and Chrysalis Flights Trinity Residential College and the China Christian Council

Photo Elaine (nee Kerr) & John Archer 1-2-1964. If you have a photo you would like featured and is appropriate for the front page, please send it in. Email: unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com
Hard copy photos will also be accepted.

News & Notes

★ **Albany YouthCARE** Council is taking part in the **Containers for Change** scheme. Our registration number is **C10331167**.

All you have to do is take your eligible containers to a collection point at either IGA Spencer Park, or IGA York Street and **quote our number**. The money you raise will go straight into our Albany bank account. Most aluminum, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible. For more information, check out the Containers for Change website.

★ **Offerings** We gratefully accept financial contributions ("offerings") to continue the work of the Church. Cash or cheques may be placed in the offering bowls at Sunday services. Direct bank transfers (EFT) are also welcome. For Albany, please use the details below:

BSB: 086 554 (National Australia Bank)

Account Number: 496 865 760

Account Name: Albany Uniting Church

Reference: Offering or Youthcare

For Denmark, Mount Barker and Lockyer please contact your treasurer for details. All offerings are anonymous. Feel free to ask for envelopes if you wish.

★ **Uniting World.** If you would like to donate to Uniting World. Donations will be used to provide urgent assistance, supplies & support longer-term recovery. To donate online, go to <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/donate-now>

★ **Connecting** people who cannot attend worship, can still stay in touch with us from anywhere in the world. You can receive the monthly Magazine, the weekly Bulletin and the Order of Service by email or in print. We also record Sunday services which can be sent on CD. Just contact Corina or Lisa to make arrangements (see back page). For those of you who use social media, Albany and Denmark have Facebook pages and some of us also post under tags like [#wesleyalbany](#) on other social media channels

★ **Elaine & John Archer's 60th Wedding Anniversary.** Married at Albany Methodist Church by Rev. James Vaughn, 1-2-1964. We will have morning tea on 18th February, 2024 at Wesley Church, after the service, to celebrate.

★ **Sing at Wesley on Wednesdays!** Shamara de Tissera recently moved to the Great Southern, directs Viva Voce choir in Denmark, and enjoyed the beautiful acoustic of Wesley Church singing soprano and alto solos for the Messiah Singalong in December. She is offering private and small group singing lessons at Wesley on Wednesdays. All ages are welcome. Call 0410 386 292. See www.swanharp.studio for more information.

