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Welcome to our service.

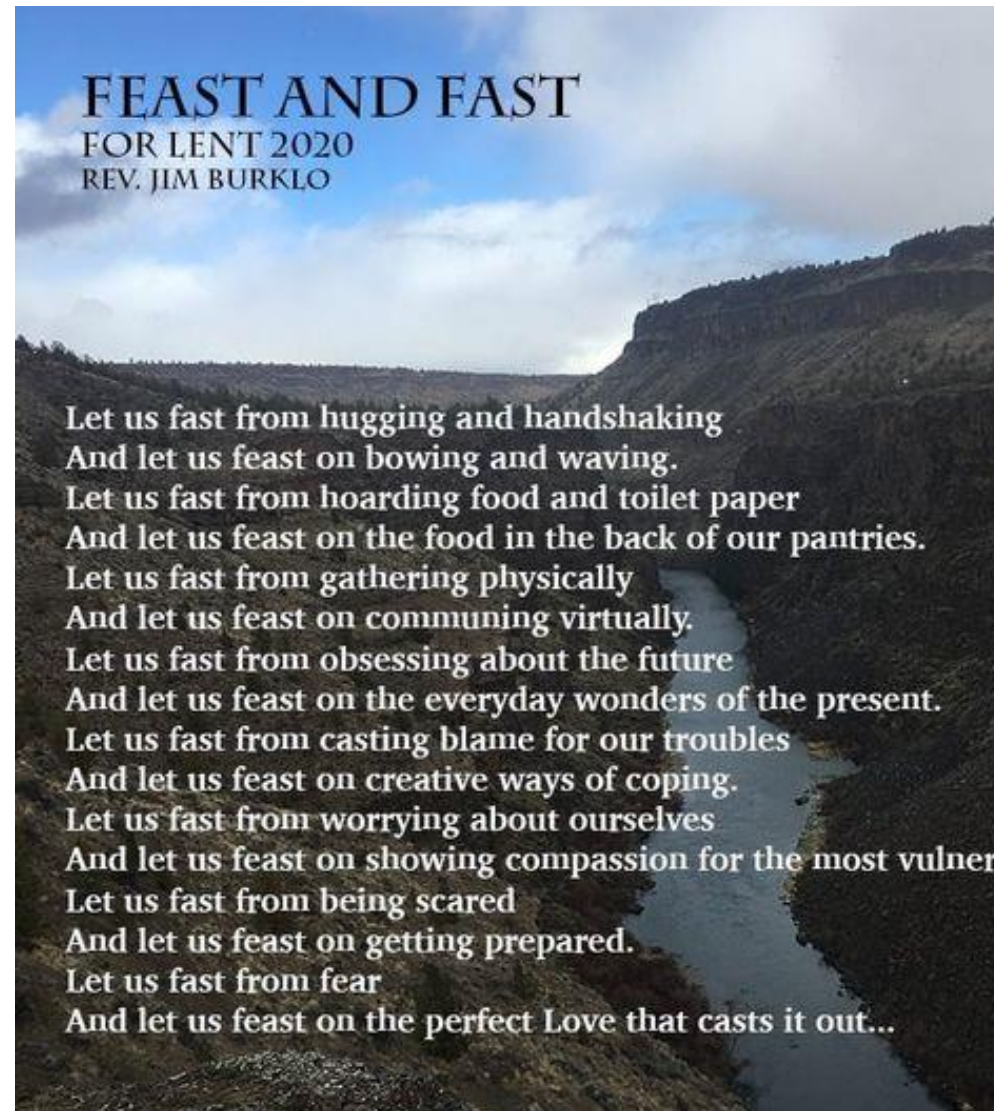
Duke St Church morning tea is on the 3rd Sunday of the month, Denmark Uniting Church & Lockyer have morning tea after their Service.

25 February 2024.

Lent

Sometimes I wonder how much of our attention is drawn to far away problems, like overseas wars, Eastern States floods and so on, and how much time we spend on taking action to tackle problems in our own Albany community. Every few months regional and local representatives of aid organisations meet, to compare notes, to inform each other of changes in support on offer, changes in organisations etc. I could not attend the most recent meeting, because it clashed with a Communion Service I lead at Craiggcare (with Doreen playing the piano). I have the minutes of that meeting and am sharing some of the things that came up. There is a lot of methamphetamine in town at the moment. Homelessness is at crisis level, with young mothers and babies being affected. A lack of viable properties and increase in rent causes people to leave their homes. Some caravan parks refuse to take local people, but Mt Barker Caravan Park accepts them. There are wait lists, which prioritise vulnerable people and people at risk. People are supposed to make an appointment to see emergency relief people at St Vincent the Paul, but many people drop in, maybe because they cannot afford a mobile phone. They need a volunteer truck driver to pick up and drop off furniture for people finding accommodation. A lot of people use 'buy now, pay later' schemes to buy daily necessities, and Anglicare Financial Counselling have a three-week waiting list for appointments. Many people have already received their 6 times per year limit in emergency relief, and St John's too see a significant increase in people

Feast and Fast



Submitted by E. Burns



February 25

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

March 3

8.30am	LOCKYER HC	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E. Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST HC	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

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

recently become homeless. Apparently, the backpackers' accommodation is not as safe as it used to be. Foodbank is excessively busy, and they don't have enough meat. Pet food is high in demand as well. Foodbank is hoping to find part time volunteer financial counsellors on their site.

There is a long list of aid organisations in the region, doing great work. Lisa, in her new office, helps people with Foodbank vouchers, as well as with applications for a NILS loan (a loan without interest). In exceptional cases overnight accommodation or petrol or is funded. This Lenten period, can we think of anything (more) each of us individually, our (grand)children, or congregations, could contribute to relieve the pressure on the poor and/or marginalised people in Albany?

Blessings,
Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Bardie Mitchell, Louise & Clint Munro and their families.

Lockyer: Margaret Pinchback, Michelle Stirling and their families.

Mt Barker: Anne Mackie, Deborah Murphy and their families.

Denmark: Ron Munro, Carmy O'Sullivan and their families.

Synod: The National Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

Photo: Church Window, B. Symons – Ace Camera Club. 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](https://www.facebook.com/wesleyalbany) on other social media channels

★ **Albany-Denmark YouthCARE.** Affirmation Service. We look forward to sharing together with the Pioneer Family Church at 47 Pioneer Road, on Sunday 17th March 2024, commencing at 5.30pm. It will be followed by a light supper. It is a wonderful opportunity for people from all local churches to join together and support our chaplains and Christian Values Education volunteers.

