



## Regional Directory

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## Welcome to our service.

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

**4 February 2024.**

## St Teresa of Avila

This week a poem written by a Jewish Christian Saint, Teresa of Avila, who lived in sixteenth century Spain. When Teresa was twenty one she ran away from home and joined a convent. Convents, in those days, were a good place for women to find more independence, more freedom, than they would be allowed at home – it offered a way of life without becoming a wife and mother too. The Spanish Inquisition forbade women to read in 1559. Teresa then began to write poetry about her relationship with God. Here is an example.

*Every prophet's name*

*I found completeness when each breath began to silently say the name of my Lord. That name – my conception of Him – extended to me a hand that led to a place where even His divine name could not exist. Why?*

*Most sounds express discontent, longing, or negotiation. The kettle may whistle out an ecstatic cry, but even that I learned to control until everything I knew burst in a glorious symmetry.*

*I have no seams, no walls, no laws. My frontiers and God's are the same.*

*One Divine Being is existence. All the forests on this earth combined are but a tiny wood fibre – a particle of one spoke on the Wheel.*

*What is the relationship of form to the unseen aspects of God? What percentage of God is unseen? What percentage of the Truth of God do we know?*

## Rejoice





### February 4

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER HC</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	J. Wilson
10am	<b>DUKE ST HC</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	S. Wilson

### February 11

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	R. Anderson
9.00am	<b>DENMARK HC</b>	Rev. Corina
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	R. Anderson
11am	<b>MT BARKER HC</b>	Rev. Corina

## Dates every week

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

**Tuesday Discussion, group restarting on the 13/2/24.**

Meet 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, restarting on the 15/2/24**

Meets at 10am at Rev. Corina's place. All welcome

February 13 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

February 15 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

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

*He led me to a place where only Light existed. Only in us is God so lost that He asks questions.*

*The soul outside all walls never troubles Him, never wonders things like, "Where are You, Beloved?" For then your arms and God's are intertwined.*

*I said to my Lord, "This holy place I have entered – is Your name the only key to this?"*

*And my Lord responded, "How old do you think is existence? For eons of time, souls have been entering me; every prophet's name is a key, as is every heart full of forgiveness and love."*

I suggest you read this text out loud, slowly, a few times, without trying to 'get' its meaning. Understanding Teresa's poetry is not something that can be done with the mind alone. Sensing its beauty, its truth, its depth, needs to be done with the heart. I hope you can find some joy in these words.

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Doreen Keding, Joan Leeder and their families.

**Lockyer:** Jennifer & Alistair Anderson, June Bowman and their families.

**Mt Barker:** Sue Wilson, Nita Clarke and their families.

**Denmark:** John Croft & Veronica Davenport, Ann & Gavin Gray and their families.

**Synod:** St Luke's Carnarvon Uniting Church Synod of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

**Photo** Wesley's Organ- M Carter. If you have a photo you would like featured and is appropriate for the front page, please send it in.

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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

★ **Birds take flight concert**. First light. Listen. The music will take you. The earth is waking. Hear her heart beating, deep dark, and above, in glorious concert, birds call the silence into day...and so begins a creative musical collaboration for voice and instruments from composer/lyricist Louise McKenna and poet Jen Fraser. Performed by Woven Women's Ensemble and local musicians, and rendered in unique blends of contemporary, jazz and classical harmonies, this universal story/song cycle of eleven pieces honours the miracle of migratory shorebirds on their perilous flight from Djert Mia (Denmark Bird Sanctuary) to Siberia and return. Scot's Church, York Street, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4-5pm, \$30.

Tickets at Trybooking:

Denmark 24 February 2024 <https://www.trybooking.com/CNRVL>

Albany 25 February 2024 <https://www.trybooking.com/CNRWA>

★ **Thank you** to everybody who helped in the **AUC/ARC Office** move into **Room 3**. Especially to Patrick & William Elms, Allan Mc, Ross, Seb, Elizabeth, Kathy, Rachel, Julie & Justin Weaver. Our new office phone number is **0472 732 441**.

