



Regional Directory

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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.

14 April 2024.



Psalm 4

*When I call, give me answers, God, take my side!
Once, in a tight pace, you gave me room; now I am in
trouble again: grace me! Hear me!
You rabble – how long do I put up with your scorn?
How long will you lust after lies? How long will you live
crazed by illusion?*

We cannot know the trouble the psalmist faced. It could be family discord, or neighbourly conflict. We do know that the author turns to God for rescue and relief. As is the case with most Psalms, they speak about real struggles and cries for deliverance (salvation). When we experience hardship in our lives we can find comfort in their openness, their directness. Reading a Psalm like this can help us realise that we are not alone. When we read the response to pain the writer finds, we can find hope to find ways to endure our own suffering. The opening words of Psalm 4 are straightforward. The situation is so dire there is no time to waste in calling upon God for assistance. "Give me answers, God!"

You were on my side before, so I count on you again. The psalmist turns to his attackers next. People who have shamed him. Read the rest of the Psalm, set for this week, and you will find that he is one of the people God has 'set apart'. One of the faithful. Despite his problems he calls to God, fully expecting God to act. This confidence runs through the whole Psalm.

Soul Soil

In Genesis 2:8; we read about the Lord God planted a garden. Faith is the soil in which all other virtues grow. In 2 Peter 1:5-7, we are told to have soul soil of faith and to let it produce increasing amounts of virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. Most of us have done gardening, and you know that weeds come up naturally, but crops and flowers need to be cultivated to control the weeds. The weeds represent the things that grow in our garden that can stifle the growth of virtues that God wants to see us practising in our life's journey.

We are a part of Gods Garden, and He is trying to help us cultivate out the weed's in our lives (garden), and strive to have a deeper faith and for us to be aware that Christ is abiding in us, being fruitful, and producing other virtues that God loves. We need have the desire to open our hearts to allow Him to do more of the work He needs to in our lives.

Amen

Encouraging Thoughts

Submitted Ross Anderson



April 14

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

April 21

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	P & M Cocks
10am	DUKE ST	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, Lockyer, Townsend St. All welcome.

April 18 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

April 27 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

May

May 2 & 3 Craft Markets, York St, 9am-3pm

Difficult circumstances will not keep him from believing that God can see and hear him. This is the author's secret for security in insecure times. He not only believes in the constancy of God's presence. He also reminds himself of this rock-solid core of truth. Difficulties are as certain as the rising and setting of the sun. Yet, God's presence is a greater certainty than our troubles. The psalmist knew this and hung on to it as if his life depended on it. (Actually, it did!)

God is indeed present, with us and in us, through the living Christ, by the Holy Spirit. So, we can be thankful, and remember that God is an ever-present help in times of trouble. When difficulties threaten to overtake us, may we cling to the certainty of God's loving presence, I pray.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Colleen & Garth Roberts, Sylvia & Derek Ryall and their families.

Lockyer: Margaret Pinchback, Judy Thompson and their families.

Mt Barker: Nita Clarke, Milly Coad and their families.

Denmark: Kathy & Gary Grigg, Ruth & Norman Kershaw and their families.

Synod: Wellington Regional Mission (Bunbury St Augustine and Waterloo Uniting Churches), Defence Force Chaplaincy.

Photo: Red Tingles- Rod Marsh. 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.

★ **Funeral Service** for Carole Faulkes will be held at Allambie Park Chapel, Albany, on the 18th April at 12 noon.

★ **Book Sale.** We have a selection of Bibles & religious books in the Church foyer or in the office during opening hours. Purchase by donation.

★ **2024 Directory.** We are updating this year's Directory. Please send any change of contact details into the office.

Albany Chamber Orchestra
Presents "Musical Tapas"
A selection of tasty musical treats.

Ingredients

- Canon in D -Pachelbel
- Eine Kleine Nachtmusik- Mozart
- Brandenburg Concerto No. 3- JS Bach
- Simple Symphony- Britten
- The Shell Adagio -Borenstein
- Incantations- Meyer

Directions

1. Come to Wesley Church on Friday 19th April 7 pm or Saturday 20th April 2.30 pm
2. Tickets (Adults \$20/Students \$5) available at the door. Cash preferred but EFTPOS available.

A circular graphic with a gold border and leafy accents. Inside, there is a lit candle, a plate of food, and a plate with sheet music, all set against a red background.