



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.

21 April 2024.



Want

Psalm 23 is probably the most well-known and read, recited and sung psalm of all 150 in the Bible. It is a reassuring, comforting poem, reminding us we are not alone and need not fear anything at all. We are blessed people, well cared for. “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want”. I shall not want? Have you ever met anyone who did not want anything? Have you lived a single day without wanting something? We always want things. We want good things, we want to forget mistakes we made, and we want to escape the consequences of things we wanted which were not so good after all.

What would it be like to live without ‘want’? We are not instructed by the Scriptures to live without passion, desire, motivation, effort, or even want – but want of what? Want of a closer relationship with the Shepherd? Want of a deeper trust in the One who promises to take care of our every want, our every need? Want of a faith that tells us that everyone and everything has a purpose in life? Want of a greater understanding of the often-mysterious Biblical texts? “I shall not want”. When we find ourselves wanting, does that mean that God is not living up to the promise to provide all we need? Think for a moment about the people you see on the benches in the shopping centre, especially on a very hot or cold day. The lonely men dressed in worn out pants and t-shirts, who don’t



The Gift

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.

Earth and heaven both are still watching,
though time is draining from the clock
and your walk, that was confident and quick,
has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let
the heart still play its true part.
Love still as once you loved, deeply
and without patience. Let God and the world
know you are grateful. That the gift has been given.

Mary Oliver

Submitted by A.Hortin



April 21

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	P & M Cocks
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

April 28

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look all that healthy, or clean. Think for a moment about all the numbers in your mobile phone of people who want to talk to you. Does God not care for these men and homeless people everywhere? It might be an upside-down perspective to think that if we don't have all we want, then God is asleep... If we would say this out loud, we would realise straight away how crazy this thought is. The hope, the promise, when we want what the One who is Love would want us to want is stated most clearly in verses 5 and 6: an overflowing cup, goodness and mercy all our lives. What more could we want? What more do we need? Is this not what we already have? May we learn to only want to love and be loved – all the days of our lives.

Blessings, Corina

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 27 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

May

May 2 & 3	Craft Markets, York St, 9am-3pm
May 14	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
May 14	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

Prayers of the week

AUC: Jennifer & Max Shearer, Lloyd Stewart and their families.

Lockyer: Annette Webb, Vera Wellstead and their families.

Mt Barker: Eileen Gilbert, Pauline Hordacre and their families.

Denmark: Dorothy Laffin, Anne Mackay and their families.

Synod: Lay Preachers, PNEUMA, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and Uniting Church Mission Fellowship, Synod of South Australia.

Photo: Princess Royal Harbour rocks- 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](#) 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. All welcome.

★ **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.

