



Regional Directory

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Uniting Church in Australia
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.

7 April 2024.

Easter Season

The life of Jesus can be seen as a template for all human experience. If we suffer, we are one with Jesus in Gethsemane. If we are filled with bliss, we are one with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. When we die or experience a symbolic death in a life-changing situation, the Crucified One accompanies us. When new life rushes in to transform and enlighten us, we are one with the Resurrected Christ.

The author of John's Gospel has Jesus say, "I am the light of the world". In the Sermon on the Mount (in Matthew) Jesus tells his listeners, "*You* are the light of the world". The light of the world in Christ and the light of the world in us is the same light. We are invited to allow the light of Christ in our own hearts to shine through us into the world. Saint Benedict instructed monks to observe a "continual Lent" – to make the disciplines of Lent a way of life. The fasting of Lent is less about what sacrifice we make and more about the space we create in our lives for blessings to emerge anew...

Life is complex and our inner guidance toward compassion and care can get sidetracked by a tendency to protect ourselves at the expense of other people. We all live, and we all die. These truths are compressed into the final three days of holy week. Jesus dies when spring arrives - a reminder that when we die, life will go on.

The pattern of living, dying, contemplating, and renewed life can be found in all our lives. Lent prepares us every

Point of No Return

The Climate Kairos passed. The crisis is now! We must act to restore God's creation to a place of health and wholeness.

Is it too late to make a difference? Can we fix the damage done? God, hear our prayer and spurn us into radical action. We have acted out of self-serving ignorance and frightening denial not realizing that our actions are harmful to the environment.

Forgive us our short-sightedness and selfish designs. We face your Kairos moment. We stand on the brink. Hold us back from self-annihilation.

Do not merely forgive us for participating in the destruction of the fragile web of your creation; Change us. Restrain our destructiveness.

Save us from ourselves.

Anna Gobledale.

Submitted by E. Burns.



April 7

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

April 14

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

April 4th & 5th Craft Markets, York St, 9am-3pm

April 9 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm

April 9 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

April 18 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

year to encounter this pattern anew. Going from life, to death, to waiting, to new life is not a one-off exercise. Every year we journey with Jesus to the cross and beyond – and share the abundance of new life with each other. That is the ultimate meaning of Easter. The ultimate meaning of Lent is to help us be aware of the mysteries that lead us from darkness to light as consciously as possible. After forty days in the desert, we celebrate the Easter season which lasts fifty days. The reason why Eastertide is longer is found in our heart. Let us consider the key Lenten principles of fasting, generosity, and prayer, and think about the larger themes of compassion, care for others, and yearning for Union with God. What gifts do we hope to carry into the Easter season and beyond.

Easter blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Betty & Tom Reed, Eileen Remaj and their families.

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

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

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

Synod: Pinjarra, Waroona, Warren-Blackwood Group (Bridgetown, Manjimup, Northcliffe and Pemberton Uniting Churches) Protestant Church of Maluku and the United Church in the Solomon Islands (UCSI).

Photo: Easter Lillies- internet image. 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.

MISSION SHAPED MINISTRY
MSM 2024 IS IN PERTH

Mission-shaped ministry (MSM) is a one year course in how to start and sustain a Fresh Expression of church. It's about how to re-invent church for 21st century culture. It's about how to establish a "church" for the good of people who are not yet members of any church.

Bring a group from your congregation and participate in each of the four weekends.

Scan this code to Register on Eventbrite

RUN OVER FOUR WEEKENDS:

APRIL 27, 28	EACH SATURDAY AT MT PLEASANT UNITING CHURCH AND EACH SUNDAY AT NEDLANDS UNITING CHURCH
JUNE 22, 23	
AUGUST 24, 25	
OCTOBER 26, 27	