

JUNE PREACHING PLAN

June 2nd

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	1Samuel 3: 1 - 10 (11 - 20)
AUC combined at Lockyer HC		Psalms 139: 1 - 6, 13 - 18
9.30 Denmark	Rev E Sanderson	2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 12
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6

June 9th

8.30 Lockyer	R Anderson	1Samuel 8: 1 - 9 (11: 4 - 15)
9.00 Denmark HC	Rev Corina	Psalms 138
10.00 AUC	R Anderson	2Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:1
11.00 Mt Barker HC	Rev Corina	Mark 3: 20 - 35

June 16th

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	1Samuel 17: 32 - 49
9.30 Denmark	T Ayres	Psalms 20
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	2Corinthians 5: 6 - 10, 14 -17
11.00Mt Barker	S Wilson	Mark 4 : 26 - 34

June 23rd

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	1Samuel 17: 32 -49
9.30 Denmark	G Wilson	Psalms 133
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	2Corinthians 6: 1 - 13
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Mark 4: 35 - 41

June 30th

8.30 Lockyer	R Anderson	2Samuel 1: 17 - 27
9.30	Rev Corina	Psalms 130
10.00 AUC	R Anderson	2Corinthians 8: 7 - 15
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Mark 5: 21 - 43



THE ARC MONTHLY

*ALBANY REGION
CONGREGATIONS*

*Lockyer, Albany Uniting Church,
Mt Barker, Denmark*



JUNE 2024

*Gracious God,
as we begin each day,
may we seek your presence
and guidance.*

*May our actions reflect your love
and may we be instruments
of peace and compassion
in the world.*

Message from the Manse:



Rev Corina is currently in the Netherlands spending precious time with her father. She is due back on 29th May so will soon be saying goodbye to family and friends and leaving behind spring weather with its colourful scenery to return to the grey and cold of autumn merging into winter here. We wish her a safe journey all the way back to Albany, a happy reunion with her dog which has been in Elizabeth's care, and a speedy recovery from jet lag.



DIARY DATES

- THUR 30th May** } SCOTS CRAFT MARKET in Scots Hall, York St.
FRI 31st May } Open 9am - 3pm daily, come along and enjoy morning tea or a light lunch. This will be your last opportunity until August, due to the winter break.
- SUN 9th JUNE** BARGAIN BONANZA – fundraiser for SHOEBOX APPEAL, please have items to Edith before the Friday – she will pick up if necessary.
- TUES 11th JUNE** LOCKYER LADIES FELLOWSHIP, Lockyer UC, 12noon
 AUC FELLOWSHIP, Handasydes, 2pm. All welcome
- THUR 20th JUNE** FELLOWSHIP Morning Tea, 10am, Vancouver Café, ALL WELCOME. Details from Mary 0427 554 947
- SUN 23rd JUNE** AUC Congregational AGM, after morning worship.

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Roster for AUC:

	<u>DOOR/</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>RECORDING/ MUSIC</u>
<u>2nd June</u>	Combined service at Lockyer due to car races in town.			
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Wright</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>J Wright</i>	P Elms
<u>9th June</u>	C Roberts	C Ferry	C Ferry	W Dwyer/ S Harris
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>J Bowman</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	
<u>16th June</u>	D Hosking	W Dwyer	A Tero	M Vertigan/ P Elms
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	
<u>23rd June</u>	C Ferry	S Harris	C Ferry	J Pell/ P Elms
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Bowman</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	
<u>30th June</u>	D Coxall	E Verran	A Tero	M Little/ P Elms
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>J Wright</i>	

MORNING TEA, Lockyer only**2nd June** *M Hannington***9th June** *J Thompson***16th June** *J Dunbar***23rd June** *S Wood***30th June** *J Bowman/J Wright*

Please swap with someone if you are unable to take your turn and inform Lisa at the office of the change. Thank you to those willing to take part, helping to make services run smoothly.

I'd like to acknowledge the many years of service given to Wesley Church by Tom and Betty Reed. Tom has supervised the sound system from its very beginning and Betty was not only treasurer for many years she participated on rosters wherever there was a need, in particular, reading and providing beautiful flower arrangements from her garden, which for some years now was every 3rd Sunday. Neither are enjoying the best of health, so have asked to be relieved from further duties. A huge thankyou to you both, Clare Ferry

Wesley News on Repairs and Renovations:

After years of battling their way through Mission Plans, regulations regarding historical buildings, the use of embargoed funds, finding qualified tradespeople to carry out repairs in accordance with regulations while the estimated cost ever rose whilst watching the conditions of the buildings deteriorate further, and whenever heavy rain was forecast making sure large containers were in place to catch the rainwater from the leaking roof, the Council feels as though at last a breakthrough is imminent. The Thrive team from Synod headed by Rob Douglas and Tim Fellows, made a visit a few weeks ago and with dialogue across the table instead of endless emails which never quite answered questions clearly, the Council was assured that their Mission Plan had been approved and the embargoed funds from the sale of Norman House would be used to cover costs. Tim Fallows is an executive member of Synod, with a background in project managing, and at the meeting was able to provide useful information of how to go about dealing with the heritage situation. So far, the local architect firm H&H have been used for assistance and Tim has suggested that by liaising with both H&H and Perth architects he could assist and project manage the ongoing work from Perth. The cost of restoration is very expensive, but in addition to releasing the embargoed funds, the Synod property group will help us to apply for Heritage grants, which will assist in the total completion of the Duke St complex. Rob Douglas sympathised with the amount of time it has taken to get this far, but advised us not to get too fixed on the building difficulties and look forward as well, always on the look-out for ways we can continue to develop our mission to the wider community. In the March Magazine, Joan Wright suggested that we have a box available to collect food items to pass on to aid organisations in Albany. Wesley has their AGM scheduled for Sunday 23rd so once you have digested the above, make an effort to attend the AGM, ask questions and make some suggestions for ongoing community aid. Clare Ferry

BITS FROM BARKER: As usual the days have gone by far too quickly for me to feel there is much news to pass on, but I'll do my best. Nita and I held our monthly church service at the Overton Aged Care facility. It was nice to catch up with most of those who have been attending the service regularly and to be received warmly by the Carers. It is always good to catch up with Milly.

Philip celebrated his birthday yesterday (20/05) and it was fortuitous that it coincided with the annual birthday party of the Probus Club who had decided to have a celebration lunch at the local Chinese Restaurant. That meant Philip had a ready-made party for his special day!

Ross and Shirley visited us on Sunday as Ross led the service. A group of us went out to lunch after the service, which was enjoyable and a nice change as we have ceased to go out on a regular basis unless there is a reason to do so. Pauline will celebrate her birthday on 1st June so maybe that would be a good reason to have lunch out on Sunday 2nd June or to save up for 9th June when Corina will lead our service. We look forward to her return.

Greetings to all the other local Uniting Church congregations and we pray that all will be blessed with good health through the winter months.

Regards, Sue Wilson

Lockyer News: I was getting comfortable when along comes Clare wanting some Lockyer news. So much for quiet time although it is said to be the lull before the storm. Maybe winter is on the way. Anne and Alan will be away in June depleting our numbers, but Corina will be there to keep us on track. We look forward to sharing Communion and morning tea with as many who will brave the early start on 2nd June. You can do it !!!

Psalm 142:4 No-one is concerned for me, I have no refuge, no-one cares for my life. Reminds me of "Nobody likes me, everybody hates me. I think I'll go and eat some worms." Look outside the square and see what God has done for you. Life is good. Cheers for now, Joan.

also play at the Festival of Voice at 11.40am on 2nd June at the Denmark Civic Centre.

22nd June will see Aquinas College Boys Choir from Perth present a concert and make a recording at Wesley. Their tour will include school visits, workshops and a mass at The Holy Family church, and we were very glad to support them with a discounted hire fee and support with their recording. We don't have specifics on the event so save the date and keep an eye on Church Bulletins for details. Albany Choral Society will present Faure's Requiem, among other works, on the evening of Friday 28th and afternoon of Saturday 29th June (instead of our usual Quiet Space). We understand tickets will be \$35 or \$30 concession, \$10 students under 18. They will be available from Stamm's Emporium in coming weeks – again please read the Church Bulletins or follow ACS on Facebook and we will share the concert times when we have them.

Please don't forget to send information of any other events around the region, or music-related news, to myself at

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or to Clare so we can include them.

Finally, to Church business. Naturally we aren't just a congregation that meets for worship, but an active organisation in the community. Representatives came from Presbytery to hear our proposals for Wesley Music, as well as services for the homeless. These are key parts of our service mission and of course help justify owning and maintaining our properties. We understand our visitors looked favourably on our plans, so fingers are crossed we can have our roof repaired, etc.

I wish you all a gentle easing into colder weather, with warmth in your heart, and the hope that our faith can give us.

Seb Harris

and the good work that they do. When Samaritan’s Purse had an emergency field hospital set up in New York’s Central Park, they so graciously brought food to our staff and volunteers who were working long, hard hours in the battle with Covid 19. And when a hurricane hit in the Bahamas and we had a field hospital set up to help, World Central Kitchen brought food for our team there as well. These recent deaths are a reminder of the hazards that lurk at every corner in Gaza.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm122: 6) and ask the Lord to continue to open doors and grant us favour throughout the country so we can go on helping people on all sides of the conflict.

May God bless you. Franklin Graham

June Magazine News:

We hope you had a chance to participate in or enjoy some of the events in May such as the Eisteddfod or the musical “We Will Rock You” which is now sold out. Congratulations to them on their efforts, and to Albany Sinfonia and About FACE, which drew a huge and rapturous crowd, estimated at around 500, to Albany’s largest capacity venue, the Free Reformed Church of Albany. Also, any of you who came to The Quiet Space with Tony King on 25th May, we’d love your feedback on that. But remember: **No Quiet Space in June!** June looks to be one of our busiest months:

You may have seen the poster for a fascinating inter-regional and cross-genre event coming up on 8th June at Wesley. The Denmark-based songwriter, multi-instrumentalist producer and vocalist, Echo Omen, comes to us with the Margaret River-based Sacred World Music Choir for an event unlike any I’ve ever heard of. More info and tickets are available online from Humanitix (search “Reverb”) or if still available, at the door. \$25 each or two for \$40. As a band which sought out Wesley Music for both our people and our venue, we look forward to hearing a lot more from them.

Their music is available on YouTube and Spotify, and Echo Omen will



PRESENTS

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FEATURING

SACRED WORLD MUSIC CHOIR

AND

ECHO OMEN



SAT
8TH
JUNE
6.30PM

WESLEY CHURCH

12 DUKE ST, ALBANY

TICKETS @HUMANITIX
OR DM FOR MORE INFO



@ecosystem
@thesacredworld



musicchoir
@echo.omen



PRAYER PROMPTS:

Please continue to keep those congregational members known to you who are not well and those who are mourning the loss of loved ones in your prayers. We think in particular of the Dufty family in Perth on the loss of Kath, and also of Allan and Judy McKechnie, Rosemary Day, Bardie Mitchell and Tom & Betty Reed. Please also keep Corina in your prayers, she is on leave but will be back soon.

SHOEBOX SNIPPETS:

Many thanks to all who have donated items for fund raising and items to go in the boxes this year. I have done a run through my book and honestly you are marvellous! All we need now for the boxes are some more small toys and marbles. The cheapest marbles are probably still available at the Reject Shop, Icky Finks or the Two Buck shop. You used to be able to get a pack of 100 for about \$3.50 but the price would probably be more now. We need 6 or 7 packs. We could do with some more saleable goods to sell on our next fund-raising stalls, the Scots markets on **30th and 31st May**, and the next **Bargain Bonanza** on **9th June**, providing you haven't completely emptied your cupboards for us already.

The article I have chosen on the work of Samaritan's Purse is on the assistance they have provided for both Israel and Gaza. I have a problem with Franklin Graham talking of the "accidental killing" of the Aid workers, when we know that 3 or 4 notifications of the route and whereabouts were given to the Israeli army, and the vehicles were clearly marked, yet they were deliberately targeted and bombed. This situation really needs our constant prayers. It is hard for us, living, as we do, in Australia, to get our heads around all this violence. It is the thousands of children who have been killed that gets to me, a stark example of "Man's inhumanity to Man" There is no check of what is really happening there, I just hope that Samaritan's Purse can really help those suffering and in need.

God bless, Edith

Responding to crisis in the Middle East, May, Franklin Graham:

When Hamas attacked Israel on 7th October 2023, Samaritan's Purse quickly deployed a Disaster Response Team, and we began working with dozens of church partners in Israel, as well as in Gaza and the West Bank, to provide thousands of displaced families on both sides of the conflict with food and other assistance. Now, 7 months later, we continue to support both Israelis and Palestinians impacted by the fighting. In the months since the initial attack, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet immediate food and hygiene needs for tens of thousands, with over 23,000 food vouchers distributed and 18,500 grocery bags handed out. We also airlifted 1,000 advance trauma kits for medical professionals to use in communities that are furthest from hospitals and emergency service – greatly increasing the ability for injured civilians to receive critical care. In addition, we are overseeing numerous medical clinics in the West Bank and other locations to serve vulnerable Palestinians who have lost access to healthcare since the war began.

When Hamas invaded, they targeted and destroyed ambulances. 14 ambulances of Magen David Adom, the nation's first responder service, were destroyed, and many brave medics were killed as they worked valiantly to save lives. I pledged that Samaritan's Purse would replace the ambulances and provide an additional eight that would be armoured to help protect their personnel from sniper fire. I returned to Jerusalem in January, and had the incredible privilege of dedicating fourteen new ambulances in memory of those fallen heroes. I want to thank everyone whose gifts and prayers made it possible for us to provide these resources. We couldn't do this work without faithful partners like you.

Ministering in this part of the world is particularly challenging. Its difficulties and dangers were keenly felt last month. I was deeply saddened by the deaths of seven aid workers with World Central Kitchen, including Australian Lalzawmi Francom, who were killed accidentally inside Gaza. I am very familiar with the organisation