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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.

2 June 2024.



Uniting Church in Australia Albany Region Congregations

Pentecost 2

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise:

you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue

you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before.

and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, and God! How vast is the sum of them! Where I to count them they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you. Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

Mary knew that God was at work in the creating of Jesus; Hannah knew this also in the gift she received of her son, Samuel (Monday). Today the psalmist sings that God is the one, for each human being, "who

Refining Silver

There is a story of a lady who read a verse from the Old Testament which says of God: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

She wondered what it meant so she went to watch a silversmith at work. He held a piece of silver over the fire where the flames were hottest to burn away all the impurities.

She asked if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he had to sit there, holding the silver and keep his eyes on it the entire time it was in the fire because if the silver was left a moment too long, it would be destroyed.

The woman asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

We, like silver, are refined in the heat of life, in the most difficult times and it's in those moments, we reflect our Creator.

Karl Faarse

Submitted By A. Hortin





June 2

8.30am **LOCKYER HC** Rev. Corina

9.30am **DENMARK** Rev. E Sanderson

NO SERVICE AT DUKE ST DUE TO THE CLASSIC CAR EVENT

11am **MT BARKER** S. Wilson

June 9

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. All welcome.

May 30 & 31 Craft Markets, York St, 9am-3pm

June 11 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm June 11 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

June 20 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

June 23 AUC AGM Council meeting, following

worship

formed my inward parts and knit me together in my mother's womb" (v.13). The words of this psalm that I hear most often quoted are that we human beings are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (v14). We took centuries to work out that, no matter what race we are, we are all "fearfully and wonderfully made"-although that continues to be a battle. Likewise, it has been only in more recent decades that we have accepted gender equality, that women are as much "fearfully and wonderfully made" as men- although that struggle continues, too. In recent years we have grappled with diverse expressions of sexual and gender identity. This psalm assures each person, whether straight or queer, L of G or B or T or I, that we are each loved and a unique being, "fearfully and wonderfully made", no matter where we are located across our kaleidoscopic diversity. Blessings Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Elaine & John Archer, Bob Ashfield and their families.

Lockyer: Margaret Pinchback, Judy Thompson and their families.

Mt Barker: Carolyn & Doug Lincoln, Anne Mackie and their families.

Denmark: Margaret & Phil Cocks, Michael Cranny and their families.

Synod: All Saints Floreat and St Aidan's Claremont Uniting Churches. The President of the Uniting Church in Australia and National Assembly Staff.

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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 Container Recycling Depot, 93 Stead Rd Centennial Park 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.

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

The Great Southern based creative collective Ecosystem is honoured to present... REVERB - an evening of reverence for live music and storytelling held in Albany's stunning Wesley Church. Sat 8th June 2024, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Wesley Church 12 Duke St, Albany WA 6330, Australia.

https://events.humanitix.com/reverb-feat-the-sacred-world-music-choir-and-echo-omen

