



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.

12 May 2024.



Psalm 1

On Monday I will board a plane to fly to the Netherlands, returning on 29th May.

While on leave, you will find the 'front page' as put together by Lisa, with the Psalm for that week's Sunday and the comments from 'With Love to the World'. This Sunday we read Psalm 1.

This Psalm is the introduction to the book of Psalms, known as the Psalter. It is also an introduction to the spiritual life. It offers a choice: we can follow the path of the wicked or walk the path of God. Of course, this is not much of a choice. Who would choose the way of the wicked – the way of darkness and evil, cruelty, violence, and revenge? No doubt we will choose to be path of God, the road of and to light and goodness, forgiveness, and peace. We are not stupid. Hmmm. We are human. That is where the trouble begins.

"Happy are those who do not ...take the path that sinners tread". Who is able to not sin at all, ever?

There is no way we can avoid forgetting about the other person, or about God. There is no way we can escape our own blind spots or always be Spirit filled and patient, kind, gentle, and so on. We make mistakes intentionally or thoughtlessly; we see mistakes in hindsight or not at all. We can only aspire to live life as Jesus did: without doing harm to other, God or self. So, does this mean that this Psalm (and with it the entire process of spiritual growth) tells us we

Inner Reinforcement

Without God's inner reinforcement through the Spirit, Christianity remains just a beautiful ideal that nobody can live up to. People may admire the character of Christ, may see that his way of living is the right one and may even try to follow him, but unless God can implant the moral power within a person the vision of being a Christian soon fades and becomes just another discarded idea.

Christianity is not meant to be a beautiful ideal that is impossible to live out in practice. It is the way of real, happy, constructive living in harmony with both God and our fellow human beings. Unfortunately, because of the selfishness and evil both around us and within us, we find ourselves too weak, too cowardly and too tied by our old ways of thinking and feeling to embark on this real living until God intervenes.

To anyone who means business and sincerely wants to live life in the new way, God is prepared to give the inner reinforcement of his own Spirit.

Ideas taken from J.B. Phillips.

Submitted by S. Wilson.



May 12

8.30am	LOCKYER	E. Burns
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	E. Burns
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Corina

May 19

8.30am	LOCKYER	A. Hortin
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	A. Hortin
11am	MT BARKER	R. Anderson

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 14	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
May 14	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
May 16	AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am
May 17	AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 4pm

are bound to fail? Not at all. We are limited human beings, and we are not alone on the road. Psalm 1 gives direction: "Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord." In other words, happy are those who find joy in the Word of God. This Word can point us to a way of life different from mainstream living in the world and surrendering to selfishness, and all the other weaknesses and temptations we meet every day. The Word is with us always. The Word can transform our floundering into flourishing. We can bear fruit, thanks to the Word, thanks to our attachment to the vine, the gift of being connected with Christ, God and each other. May we be empowered through the Word to discern the path of life and to choose it as often as we are humanly able.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Lesley Whittle, Val Winfield and their families.

Lockyer: June Bowman, Joy Dunbar and their families.

Mt Barker: Philip Webb, Sue Wilson and their families.

Denmark: Miriam, Trish & Aidan Thornber, Carlien Trotter and their families.

Synod: Candidates for the Ministries Committee and the Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL).

Photo: Wesley's pipe organ- ACE Camera Group. If you have a photo you would like featured and is appropriate for the front page, please send it in. Email: unitingchurhalbany@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 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.

★ **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.

