



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.

5 May 2024.



God is Love

Psalm 98

This is the first line of the Psalm for Sunday: Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done marvellous things. James Taylor wrote three versions of this Psalm. Here I offer two of them.

'How different God's creation is from human conflict. The clamour of human strife creates a cacophony. Like orchestras competing with their conductor, nations murder each other's melodies. But God has other music. The colours of nature never clash with each other. In a garden, every shade of leaf and flower joins in a joyous chorus; bare branch and bonsai provide a counterpoint balancing the beauty of blossoms. In the depths of the jungle, the sounds of termite and tiger weave a wondrous harmony; eerie descants echo through the oceans' deeps; the rhythm of life throbs in every cell, and the seasons swell and ebb away. From the farthest nebula to the tiniest atom, all creation dances to honour its choreographer. And God applauds each performance.'

The second one, Taylor gave the title 'Togetherness'. In his introduction he says that we all have a vision of what perfect family life could look like on Christmas morning.

'Grandparents perch on the edge of the bed; young children snuggle in beside their parents. The family circle is unbroken; everyone belongs here. It is a time



The Naked Truth

The Lie said to the Truth, "let's take a bath together, the well water is very nice.

The Truth, still suspicious, tested the water and found out it really was nice.

So they got naked and bathed.

But suddenly, the Lie leapt out of the water and fled, wearing the clothes of the Truth. The Truth, furious, climbed out of the well to get her clothes back.

But the World, upon seeing the naked Truth, looked away with anger and contempt.

Poor Truth returned to the well and disappeared forever, hiding her shame.

Since then, the Lie runs around the world, dressed as the Truth, and society is very happy..... Because the world has no desire to know the naked Truth."

An interesting parable from Martin Armstrong.

Submitted by A. McKechnie.



May 5

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

of expectation and of celebration. Wherever they go, whatever they do, members of this family will be faithful to each other. They will always be each other's children, always each other's parents. They all talk at once, excitedly; when they hear themselves, they burst into laughter. Laughter is the icing on a cake of comfort that many generations have baked; it tinkles around the room like glass bells hung on a tree. As cold toes grow warm under a comfy quilt, so loving relationships grow warmer with time. Though icy winds howl and blizzards rage, children will wriggle and seniors smile gently. The simple pleasures of companionship rise from them to heaven; it is a sacrifice pleasing to God, for God loves loving relationship, and appreciates lives well lived together.

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.

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: Rev. Ruth & Mike Vertigan, Peter Webb and their families.

Lockyer: Jan Ahern, Jennifer & Alistair Anderson and their families.

Mt Barker: Anne Mackie, Deborah Murphy and their families.

Denmark: Trudy Pate, Rev. Elizabeth Sanderson and their families.

Synod: Pastoral Relations Committee and Thrive Mission Committee Presbytery of WA Chairperson, Alison Xamon and the Presbytery of WA Secretary.

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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](https://www.facebook.com/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.

