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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. **30 June 2024.**

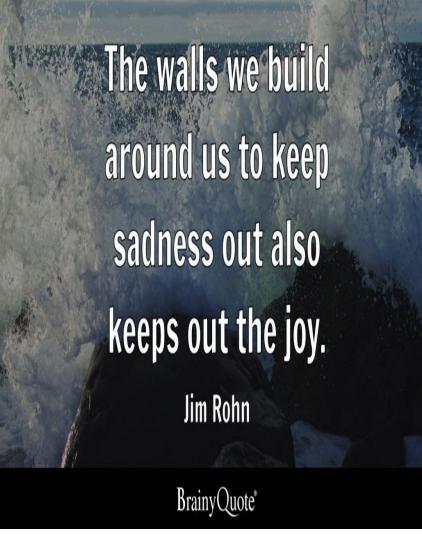




Psalm 130

Help, God – I've hit rock bottom! Master, hear my cry for help! Listen hard! Open your ears! Listen to my cries for mercy. If you, God would keep records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshipped. I pray to God – my life a prayer – and wait for what he'll say and do. My life's on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning. O Israel, wait and watch for God – with God's arrival comes love, with God's arrival comes generous redemption. No doubt about it – he'll redeem Israel buy back Israel from captivity to sin.

The Psalm for this week begins with an individual's desperate cry for help and ends with the assurance that God will come to the people's aid. (Here is not meant today's nation of Israel.) In other words, we need not fear. Only faith, trust in a generously forgiving, merciful, loving God is required. This does not mean God will take away all pain. It does not say that God will keep a loved one from dying It does not tell us that all injustice done in a situation will be undone. It does mean that we are called to be faithful witnesses to life, to hope, acceptance and wholeness when we face pain, sickness, death or injustice. We are not often called to heroic action, but in our everyday lives we are expected to give, love and respond according to our means. It may be enough to



Submitted by E. Burns



June 30 8.30am

8.30am	LOCKYER	R. Anderson
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	R. Anderson
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson
July 7 8.30am 9.30am	LOCKYER HC DENMARK	Rev. Corina

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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 Praver group: Meets at 9.30am at Heather's place. All welcome.

Thursday Bible Study group: Meets at 10am, Lockyer, Townsend St. All welcome.

- July 9 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
- July 9 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
- July 18 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am
- AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 4pm July 19



simply breathe, endure the pain, and get through the night. We may be called to show compassion to a care giver, as suits the occasion. We may be called to give food, a drink, a gift voucher etc. to someone in dire need.

Acting in faith can feel risky. Anxiety, usually stronger than the risk warrants, may surface. Doubts can emerge, and we question, our good intentions. 'Will I be swamped with neediness? Will I get in over my head? Will I lose my privacy, my reputation, my inner calm? Will this mean giving up all my time for leisure?' Giving in to anxiety like this is a waste of time an energy. When we are asked to respond to a particular need, things most likely will fall into place in ways we cannot possibly foresee. "With God's arrival comes *love...no doubt about it."* May this be our mantra for the week ahead. "Your will be done".

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Beverley Bird, Beth Blight and their families. Lockyer: June Bowman, Joy Dunbar and their families. Mt Barker: Pauline Hordacre, Carolyn & Doug Lincoln and their families.

Denmark: Ron Munro, Carmy O' Sullivan and their families. Synod: Uniting Church Archives and the Uniting Church Centre Northern Synod.

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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 <u>https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/donate-now</u>

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.

God's word is like REFRESHING RAIN that waters crops and seeds. It brings new life to open hearts and meets us in our needs.

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