

## AUGUST PREACHING PLAN

### Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

8.30 Lockyer HC	R Vertigan	2 Samuel <b>11</b> : 26 - <b>12</b> : 13a
9.30 Denmark	G Wilson	Psalm 51: 1 - 12
10.00 AUC HC	R Vertigan	Ephesians 4: 1 - 16
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	John 6: 24 - 35

### Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

8.30 Lockyer	A Hortin	2 Samuel 18: 5 - 9, 15, 31- 33
9.00 Denmark HC	Rev E Sanderson	Psalm 130
10.00 AUC	A Hortin	Ephesians <b>4</b> : 25 - <b>5</b> : 2
11.00 Mt Barker HC	S Wilson	John 6: 35, 41 - 51

### Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

9.30 Denmark	M Cranny	1 Kings <b>2</b> : 10 - 12, <b>3</b> : 3 - 14
10.00 AUC &	Rev W Hartley	Psalm 111
11,00 Mt Barker	A Hortin	Ephesians 5: 5 -20 John 6: 51 - 58

### Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	1 Kings 8: (1,6,10 – 11)
9.30 Denmark	T Ayres	22 – 30, 41 - 43
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	Psalm 84
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Ephesians 6: 10 – 20 John 6: 36 - 69



# *THE ARC MONTHLY*

## *ALBANY REGION CONGREGATIONS*

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



# *AUGUST 2024*



*Steer the ship of my life good Lord,  
to your quiet harbour,  
where I can be safe from the storms of conflict.*

*Show me the course I should take.*

*Renew in me the gift of discernment,  
so that I can always see the right direction in which I should go,  
and give me the strength and courage to choose the right course,  
even when the sea is rough and the waves are high,  
knowing that through enduring hardship and danger in your  
name,  
we shall find comfort and peace.*

Basil of Caesura

**Message from the Manse:**

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Corina flew off to the Netherlands on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to spend precious time with her father, so there is no message from the manse this month. She will be back in Albany at the end of August and will be conducting services at Lockyer and Wesley on the 25<sup>th</sup> August then will hold Communion services at Denmark and Mt Barker on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. I am sure everyone wishes her well and envies the fact that she misses out on a whole month of cold, winter weather.

Clare Ferry

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**BITS FROM BARKER:**

Maybe it is the combination of short days and the cold and wet weather encouraging us to stay at home and indoors but July seems to be passing very quickly. It was good to have Corina lead our communion service on the second Sunday. (14/07) By the time she returns for our communion service in August she will have been to the Netherlands and back!

We enjoyed having Ross and Shirley join some of us for lunch last Sunday, following our service which Ross conducted. Nita and I conducted the monthly service during the week and were glad to see Milly. Otherwise, it's back to preparing the service for this coming Sunday which I will take.                      Regards to all, Sue Wilson

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**LOCKYER NEWS:**

Sadly, my correspondent at Lockyer, Joan Wright, is still feeling the after effects of her fall which she described last month so

## DIARY DATES

- FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> Aug** SCOTS CRAFT MART at CWA hall, Serpentine Rd,  
9am to 3pm
- SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> AUG** BARGAIN BONANZA. Please get any saleable goods  
to Edith before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August.
- TUES 13<sup>TH</sup> AUG** LOCKYER LADIES FELLOWSHIP, Lockyer UC, 12 noon  
AUC FELLOWSHIP, Handasydes, 2pm. All welcome
- THURS 15<sup>TH</sup> AUG** FELLOWSHIP MORNING TEA, 10am, Vancouver  
Café. All welcome, details from Mary 0427 554 947
- SAT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUG** THE QUIET SPACE, Wesley Church, 2 – 3pm,  
featuring Julie Parish, cello, and Patrick Elms

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## HOPE

Hope is forever; it will never end;  
Like the rainbow – ageless; we can't comprehend;  
Like the mountains – matchless; as a trusted friend;  
Like the ocean – boundless; on it we depend.

Hope is forever; like the rising sun;  
Always brings new promise; light to everyone.

Hope is elusive when we're feeling low;  
Dark clouds are depressing; life has lost its glow;  
Duty can be pressing; pulls like undertow;  
Hope then brings a blessing; joy can overflow.

Hope is forever; like the rising sun;  
Always brings new promise; light to everyone.

Hope in the future; God is always there;  
In love and compassion; and with more to spare;  
Love that has no ration, for all, everywhere;  
This was Jesus' passion, shown in love and care.

Hope is forever; like the rising sun;  
Always brings new promise; light to everyone.

George Stewart



has neither the energy nor motivation to sit and type out Lockyer news for me, especially when she hasn't been out and about so has little information to pass on. I have spoken with her on the phone and she was pleased when June Bowman called and delivered the July magazine. She said she found Edith's account of the difficulties facing the Shoebox group interesting as it is not just the change of premises, it is failing health compounding the situation. Joan has a strong faith and trusts that God will show us the way if only we place our trust in Him and let Him guide us.

Meanwhile we have to accept that the winter months find many struggling with ill health and unable to come to church and some of those more fortunate are able to get away to warmer places, which means our congregations are dwindling.

Best wishes to Joan for a full recovery and a return to an active role at Lockyer UC. Clare

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Numbers should swell at Wesley on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August when Lockyer congregation joins with AUC to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Allan and Rev Judy McKechnie. Rev Wes Hartley will lead the service then everyone is invited to the celebratory morning tea afterwards.

CONGRATULATIONS

JUDY AND ALLAN

**PRAYER PROMPTS:**

Please keep Rosie Day, Sandra Hall, Judy and Allan McKechnie and John and Elaine Archer in your prayers. Sandra has a badly broken ankle and is confined to a wheelchair at present. Esma Hare also needs our prayers as she has not been well. Please keep those who live in nursing homes in your thoughts also.

Keep the people of Ukraine and those in Gaza and indeed, anyone living in countries where there is violence and hunger, when praying for peace and humanitarian aid.

As we start packing the shoeboxes this year, pray for the Shoebox Appeal and the children who will receive a box. Pray for Corina, presently in Holland to spend time with her father, may the visit quiet some of the concerns she has for her father's well-being.

**SHOEBOX SNIPPETS:**

Just a brief note this time, mainly to bring you up to date with some of the changes we are facing. As Scots will shortly be put on the market, we won't be able to have our stall there any longer. The group of stall holders has managed to get one day per month ( on the second Friday) in the CWA hall, Serpentine Rd. We hope it will work for us there, It is closer to York St than any of the rooms in Wesley would be and we need the passing traffic to be successful. The kitchen is a commercial one so the Save the Bears group will stay with us and continue to serve light meals. The downside for me will be that the Bargain Bonanza Mart will be only two days after the CWA Mart so I'm worried that it will wear me out. Please keep me in your prayers as I get used to all the change or have to face the idea that it is time to stop. That will all come clearer as the year rolls on, For now, we are concentrating on getting the boxes packed, then it will be our Dedication service in September with the boxes sent on to Perth after that, then overseas for distribution. We start packing boxes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

God bless, Edith

**Rosters for AUC and Lockyer:**

**AUC: Recording/  
Music**

	<u>DOOR</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</u></b>	C Roberts	C Ferry	C Ferry	J Pell/ P Elms
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>J Wright</i>	
<b><u>11<sup>th</sup> Aug</u></b>	D Hockey	M Little	A Tero	W Dwyer/ S Harris
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	
<b><u>18<sup>th</sup> Aug</u></b>	D Hosking	E Burns	C Ferry	M Vertigan/ P Elms
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>combined service at AUC, Duke St, 10am</i>			
<b><u>25<sup>th</sup> Aug</u></b>	D Coxall	W Dwyer	A Tero	M Little/ P Elms
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Bowman</i>	<i>A Hortin</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	

**Morning Tea, Lockyer only**

**4<sup>th</sup> Aug** *J Bowman/J Wright*                      **11<sup>th</sup> Aug** *J Thompson*  
**25<sup>th</sup> Aug** *J Dunbar*

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.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

A member of the Church of Scotland came across a prayer which read “O Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge – stiff, stodgy and hard to stir; but instead, be like cornflakes – crisp, fresh and ready to serve” He showed it to his minister to see what he thought of it. The minister read it, thought for a moment, then suggested an alternative version could read “O Lord, grant that we may not be like cornflakes –lightweight, brittle and cold, but instead be like porridge –warm, comforting and full of goodness.”