

## JULY PREACHING PLAN

### July 7<sup>th</sup>

8.30 Lockyer HC	Rev Corina	2 Samuel 5: 1 - 5, 9 - 10
9.30 Denmark	P & M Cocks	Psalm 48
10.00 AUC HC	Rev Corina	2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Mark 6: 1 - 13

### July 14<sup>th</sup>

8.30 Lockyer	A Hortin	2 Samuel 6: 1 - 5, 12b - 19
9.00 Denmark HC	Rev Corina	Psalm 24
10.00 AUC	A Hortin	Ephesians 1: 3 - 14
11.00 Mt Barker HC	Rev Corina	Mark 6: 14 - 29

### July 21<sup>st</sup>

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	2 Samuel 7: 1 - 14a
9.30 Denmark	J Wilson	Psalm 89: 20 - 37
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	Ephesians: 2: 11 - 22
11.00Mt Barker	R Anderson	Mark 6: 30-34, 53 - 56

### July 28<sup>th</sup>

8.30 Lockyer	R Anderson	2 Samuel 11: 1 - 15
9.30 Denmark	E Burns	Psalm 14
10.00 AUC	R Anderson	Ephesians 3: 14 - 21
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	John 6: 1 - 21



*THE ARC MONTHLY*

*ALBANY REGION  
CONGREGATIONS*

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



*JULY 2024*



God of winter, we praise you.

God of soaking rains, of hail and snow, wind and storm,  
of torrents surging down creek beds, streams filling reservoirs,  
and tanks full and running over.

God of brisk winter mornings of warm socks, coats and gloves,  
heaters, radiators and glowing fires.

God of winter, glorious winter, the unpopular slandered season,  
yet one filled with renewed hope for farms, town and city.

God of life-sustaining winter,  
author of re-creation and providence, renewing the roots of life.

God of glorious winter,  
Blessed is your name in all the earth.

Bruce Prewer, Australian prayers

**Message from the Manse:**

National NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday) to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations' cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events across the country.

The National NAIDOC Week theme for 2024 is:



**KEEP THE FIRE  
BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD  
AND PROUD**

**7-14 JULY 2024**

This celebrates the survival and the unyielding spirit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced <https://www.albany.wa.gov.au/events/naidoc-week-2024/13999> is the web site for Albany which will give you the full information for events. Some, especially those at the library, booked out quickly but by the time you read this you will probably have noticed many activities around town, such as the art competition for school children in Coles Plaza. Other events of interest include "Whales, Seals and Wirlo stories until 13<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday - Saturday at the



**Rosters for AUC and Lockyer:**

**AUC: Recording/**

	<b><u>DOOR</u></b>	<b><u>READING</u></b>	<b><u>FLOWERS</u></b>	<b><u>Music</u></b>
<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	C Roberts	A Lucas	A Tero	J Pell/
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Bowman</i>	<i>A Hortin</i>	<i>J Wright</i>	P Elms
<b><u>14<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	K Hough	M Little	C Ferry	W Dwyer/
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Wright</i>	<i>A Hortin</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	S Harris
<b><u>21<sup>st</sup> July</u></b>	D Hosking	W Dwyer	A Tero	M Vertigan/
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	P Elms
<b><u>28<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	D Coxall	A Tero	C Ferry	W Dwyer/
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>J Bowman</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	P Elms

**Morning Tea,** *Lockyer only*

**7<sup>th</sup> July** *J Dunbar*

**14<sup>th</sup> July** *J Thompson*

**21<sup>st</sup> July** *S Wood*

**28<sup>th</sup> July** *M Hannington*

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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There comes a time in your life  
 when you walk away from all the dramas  
 and the people who create it.  
 You surround yourself with people who make you laugh.  
 Forget the bad and focus on the good,  
 Love the people who treat you well,  
 Pray for the ones who don't.  
 Life is too short to be anything but happy.  
 Falling down is a part of life,  
 Getting back up is living.

Anon

Albany Town Hall, 10am – 5pm.

From 7<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July, the Museum of the Great Southern will have a display of 'Posters Through the Years' 10am – 4pm.

At the Entertainment Centre, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm and 7.30pm, you can enjoy Thunderstorm (Malkar) which is crafted storytelling through singing, acting and dancing, interwoven with live music. Showcasing Breaksea's youth artists together with a newly formed youth and community choir, Malkar celebrates partnerships with local Noongar artists, marking the conclusion of NAIDOC week for 2024.

After the official end of NAIDOC week, also at the Entertainment Centre, on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm you can watch a very special theatre production: The Visitors. Visitors leave, right? Well, not always. On a sweltering day in January 1788, seven clan leaders gather on a sandstone escarpment overlooking the harbour. The attendees, six of them Elders and one new initiate, catch-up, laugh together, share a meal and compare notes. But beyond the friendly banter, protocols, and hospitality, a momentous decision is waiting to be made. A mysterious fleet of giant nawi is amassing in the harbour and as they creep closer, these seven representatives must choose unanimously whether to send these strangers on their way or welcome them?

After its Sydney Theatre Award-winning premiere production at the 2020 Sydney Festival, Muruwari playwright Jane Harrison's The Visitors embarked on a national tour, this time directed by one of Australia's most celebrated directors, Quandamooka man, Wesley Enoch. Co-produced by Moogahlin Performing Arts and Sydney Theatre Company, The Visitors is a riveting, deeply researched insight into one of the most impactful and painful days in Australia's history, and is a hugely entertaining study of how communities respond to change and the unknown.

I don't know much at all about Menang Noongar culture so I'm going online now, to see if there are any tickets left! Blessings, Corina

**BITS FROM BARKER:**

Pauline celebrated her birthday at the beginning of the month which got June off to a good start, after that, the days have rushed past with their usual speed. However, there was a pause for much deserved congratulations to Doug, when he received two awards. The first was from the police for his service to the community as a cross-walk attendant, the other award was from the local Speedway. Well done Doug!

It was great to see Milly at the recent service at Overton, which seems to be enjoyed by those who attend.

Greetings to members of other congregations, Sue Wilson

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**LOCKYER NEWS:**

Our month began well, celebrating Gordons 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a family gathering at the Porongorups Hall. Three wise men, sorry two and one granddaughter, came from the East, which was special. Beau and Hannah left on the Tuesday, Wesley stayed on for a few more days to prepare the R.V. for the journey back to N.S.W. All went well and he is home now. After that, everything went totally pear-shaped!!! I fell over in the front porch. Bricks and concrete don't provide a soft landing and my body is still recovering. Bruises everywhere, patches of skin missing, bangs on the head, and the neck copped it too. However, I'm still alive, the pace has slowed a little, and I'm so thankful for daughter and granddaughter. Anne being away compounded things as far as Lockyer activities were concerned as I wasn't up to much. Amy came to the rescue with banking and Jennifer with soup so we press on. Clare is not well so is struggling with the magazine but I'm sure the Lord is aware of our woes. Habakkuk said "no matter my circumstances I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Saviour. The Sovereign Lord is my strength."

Cheers for now, Joan

## Our Indigenous People

God of our ancient people, lover of all tribes,  
show those of us who are more recent arrivals  
in this great south land, how best we can allow  
indigenous Australians to recover their dignity  
and to make their rich contribution  
to the well-being of our growing nation.

Thank you for those in government  
and in the church community  
who are really listening and responding  
with true wisdom to their needs and cries.  
Thank you for land rights that have been recognised.  
for progress among tribal groups'  
for emerging indigenous poets,  
priests, ministers and managers.

We pray with anguished soul  
for the descendants of tribes disinherited long ago,  
for those broken spirits who gather without aim or hope  
In parks and lanes of cities and towns.  
God guide us,  
for we feel incapable of discovering how we can assist them,  
except perhaps to admit to them that we are burdened  
to belong to the race that helped corrupt them.

Merciful God, hear our cry,  
many of us long to undo the many wrongs as far as possible,  
But how do we start, God?  
Where do we start?  
Merciful God, hear our cry!



**EDITORIAL COMMENT: (Clare Ferry)**

It isn't often that I have a whole page for an editorial comment, but this has been an unusual magazine to get to the point of printing and distribution. I usually aim to have it ready to hand out on the last Sunday of the month to give people time to take on board the new roster and any up-and-coming events. I did try, but I was battling with a heavy cold and a very unco-operative computer until the cold developed into pneumonia and I had to give up.

Slowly, as I improved, I fiddled with the articles that had been sent to me, checking and re-checking that information was correct, which of course doesn't mean it is, because when it becomes too familiar it just reads as what I expect it to read.

Corina had sent me her message in good time and the extra week it got before printing means it is perfectly timed to coincide with NAIDOC Week. I felt it was a very good choice of topic because after the referendum held last year, I think we are all more aware of the importance of reconciliation with, and respect for, the Menang Noongar culture. There are still tickets available at the Entertainment Centre for The Visitor and THUNDERSTORM, and I'm pleased to report that Corina was successful in obtaining her ticket. I'm looking forward to checking out the events at the Town Hall and the Museum some time before the end of the week. The prayer on the adjoining page by Bruce Prewer seemed an appropriate inclusion.

Meanwhile, I close with the comment from Albany's Lord Mayor, Greg Stocks: NAIDOC Week is an important celebration of our local indigenous community. As we come together to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024 in Albany, we proudly showcase the rich culture and profound contributions of our Menang-Noongar community. This week is a testament to reconciliation and respect, and I encourage everyone to join in commemorating this important occasion.

**WESLEY MUSIC NEWS:** The last month was an interesting one for Wesley Music. We had no Quiet Space due to the Choral Society concert on 28 and 29 June, but Wesley has been abuzz with activity. Echo Omen (Matthew Bracknell) from Denmark presented his hip-hop/gospel/flamenco fusion performance. Unfortunately, I was away but I heard it was quite different to what we're used to, which is a good sign that we are genuinely accepting of all kinds of music and people. We also had the Aquinas College Boys Choir concert and recording, which was wonderful. Both events were well organised and attended. Unfortunately, neither had keys to access the building at the arranged time, which is something we will need to address.

I hadn't prepared any report for our Annual General Meeting so I'd like to give an update on the year for Wesley Music here. This year we started key initiatives such as The Quiet Space, a truly new idea which has gained a small but dedicated following, and a reputation in the community. Key to my vision for The Quiet Space was a variety of different music and musicians, and regularity, namely the last Saturday of every month. Interestingly, this has meant people don't feel the need to be on the mailing list because they can just remember when it is, so in a way we're defined by what we do, which is The Quiet Space, occasional concerts which we may or may not be involved with, worship service music, and our community presence. Oddly, the technology tells me that ~90% of people don't open my monthly updates, but many people have heard of The Quiet Space. Donations at the event have also helped cover the costs, as the musician needs to be of professional standard to be able to deliver this style. Anyway, we look forward to Adam James Cook returning on 27<sup>th</sup> July. Of course we've also continued to host events, including the Eisteddfod, and we had the Singalong Messiah in December last year. We filled the buildings with people and song, shared fellowship with music and hospitality, and I was delighted to see the grounds filled with chaotic conviviality.

Best wishes for July! Seb Harris

**PRAYER PROMPTS:** Please keep this troubled world in your prayers - in particular Ukraine and the Gaza strip. Pray for compassion on the Russian and Israeli sides.

Pray also for Doug and Ruth Coxall, Ruth is not well. Please continue to pray for Judy and Allan, also those known to us who reside in nursing homes. Please also keep Corina and our other ordained and lay leadership under prayer.

**SHOEBOX SNIPPETS:**

Thanks to those who provided goods for our last Bargain Bonanza stall and to those who helped by serving the customers – we raised \$293.50. There are several problems appearing on the horizon which are causing some anxiety. Scots Church is to be put on the market for sale very soon and until the sale goes through, we can't run any more stalls there. Up until now we had been making around \$100 each time, but luckily, we have raised enough money for the 150 boxes we will send away this year, with a little left over for next year. There is a possibility that the markets may recommence if the new owners are agreeable. The other situation causing concern is the likely switch to 7-day trading which will affect the Bargain Bonanzas. Unless the Lions can find another venue or obtain permission from Coles to continue to use the underground parking as they do now, the Bargain Bonanzas will cease.

Apart from needing more marbles, we have enough items for the boxes and will start packing them when I can empty my spare room of all the Wheelchair for Kids blankets and toys. They will go to the local co-ordinator in July some time.

At the end if there are no venues for fundraising available, we may have to cease this project. We have done very well over the years, which is a credit to all the support we have received. I have been organising this since 2003 and have enjoyed it. If we have to stop, I will probably continue doing some boxes on my own.

God bless all, Edith



I received the above picture from Samaritan's Purse, giving the break down of the 2023 Christmas distribution. As you can see, the details are not easy to read, so with the aid of a magnifying glass this is the information given: A total of **218,215** shoeboxes were collected in Australia and New Zealand in 2023 and were distributed to the following countries:

**95,949** to **Cambodia**

**15, 281** to the **Philippines**

**63,044** to **Papua New Guinea**

**26,848** to **Fiji**

**10,611** to **Ukraine**

and **6,482** to **Sensitive countries**

Let the children to come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Luke 16: 16