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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.

21 July 2024.



Psalm 89

Here is James Taylor's interpretation of the verses this week's Psalm. God is speaking.

"I have chosen my successor," says God. "I have chosen you. You will take my place. For years, I have taught you my vision; now I want you to take it forward into the future. To avoid being controlled by bureaucrats, to protect yourself against fast-talking promoters and bottom-line economists, you must ask yourself what I would do. By keeping me always in mind, our reputations will both grow. What I have started, you will continue; through you my influence will spread. I have been your launching pad – now it's up to you to carry on. I want to be proud of you. As long as you pursue my vision, you will prosper. But if you wander off my way, if you lust after competitive advantage and chase after quick profits, if you sell out to other gods and other goals, then you will destroy yourself. You will lose all credibility; you will go ethically bankrupt. Even so, I will never turn against you. I have taken you into my family; you are a member of my household. I have promised it; I do not lie."

A house is built with building materials, but until it is filled with people, with members of a household, it will be just that: a house. God is speaking to David, naming him as his representative on earth. David's line and his throne are metaphors for the eternal family



Miracles

I do not walk on water
Except in winter,
When ice makes the miracle more natural.
To me, these days, natural miracles are better,
Signifying lessons to live rather than shortcuts to take,
A more subtle yet more real magic.
For me, nature is already as supernatural
As it needs to be.
The simplest, humblest things —
Green moss on grey rock,
Spotted turtle basking in a shaft of sunlight —
They are true signs and wonders,
Holy, significant, wonderful.
I used to crave miracles to prove something
(most especially, myself, my faith, my tribe's exceptionalism).
Now, instead of the miracle,
I try to keep my eyes open for the meaningful.
That these sounds in air or these marks on paper
Could bear my heart to yours,
Or bring what you see to my eyes ... what
Could be more miracle?

Brian McLaren

Submitted by R. Marsh.



July 21

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

July 28

8.30am	LOCKYER	R. Anderson
9.00am	DENMARK	E. Burns
10am	DUKE ST	R. Anderson
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

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.

July 27 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

August

August 13 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm

August 13 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

that will trace its roots to this flawed yet beloved ancestor. The promises and advice given here do not give license to live any way we might think best. It gives us a mandate to walk according to the Law, which can be summed up as Love your Lord your God with your whole being and love your neighbour as you love yourself. Being a member of the Global Christian Church, being a family member, being brothers and sisters in Christ comes with responsibilities. It is never easy to be a true follower of Jesus, who showed us how to live in a way that is respectful of this commandment. We can strive to pursue this Way, and fail and try again, and it is indeed a good idea to keep focused on God's love, not only to make us feel good, but to fill us with joy. We can rejoice always, because we can trust the presence of God, Christ, the Holy Spirit with us always. I thank God for faith.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Adam Cook, Dawn & Harold Coppock and their families.

Lockyer: Margaret Pinchback, Judy Thompson and their families.

Mt Barker: Nita Clarke, Milly Coad and their families.

Denmark: Judy & Graham Wilson, Sue & Bob Allan and their families.

Synod: Eastern Wheatbelt Group (Merredin and Southern Cross Uniting Churches). Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu.

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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.

