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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.

25 August 2024.





Pentecost 14

"How lovely is your dwelling place", the psalmist begins. Sacred space is often very important to us. For some, the local church is a place, for a variety of reasons, when the closeness of God is particularly felt. Not for me. Perhaps because I, and generations of my family before me, have never been in one place long enough to put down generational, let alone multigenerational roots. Yet I do have a sense of the feeling that the psalmist experiences. I find it in a handful of English cathedrals, chapels or churches, and most notably in particular places: the Isle of Iona(outside the churches), the holy island Lindisfarne(again, outside the churches), places in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney, to name but a few amongst locations around Australia and the world. These are places where I truly connect with the wonder and worship of God. Do you have such places? Wherever they may be for you, I invite you to join with the psalmist today in longing for those places, spaces, and opportunities where you are reminded of the awesomeness of God. God makes a home for us all, even the sparrows; and so worship can spring from us, not because it is 9.30am on a Sunday, but because God is, the world is, and you are.

Taken from With Love to the World

Man of God

"Asked by the BBC to identify the defining moment in his life Desmond Tutu spoke of the day he and his mother were walking down the street. Tutu was nine years old. A tall white man dressed in a black suit came towards them. In the days of apartheid in South Africa, when a black person and a white person met while walking on a footpath, the black person was expected to step into the gutter to allow the white person to pass and nod their head as a gesture of respect. But this day, before a young Tutu and his mother could step off the sidewalk the white man stepped off the sidewalk and, as they passed, he tipped his hat in a gesture of respect to her! The white man was Trevor Huddleston, an Anglican priest who was bitterly opposed to apartheid. It changed Tutu's life. When his mother told him that Trevor Huddleston had stepped off the sidewalk because he was a "man of God," Tutu found his calling. "When she told me that he was an Anglican priest I decided there and then that I wanted to be an Anglican priest too. And what is more, I wanted to be a man of God" said Tutu. Huddleston later became a mentor to Desmond Tutu and his commitment to the equality of all human beings due to their creation in God's image a key driver in Tutu's opposition to apartheid. "My prayer on this day is that we can all strive to be "people of God" who are willing to "step off the sidewalk" and "tip our hat" to our sisters and brothers, particularly those on the margins. Desmond Tutu.

Submitted by A. Hortin





August 25

8.30am LOCKYER Rev. Corina
9.30am DENMARK T. Ayres
10am DUKE ST Rev. Corina
11am MT BARKER S. Wilson

September 1

8.30am LOCKYER HC Rev. Corina
9.30am DENMARK Rev. E. Sanderson
10am DUKE ST HC Rev. Corina
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.

August 31 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm Sept

September 10 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm September 10 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

Psalm 84

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of Hosts! My soul longs, even faints, for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altars, O LORD of Hosts, my King and my God.

How blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You. Blessed is those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; even the autumn rain covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength, until each appears before God in Zion. O LORD God of Hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Take notice of our shield, O God, and look with favour on the face of Your anointed. For better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the LORD God is a sun and a shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; He withholds no good thing from those who walk with integrity. O LORD of Hosts, how blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Prayers of the week

AUC: John Francis, Barbara Geary and their families.

Lockyer: Meg Hannington, Louise Hordacre and their families.

Mt Barker: Milly Coad, Eileen Gilbert and their families. **Denmark:** Dorothy Laffin, Anne Mackay and their families.

Synod: St Andrew's Perth Uniting Church and Uniting Church in the

City Prison Chaplains.

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<u>unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com</u> 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. 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.

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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.



Salsa Bachata Zouk Night. Join me in an introductory class in Bachata and Brazilian Zouk. Then dance the night away and meet new people. On 31st of August at 6.30pm in Albert Hall, Duke St, Albany. \$10 per person [cash only].SMS Leah on 0416 201 652.

