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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.

4 August 2024.



Pentecost 10

The repentance of a broken heart, some of us have been there. The moment of crying out to God, when there are no more excuses, no blame, no story telling laden with judgements, simply the raw reckoning that our own actions have caused harm; and for this. We come, humbly, to lay it down and repent. Psalm 51 is also just such a moment in David's life. He comes to the realisation that he was never too far from God's grace to be worthy of love. We need this recognition for ourselves, too. Yet whilst we receive God's grace, we are not protected from the consequences of our actions, for they still must be faced. What we know from Psalm 51 is that no matter, how far we stray from the ideal or how many people we hurt, our hearts will (or should) break as soon as we reckon with our actions and their consequences. The Hebrew word for "sin" is chatta'ah: it means "to go wrong", or "to miss the mark". In reality, we all do so to one degree or another. It is a step on the way to recovery and reconciliation to allow our heart to break as we come to terms with our own capacity and rest in the unending grace extended to us.

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my



The Parental Hangover

Because Christ said that people must become 'as little children' (that is, to repudiate all the sham, compromise and cynicism of adulthood) before they can play their part in the Kingdom with simplicity and sincerity, some have supposed that he places a premium upon human immaturity. It is ludicrous to suppose that a sensible God would wish adult men and women to crawl about in spiritual rompers in order to preserve a rather sentimental Father/child relationship. Indeed, experience shows that it is only the mature Christian who can begin to see a little of the size of the Father. They may have previously thought that the comparison of the relationship between a toddler and their adult parent with their own relationship towards God was rather an exaggeration of that gulf, in intelligence at least. In their growing maturity, however, it can be seen that Christ in his kindness of heart has certainly not exaggerated the awe-inspiring disparity between God and his people. To have a God then, who is as much or more our superior than we are the superior of an infant child crawling on the floor, is not to hold a childish concept of God but rather the reverse. It is only when we limit the mind's stirrings of its Maker by imposing upon its half-forgotten images of our own earthly parents that we grow frustrated in spirit and wonder why for us the springs of worship and love do not flow. We must leave behind 'parental hangover' if we are to find a 'big enough' God.

Adapted from the works of J.B. Priestley.

Submitted by S. Wilson



August 4

8.30am	LOCKYER HC	Rev. R. Vertigan
9.30am	DENMARK	G. Wilson
10am	DUKE ST HC	Rev. R. Vertigan
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

August 11

8.30am	LOCKYER	A. Hortin
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. E. Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	A. Hortin
11am	MT BARKER HC	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 13 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
- August 13 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
- August 15 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am
- August 31 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm**

transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so, you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Blessings

Prayers of the week

AUC: Lorna & John Dowsett, Christina & Bill Dwyer and their families.

Lockyer: Susan Wood, Joan Wright and their families.

Mt Barker: Carolyn & Doug Lincoln, Anne Mackie and their families.

Denmark: Margaret & Phil Cocks, Michael Cranny and their families.

Synod: (Metro Central Region) Rowethorpe Uniting Church and Uniting WA UnitingWorld, Frontier Services and Remote Area Ministry (Goldfields, Gascoyne, Meekatharra and Pilbara).

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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.

★ **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](https://www.facebook.com/wesleyalbany) on other social media channels.



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★ **Scot's Craft Markets**, 9th August, 9am-3 pm. They have moved to the CWA Hall, Serpentine Road. Light lunches available.

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Orthodox Divine Liturgy in Albany

WITH THE BLESSING OF HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS OF AUSTRALIA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

8:30am-11:00am
Saturday, 10 August 2024
English language service

Location: Uniting Church Albany
12 Duke Street Albany W.A
Officiated by His Grace Bishop Elpidios of
Kyanea

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