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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.

15 September 2024.



Spring

The first sounds of crickets, the first roses.... I thought of this spring poem by William Wordsworth. (Great name for a poet, Worthy of Words, don't you think?)

'I heard a thousand blended notes, while in a grove I sate reclined,

In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link the human soul that through me ran;

And much it grieved my heart to think what man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower, the periwinkle trailed its wreaths;

And 'tis my faith that every flower enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played, their thoughts I cannot measure: –

But the least motion which they made it seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan, to catch the breezy air;

And I must think, do all I can, that there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent, if such be Nature's holy plan, Have I not reason to lament what man has made of man?'

Sadness in the midst of beauty, death as part of life,

spontaneity smothered by inhibitions, we all know it from

experience. Yet, in spite of all the grief we can feel about how

human beings (mis)treat each other or themselves, there is

more good than evil, there is hope. Hope I find in faith in love.



Offering Our Gifts

We are sometimes overwhelmed by people who seem to be so capable and appear to have so much to give and to contribute. We may come across such people in the workplace, the sporting club, the community organisation and the church. Sometimes a member in our family seems to be so much more gifted and even closer to home, our marriage partner may seem to have skills and abilities that leave us feeling second-rate or even quite useless. In spite of these feelings of negativity, we need to realise that we can all play a part, can all contribute and can all bring something from our unique life experience. Henri Nouwen affirmingly notes that 'we all have gifts to offer and a need to receive'. One may be able to offer warmth, while the other contributes discipline. One may provide sensitivity while the other provides direction. Some are good managers. Others are creative. Some can provide stability, others openness and flexibility. Some dream. Others lead. Some provide a presence while others possess a practical wisdom. The possibilities are endless. But when those with particular gifts, abilities and functions are prepared to harmonise with others who have differing contributions to make, then purposeful activity becomes a possibility, beauty comes into view and the magic begins. Thus those who seem to be so sure of themselves need to invite the gift of the other. And those who are more timid need to contribute their part so that a greater good may emerge. Taken from 'Dare to Journey' by Charles Ringma with Henri Nouwen

Submitted by S. Wilson



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September 15

8.30am	LOCKYER	R. Anderson
9.30am	DENMARK	D. Laffin
10am	DUKE ST	R. Anderson
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

September 22

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	G. Wilson
10am	DUKE ST	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.

September 13 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

September 19 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

September 20 AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 4pm

September 22 Lockyer Congregation Meeting to discuss our future for worship

September 28 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm



Hope I find when looking at something as splendid as this Iris, which was given to me on Wednesday morning. Glory be to the creative renewing power of our God invisible yet showing in the newness of life all around us.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Doone Hockey, Rev. Dave Hosking and their families.

Lockyer: Annette Webb, Vera Wellstead and their families.

Mt Barker: Philip Webb, Sue Wilson and their families.

Denmark: Carlien Trotter, Judy & Graham Wilson and their families.

Synod: The 48th Annual Meeting of the Uniting Church Synod of Western Australia Placements Commission, Synod Business Committee.

Photo: Upper King River - R. Marsh. If you have a photo you would like featured and is appropriate for the front page, please send it in.

Email: unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com 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.

★ **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.



Shamara de Tissera, Marie Limondin and Adam Cook
invite you to

BELOVED BACH CONCERT

SWANHARP SINGERS
ALBANY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

SPECIAL GUESTS

DAVID RASTRICK
GOLDEN HILL STEINER SCHOOL CHILDREN'S EURYTHMY (SUNDAY)

Saturday 14 September Wesley Church, Albany
Sunday 15 September Civic Centre, Denmark

3 P M

Earlybird tickets: \$30/\$20/\$10

<https://events.humanitix.com/beloved-bach2024>

