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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.

22 September 2024.



Four Letter Words

Age. Old. Sad. Words we don't like to hear, especially when we feel our age, think we are old, or sadness about our own life or the state the world is in has crept up on us. I hope the following will give you some strength, some hope, some joy. I looked at my classmates, whom I had not seen in fifty-two years and thought, "wow, they look old!". Next moment I looked in a mirror and laughed out loud. Looking back at me was this almost seventy-year-old woman with wrinkled skin and greying hair. I still am the same person I have always been, believing I am much younger. Forgive me, for trying to fool myself. Still, looking as old as my classmates, I am more 'me' than I have ever been. So, please don't look at the outward appearance, but rather at the heart, if you can. I pray that I can get off this aging elevator that carries me at speed from the basement of anxiety (what if...) to the seventh floor of hope (it will be okay...) and back again. This pointless up and down ride to nowhere tires me out. I pray that I can get off and get on with life.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote, "When the signs of age begin to mark my body (and still more when they touch my mind); when the ill that is to diminish me or carry me off strikes from without or is born within me; when the painful moment comes in which I suddenly awaken to the fact that I am ill or growing old; and above all at that last moment when I feel I am losing hold of myself and am absolutely passive within the hands of the great unknown forces that have formed me; in all those dark moments, O God, grant me that I may understand that it is you (provided only my



Whispers of Hope

In these days of war, violence and pain, this reminds us of another way.

Whispers of Hope by Chad Abbott

They are here, These whispers of hope
that insist on singing under the dust and rubble of these streets of pain.

We will have to stand still, shush any rising urge to explain away
tanks and hostages and terrors in the night sky.

We will have to press our ear to the earth,
where the soil cries out under her breath in silent protest.

Hope does not bellow from a hypnotic bell tower.

Neither does it blow from the trumpet of force or frontlines.

Hope rises as a tiny falsetto, whose vibrations build and build and
build upon a thousand

Tiny movements of resistance until there is peace.

They are here, These whispers of hope under the dust and rubble,
Calling us to join a melody God has been whistling from the
beginning.

Submitted by E. Burns



September 22

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

September 29

8.30am	LOCKYER	R. Anderson
9.30am	DENMARK	A, Hortin
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 10am at Heather's place. All welcome.

Thursday Bible Study group: Meets at 10am, Lockyer, Townsend St. All welcome.

September 22 Lockyer Congregation Meeting to discuss our future for worship

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

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October 8 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm

October 8 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

faith is strong enough) who is parting the fibres of my being in order to penetrate to the very marrow of my substance and bear me away within yourself.'

Ultimately, none of us are in control of any moment of our lives. This may actually be a good thing. No matter what our age may be, us human beings are better not given too much power, other than the ageless power to love God, our neighbours and ourselves.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Kathy & Julian Hough, Doreen Kedding and their families.

Lockyer: Susan Wood, Joan Wright and their families.

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

Denmark: Richard Amuzu, Teresa, Ingrid, Renee & Evan Ayres and their families.

Synod: The Resources Commission, Social Justice Commission, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship WA, Uniting Church Mission Fellowship and the International Partnerships and Development Commission.

Photo: Canola Paddocks- A. Hortin. 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](#) on other social media channels.

★ **Shoebox Dedication Service** and a retiring offering for next year's postage of the shoeboxes at Wesley on 22nd September, at Wesley Church at 10am.

★ **Memorial Service** for Colin Davey will be held in Albany at Amity Rose Funerals at 1 pm on the 24th of September 2024.

★ **Funeral Service** for Laurence Sargent will be held at St Nicholas Anglican Church, Rockingham at 11.30 am on the 26th of September 2024. Laurence was a Home Missioner during the 1960's & the 1970's at the Lockyer Uniting Church. He was also a Home Minister for the Central South Wheatbelt Church in the 1980's.

★ **Pilates Mat and Barre classes**. Limited time only! 20% off all classes. Group class, Lesser Hall, Uniting Church, Duke Street, Albany.

Monday and Thursday 5.30pm to 6.15pm.

Casual class	\$25 – 20% off - \$20
8 Class Pass	\$160 – 20% off - \$128

Private class (I can come to you)

30 minute session	\$35 - 20% off - \$28
45 minute session	\$50 - 20% off - \$40

For enquiries, contact Lee on 0429 095 980.

