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Uniting Church in Australia
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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.

29 September 2024.

Ageing Well

Well, ageing well.... Life expectancy – at birth – was 25 years in ancient times, in the Roman Empire in Jesus' day. By the Middle Ages this had gone up to about 33 years and in the early 1900s a baby could expect to live to around 55 years in the early 1900s. All on average, of course. These days in Australia, again at birth, women can expect to live over 85 years and men around 81 years. (The difference between genders stems from risk taking behaviour, which is higher among young men than among young women. There are differences between first and second Australians too, which can be explained by a number of different factors, health care, education, living condition, employment etc.) Most of us white fellas have access to good medical care, and medical science has extended our years as well as the quality of our latter days of life. We can be grateful for longer lives. Yet we may at times wonder what it means to live longer than our ancestors, ask ourselves how to give meaning to these extra years. We know that being seventy or eighty is nothing strange. The bonus years offer another stage of life with its opportunities and possibilities. We can welcome this extra time, with grandchildren, often great grandchildren and the wisdom that can come with the thinning of our hair. We could be grateful for the gifts we are offered in so many ways. There is a cost, of course, too. These super senior years inevitably bring with them loss and decline. Therefore, we need courage and hope facing another day, another year. Lengthening of our years alone cannot satisfy the hunger of our human hearts. We can live





September 29

8.30am	LOCKYER	R. Anderson
9.30am	DENMARK	A, Hortin
10am	DUKE ST	R. Anderson
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

October 6

8.30am	LOCKYER HC	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	P & M Cocks
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 10am at Heather's place. All welcome.

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

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

October

October 8	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
October 8	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
October 17	AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am
October 26	Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

longer, but what will give our lives meaning – still that hunger? Ecclesiastes gives a word of warning: “Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say ‘I have no pleasure in them’.” Will these extended years bring sadness and regret? Or will we allow the Spirit to guide us to live fully to the end of our days, lost in wonder, love and praise? Will I become a miserable sod, or will I keep finding new surprises, new gifts, new reasons to laugh? This is not a rhetorical question. It is a choice. For example: is it a disaster that I am getting less agile? Or can I be thankful that my body has served its purpose for so many years already?

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Joan Leeder, Barbara Lister and their families.

Lockyer: Jan Ahern, Jennifer & Alistair Anderson and their families.

Mt Barker: Eileen Gilbert, Pauline Hordacre and their families.

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

Synod: The Ecumenical Affairs Network, Ministerial Benefits Committee, Placements Commission.

Photo: Esperance Sunrise- 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](https://www.facebook.com/wesleyalbany) on other social media channels.

★ **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 & 1970's at the Lockyer Uniting Church and in the 1980's for the Central South Wheatbelt Church.

