



## Regional Directory

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## Welcome to our service.

Duke St Church morning tea is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, Denmark Uniting Church & Lockyer have morning tea after their Service.

**3 November 2024.**

## All Saints Day

On November 1st each year the Roman Catholic Churches honour all their saints. Well-known saints as well as holy people not officially recognized are remembered. The celebration began many centuries ago. All Saints Day is a time to thank God for these saints. People go to Mass on All Saints Day as it is a 'holy day of obligation'.



God is God of the living. The great Theologian, Jesuit priest Karl Rahner, wrote the following reflective prayer.

'I should like to remember my dead to you, O Lord, all those who once belonged to me and now have left me. There are many of them, far too many to be taken in one glance. If I am to pay my sad greetings to them all, I must travel back in memory over the entire route of my life's long journey. When I look back in this way, I see my life as a long highway filled by a column of marching people. Every moment someone breaks out of the line and goes off silently, without a word or a wave of farewell, to be swiftly enwrapped in the darkness of the night stretching out on both sides of the road. The number of marchers gets steadily smaller, for the new people coming up to fill the ranks are really not marching in my column at all... A strange thing happens to a person who really loves, for even before their own death, their life becomes a life with the dead. Could a true lover ever forget

## Jesus

Jesus was a Jewish man, soaked in the wisdom of the Torah. Jewish scholars, some of whom know the New Testament far better than most Christians, agree that Jesus's teachings are all traceable to Torah, with one exception – 'love your enemies' as shown by the parable of the Good Samaritan. All of Jesus's teachings are founded on his conviction that God loves us mortals. One of early Judaism's most famous rabbis – Rabbi Hillel – lived from the last half of the 1st century BCE until around 14 CE. So, Jesus would have been a young teenager when Hillel died. The so-called Golden Rule is known in all of the great religions of the world. Its unarguable wisdom and truth mean it could have been discovered independently by great thinkers in all of those faiths. Rabbi Hillel's famous version is: 'That which is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow. That is the whole Torah; the rest is explanation; go and learn.' Jesus taught in the same way as the Pharisees – with parables and pithy sayings, of course so the people could remember them. Many of the parables of the Pharisees are almost identical with those in the New Testament, the parable of the mustard seed being one example. Jesus may have known some sayings from other religious traditions. Judaism itself was influenced by the monotheism of Zoroastrianism, from Israel's time in exile. But Jesus's teachings are gleaned from the Torah, interpreted by love for his own people in his time. They are universal and timeless in scope and we are the fortunate recipients. Lorraine Parkinson altered.

Submitted by E. Burns



### November 3

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER HC</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	G. Wilson
10am	<b>DUKE ST HC</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	S. Wilson

### November 10

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	R. Anderson
9.00am	<b>DENMARK HC</b>	Rev. Corina
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	R. Anderson
11am	<b>MT BARKER HC</b>	Rev. Corina

## 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.

November 1 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

November 12 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm

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### 12.30pm

November 21 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

November 30 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 1-4 pm

their dead? When one has really loved, the forgetting is only apparent; one only *seems* to get over one's grief. The quiet and composure someone gradually regains are not signs that things are as they were before, but evidence that the grief is ultimate and definitive. It shows that a piece of one's own heart has really died and is now with the living dead. This is the real reason one can weep no more... When I pray, "grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them", let my words be only the echo of the prayer of love that they themselves are speaking to me in the silence of eternity. "O Lord, grant unto them, whom we love in Your love now as never before, grant unto them after life's struggle your eternal rest, and let your perpetual light shine also upon them, as it does upon us." Amen.'

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Maria & Keith Noakes, Linda Noble and their families.

**Lockyer:** Vera Wellstead, Susan Wood and their families.

**Mt Barker:** Pauline Hordacre, Carolyn & Doug Lincoln and their families.

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

**Synod:** Mundaring and Swan View Uniting Churches  
Congregational Church of Tuvalu.

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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>

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