



## 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.

**13 October 2024.**



## Accepting Not Knowing

We are people of faith, believing that God cares about us – about each and every one of us. The splendour of nature (the lilies of the field) shows us the love of God. When life starts to move slower than it used to, this can make us feel impatient. When I am unwell (COVID) I get a taste of this. At times like that I feel impatient, like the people of Israel, wandering in the wilderness (for many years). It makes me ask, like a little child on the way to Disneyland, “are we nearly there yet, are we nearly there?” Give me patience...now! I want to know how and when I will get better. I want to know that I will get better full stop. Growing old comes with many unknowns about the road ahead. How long will this road be? Where will it take me, and how many detours and roadworks lie ahead? There are no answers to these questions. We can only see our progress with hindsight. Progress it is, no matter how we feel about aches and pains and having to slow down. Each stage of life, I am convinced (still) is a gift with different blessings and challenges. Rather than resisting, it might be wise to go with the flow and give thanks for the gift of the latter years of life. I am fortunate to have a book entitled “Don’t push the river”, by Barry Stevens. River’s flow all by themselves. Barry’s advice is to float, swim a little, and move on, carried by the water, almost weightless in the stream, enjoying the ever-changing views. It may take some effort to give thanks for the unknown, but the future matters only if we forget to be in the moment, in the eternal ‘now’.



## ‘Haves’ and ‘Have Nots’

The Gospels record that, frequently, and in a variety of contexts and using different examples, Jesus taught, “many who are first will be last, and the last will be first”. Jesus used children and slaves as examples of those who are last and whom we should imitate as his followers. And, in his beatitudes, Jesus names the poor, the sad, those who have nothing and the persecuted as those who are blessed.

In today’s reading Jesus uses a negative example to make his point. He asks one of ‘haves’ to give away all that he has and become a ‘have not’ and then follow him. The man cannot and does not, and Luke comments, ‘he became very sad’. But Jesus absolute demand to ‘give up all’ in order to enter his kingdom is also here accompanied by a promise that those become a ‘have not’ will receive back ‘a hundredfold now in this age’. Jesus applies both the cost and promise of following him here and now in this life, not in some future place and time.

Is Jesus telling the truth? In a literal sense, clearly not! Just ask any of the families of the 1200 Israeli citizens killed a year ago or the families of the 41,500 Palestinians killed since. However, there is an important truth in Jesus’ words. When Jesus joins the ‘have nots’ and asks us to follow his example, we are joined together in him, in a love from which we can never be separated. Jesus himself became poor unto death, and his resurrection assures us that, we too, by becoming a ‘have not’ in him share, here and now, in an all-encompassing and eternal love from which we cannot be separated. That is the treasure Jesus is offering.

Submitted by R. Marsh



### October 13

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

### October 20

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

Some things do not change, like our need to be treated with respect. It can be upsetting when someone treats us like we are helpless babies. Our hearing and our vision may be fading, but we still have our dignity, we have experiences and stories to share and gifts to give, skills to pass on.

Accepting not knowing what is around the corner may be a little easier when we trust God, place our lives in God's hands, because with God, the final word is not death, but Life.

Blessings, 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.

October 11 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

October 17 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

**October 26 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm**

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Rev. Judy & Allan McKechnie, Dorothy Mills and their families.

**Lockyer:** Meg Hannington, Louise Hordacre and their families.

**Mt Barker:** Deborah Murphy, Philip Webb and their families.

**Denmark:** Ruth & Norman Kershaw, Dorothy Laffin and their families.

**Synod:** Foothills St Martin's, Kalamunda Uniting Churches and Samoan Faith Community Good Sammy and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

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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.

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