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Uniting Church in Australia
Albany Region Congregations



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.

27 October 2024.

Passing the Baton

A native Indian Chief, Seattle, wrote this plea for the future, in the mid nineteenth hundreds.

‘You must teach your children that the ground between their feet is the ashes of their ancestors. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin. Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth. This we know. The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth. We do not weave the web of life, we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.’

Children need guidance. They need a friend who will share time with them and tell them stories. They need people in their lives who are wise from years of experience and with the patience born from times of trouble. They need someone to mentor faith, someone they can trust, someone who cares about them, to love them unconditionally and to help them discover the meaning of life.

We all have had – I hope – persons in our lives who have been like bridges, helping us at times to get over troubled waters. These mentors and helpers opened a way from a dead past to a better future. We can express our gratitude for the presence of these guides in our lives by becoming like bridges ourselves for members of younger age groups. May we become bridges over which the coming generations

A Consuming Fire

The God who lives in us if we allow him, is not necessarily always gentle. He can be wind and fire and a whole lot of other things. He can give us strength but can also show us our weakness. He will increase our faith but not always in the way we are wanting or expecting. He will show us, as we can bear it, more and more truth but will shatter our illusions without scruple, especially illusions we have about ourselves. He will give us moments of wonderful perception but will also allow us to endure terrifying darkness. He is indeed all goodness and light but he will show no more compunction towards the evil things that we have allowed to grow in our hearts than a human surgeon would to a malignant growth. Those of old were not exaggerating when they said, “Our God is a consuming fire”. Many people of sensitivity and perception whether they have a religious faith or not, view with dismay the growing materialism of this age. To anyone who is the least alive to the contemporary God, the general life of this country, despite many virtues, exhibits all the symptoms of God-deficiency. For the present generation is, albeit unconsciously, attempting to prove we can live by bread alone. The good life is conceived almost entirely in terms of creature comforts, labour saving appliances, better clothes, better and longer holidays, more money to spend and more leisure to enjoy. None of these things is wrong in itself, but when they are assumed to satisfy every desire, aspiration and ambition we are surely right to be alarmed at the grip of materialism. When possessions, pleasure and the thought of physical security fill a person’s horizon, we cease to ask ourselves such basic questions as “what am I?” or “what am I here for?” Modern mankind can and may gain the whole world but will lose their soul in doing so.

Adapted from Day by Day with J.B. Phillips.

Submitted by S. Wilson



October 27

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	J. Wilson
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	R. Anderson

November 3

8.30am	LOCKYER HC	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	G. Wilson
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.

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

November 8 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

November 12 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm

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12.30pm

can walk into the light of tomorrow. Children today are growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. We can show them that the Way we have come to know is more life giving than the ways of following selfish pursuits. We can teach them that failure is a chance to begin again, not something that makes them worth less. We can share with them the joy we find in the beauty of nature. We can pass on values like respect for other (human) beings, speaking truthfully, acceptance of differences and so on.

No one needs to feel useless in old age. We are not pilgrim people of one generation, but of many, both past and future!

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Helen Nicholson, Mary Noack Skinner and their families.

Lockyer: Judy Thompson, Annette Webb and their families.

Mt Barker: Milly Coad, Eileen Gilbert and their families.

Denmark: Carmy O' Sullivan, Trish, Miriam & Aidan Thornber 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.

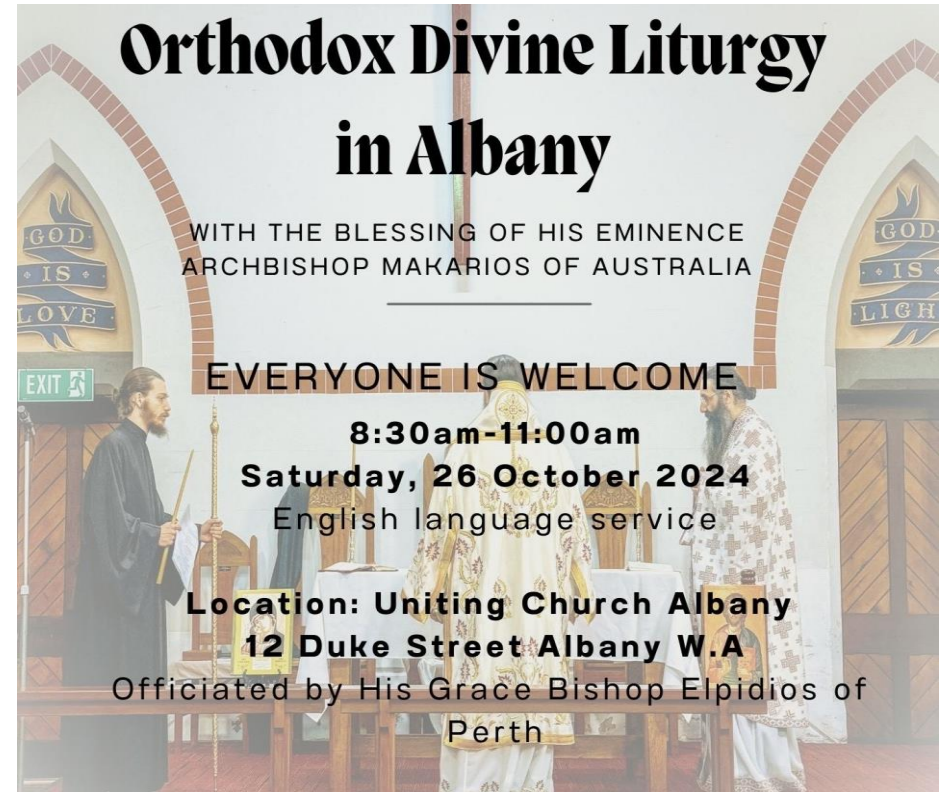
★ **Offerings** We gratefully accept financial contributions ("offerings") to continue the work of the Church. Cash or cheques may be placed in the offering bowls at Sunday services. Direct bank transfers (EFT) are also welcome. For Albany, please use the details below:

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>

★ **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.



**Orthodox Divine Liturgy
in Albany**

WITH THE BLESSING OF HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS OF AUSTRALIA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

8:30am-11:00am
Saturday, 26 October 2024
English language service

Location: Uniting Church Albany
12 Duke Street Albany W.A

Officiated by His Grace Bishop Elpidios of
Perth

