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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.

6 October 2024.



Accepting Change

Spending a week with my sister was delightful. We saw beautiful things made by human artists in Albany, Denmark and Mt Barker. A tour guide helped us find orchids and other fascinating flowers in the Stirling Range. We explored a conservation reserve in the Porongurup area and walked beach and talked on the way and over lunch. When there are decades of connection there is this wealth of images, the bond and connectedness of shared memories. We laughed a lot at some of them, and we were sad together too. Ageing is a continual source of surprises, one of which – one of the many – is the need to slow down a little. (Only a little, as we are not yet seventy, I write with a smile.) We did slow down, walking only half the distance we would have in our thirties.

All good. Here is a prayer for growing old and do it well. Lord, teach me how to grow old. I need convincing that the community is treating me right when it takes responsibilities off me and finds others to take my place. Take from me the pride of experience and the sense of being indispensable. May I be able to accept the law of time passing, and the gradual letting go of things. May I be grateful for not ageing ten years in one night, but slowly, a little bit at a time. Keep me useful to the world, contributing to the joy and courage of the people around me with my hopefulness and prayers. May I be humble and serene when I see the world and human beings doing what they do, good as well as evil. I live in hope to not have regrets about the past, and to offer my way of being for reconciliation. May my ageing, my



Refining Silver

There is a story of a lady who read a verse from the Old Testament which says of God:

"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

She wondered what it meant so she went to watch a silversmith at work. He held a piece of silver over the fire where the flames were hottest to burn away all the impurities.

She asked if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he had to sit there, holding the silver and keep his eyes on it the entire time it was in the fire because if the silver was left a moment too long, it would be destroyed.

The woman asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

We, like silver, are refined in the heat of life, in the most difficult times and it's in those moments, we reflect our Creator.

Karl Faarse

Submitted by A. Hortin



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

October 13

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

withdrawal from society be simple and natural, like the waning of the moon. May I remember every day how much love I have received and been able to offer. May I live this stage of my life without anxiety about what comes next, and without fear of dying and death. Teach me to grow old like this, in Jesus' name, amen.
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 8 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm

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

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: Marian Little, Aileen Lucas and their families.

Lockyer: June Bowman, Joy Dunbar and their families.

Mt Barker: Carolyn & Doug Lincoln, Anne Mackie and their families.

Denmark: John Croft & Veronica Davenport, Kathy & Gary Grigg and their families.

Synod: Armadale–Kelmscott, Byford/Mundijong and Gosnells Uniting Churches; and the Tapu Niue Faith Community Kiribati Uniting Church.

Photo: Frog, Perth Zoo- J Wright. 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>

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