



## 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.

**24 November 2024.**



## Perspective

Psalm 113 reads: *Alleluia! You faithful of YHWH, give praise (...) You are high over all nations, YHWH! Your glory transcends the heavens! Who is like You, YHWH, our God? Enthroned so high, you need to stoop to see the sky and the earth! You raise the poor from the dust, and lift the needy from the dung heap to give them a place at the table with rulers, with the leaders of your people. You give the childless couple a home filled with the joy of many children. Alleluia!*

Sight is a wonderful and wondrous sense. Distinguishing between light and dark; recognising shapes of all kinds; and – for most people – enjoying colours; being able to see and judge distance, are all gifts to help us engage with our environment. The ability to see correctly, in perspective, is very important. Painters in the Renaissance are said to have (re)discovered perspective by using the ‘vanishing point’. Things close to us seem larger than things further away. The bigger the distance, the smaller objects and people appear to be. Stars are tiny twinkling dots... This is the natural world perspective which people have understood since time immemorial. Before the use of the vanishing point, artists decided on the size of a person as shown in a painting, on their importance, on the size of his or her role in the event depicted. In Psalm 113, God’s perspective comes from high above even the heavens. (Remember, in the Psalmists’ days there were seven layers of heaven above a flat earth.) God crouches down

## In the Desert

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God. PSALM 42:1

Sometimes we experience a terrible dryness in our spiritual lives. We feel no desire to pray, don’t experience God’s presence, get bored with worship services, and even think that everything we ever believed about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is little more than a childhood fairy tale.

Then it is important to realise that most of these feelings and thoughts are just feelings and thoughts, and that the Spirit of God dwells beyond our feelings and thoughts. It is a great grace to be able to experience God’s presence in our feelings and thoughts, but when we don’t, it does not mean that God is absent. It often means that God is calling us to a greater faithfulness. It is precisely in times of spiritual dryness that we must hold on to our spiritual discipline so we can grow into new intimacy with God.  
Henri Nouwen

Submitted R. Marsh



### November 24

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

### December 1

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

to see the sky and the earth from a great distance, from the home of divine creatures and angels. In God's vision, the natural human perspective does not apply. The heavens with all their splendour and power, are not large in God's sight. Even the highest of the human power pyramid, rulers and leaders, do not seem big in God's eyes. In God's vision the people who are out of place and powerless are noticed most of all. The poor, the needy and the childless, who would have been almost invisible in a human painting, are seen, raised, lifted up, and given a home. They live in God's sight with a size and weight equal to the most powerful people. May we be able to see our fellow human beings with this perspective in mind.

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.

**November 30 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm**

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Betty & Tom Reed, Eileen Remaj and their families.

**Lockyer:** Joy Dunbar, Meg Hannington and their families.

**Mt Barker:** Nita Clarke, Milly Coad and their families.

**Denmark:** John Croft & Veronica Davenport and their families.

**Synod:** Esperance, Katanning and Kojonup Uniting Churches. Uniting Church Synod of Queensland.

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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**

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