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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.

1 December 2024.



Thanksgiving

The tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November began in Plymouth, Massachusetts, when Pilgrim settlers arrived in the early seventeenth century. A few of the colonists went out “fowling,” possibly for turkeys but more likely for geese and ducks. Next, almost one hundred members of the Wampanoag Indians appeared at the settlement’s gate. Over the next few days, the fifty colonisers and the native people socialized without incident. The Wampanoag contributed venison to the feast, which included the caught fowl and probably fish, eels, shellfish, stews, vegetables, and beer. Most people ate outside sitting on the ground or on barrels with plates on their laps. The men fired guns, ran races, and drank liquor, communicating in broken English and Wampanoag. It sealed a treaty between the two groups that lasted until King Philip’s War (1675–76), in which hundreds of colonists and thousands of Native Americans lost their lives.

The New England colonists regularly celebrated “Thanksgivings,” days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought. Since 1798, the individual states decided on whether Thanksgiving Day would be celebrated. Some objected to the national government’s involvement in a religious observance. Southerners were slow to adopt a New England custom, and others took offense over the day being used to hold political speeches and parades. A national Thanksgiving Day seemed more like a lightning rod for controversy than a unifying force...

Today Thanksgiving is mostly celebrated as a family holiday, with the traditional feast complete with turkey and cranberries. In Australia, Thanksgiving is only officially observed on Norfolk Island, since the 1890’s, on the last

Hope is Our Song

O God, beyond our knowledge, time and space,
and yet within each person in this place;
we sing with grateful thanks and heartfelt praise
your love that warms and colours all our days.

Around us living things your wonder show:
the birds above, each tree and flower below
of ev’ry colour, fragrance, texture, size
unveil your lavish love to marv’ling eyes

You feel our deepest sorrow, fears and needs,
transform compassion to creative deeds;
you gently crumble long held rigid creeds;
replace with unimagined lively seeds

You come in thunder, silence, ice and flame;
enrich the poor, make dancers of the lame;
in vain we try to keep you neatly filed;
ruler of realms, yet helpless human child,

We cannot comprehend what you have planned,
but trust your wisdom and your gen’rous hand;
may we, with awe and joy, use what you give
that ev’rything on earth may truly live.

Hope is our Song:

New Hymns and Songs from Aotearoa New Zealand,
the New Zealand Hymnbook Trust

John Bodycomb, “Two Elephants in the Room”

Submitted by A. McKechnie



December 1

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

December 8

8.30am	LOCKYER	E. Burns
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	E. Burns
11am	MT BARKER HC	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 30 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

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December 13 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

Wednesday of November. An American tradesman began the tradition there.

Every day is a day of thanksgiving. Except maybe Black Friday. In the USA, and becoming more visible in Australia, this is the day when Christmas shopping start, with brands and shops offering discounts on many goods. Here the term Black Friday is still controversial. Prior to its promotion as a shopping day, it referred to the devastating Black Friday bushfires that happened in Victoria 1938–39. Maybe a day to go shopping for the sake of finding bargains, for things not needed, but desired just the same, deserves to be called a black day anyway. In the meantime, let us give thanks to the One, the giver of all.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Colleen & Garth Roberts, Sylvia & Derek Ryall and their families.

Lockyer: Louise Hordacre, Anne & Alan Hortin and their families.

Mt Barker: Eileen Gilbert, Pauline Hordacre and their families.

Denmark: Dorothy Laffin, Anne Mackay and their families.

Synod: Moora Parish Council (Badgingarra and Moora Uniting Churches) Hope Community Services Inc.

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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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