



## Regional Directory

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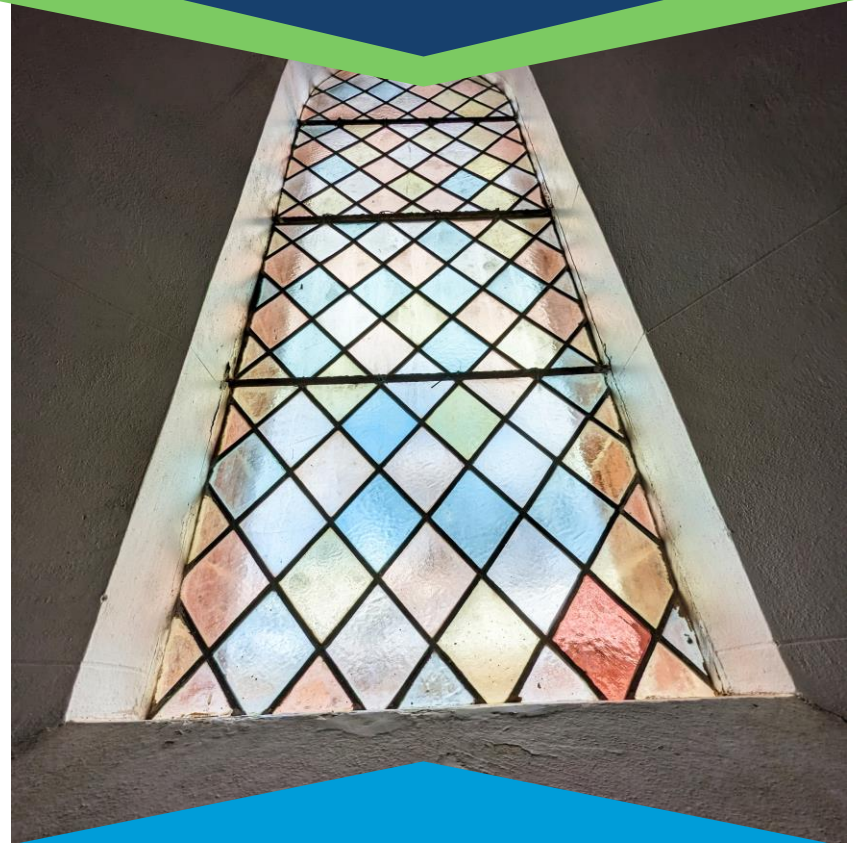
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Albany Region Congregations



## 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.

**12 January 2025.**



## Happy New Year

Let's pray for a happy New Year for the people we know, for ourselves, and for people who are doing it tough. The Denmark Uniting Church has been and is supporting a group of volunteers, the Homeless Project Denmark (HPD). The group has use of a purposely built shed on the Church's property, and receives some financial support from the congregation every month as well.

Homelessness has changed in recent years. We don't see so many people sleeping 'under the bridge' anymore. That does not mean there are no longer homeless people, actually, today, there are more people without a place to call home than a decade ago. People sleep in tents in the bush, live in their cars, or stay with different friends or relatives for a time (known as couch surfing). As we all know, there are very few rental homes available, at rents people cannot afford, even when they do have one income. So people share, sometimes over a dozen people live in a small one-bathroom home. The HPD offers support by finding places for people to live, restoring caravans, finding furniture, etc. They store clothing, bedding etc. in the shed, as well as food. Every week about a dozen cardboard boxes with fresh food supplies go out to people living in overcrowded places, or people struggling to pay rent and bills and food as well. There is no government funding for this project, so everything the group can pass on is donated. Every Sunday, at the Denmark markets, the group has a stall with – also donated – items for sale. This stall is the HPD's main

## Some Say There is No Light

Some say there is no light  
In their life but only a long  
darkness.

I say the light is never absent,  
always seeking to flow forth within  
the ground of the soul, but we  
block it in our  
confusion and fail to see  
how it ever shines and burns in  
us.

So if you want to know the light,  
you must first face the darkness  
that is in you. Only then will  
this light overflow your soul and  
dance with radiance in your life.

Meister Eckhart's *Book of Secrets:*  
*Meditations on Letting Go and*  
*Finding Freedom*, Mark S  
Burrows and Joh M Sweeney,p48  
Peace

Submitted by R. Marsh



### January 12

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>	S. Wilson

### January 19

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

## Dates every week

**Museum:** Open 9-11am, Tuesday-Thursday.

**Tuesday Discussion:** now in recess until Feb 2025

**Wednesday Prayer group:** In recess until 22 January 2025. All welcome.

**Thursday Bible Study group:** Meets at 10am, Lockyer, Townsend St. All welcome.

### January 2025

January 25 **Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm**

source of income. You can find information about the project on Facebook.

In Albany, the AUC people are used to donating good quality household items, bric-a-brac, crockery and so on to Edith Verran. Edith used to sell these things to raise funds for the Samaritan Purse project known as the 'Shoebboxes' to pay for postage and handling of same. (Three cheers for Edith!) Edith is no longer raising funds to this end. We had a chat, and we agreed that it is a great idea to donate items you would otherwise give to the Shoebboxes, to the Homeless Project Denmark instead. I will personally see to it that all donated items will go to Denmark to be given to people in need, or to be sold to raise funds. May 2025 be a good year for all people in the region. Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Lesley Whittle, Van Winfield and their families.

**Lockyer:** Jan Ahern, Jennifer & Alistair Anderson and their families.

**Mt Barker:** Milly Coad, Pauline Hordacre and their families.

**Denmark:** Richard Amuzu, Teresa, Ingrid, Renee & Evan Ayres and their families.

**Synod:** North Way (Beldon-Iluka and Carramar) and Trinity North Uniting Churches Juniper Aged Care.

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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 on other social media channels.

**AUC** Council meeting was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 is cancelled. Next Council meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> March in Lesser Hall.

**Wednesday Prayer Group** will recommence on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. The Prayer Group will continue to meet at Heather Bailey's residence at 39 Minor Road Orana with a 10.00am start. All are welcome. Please contact Heather on 0428 936 824, Rev. Corina on 0417 169 544 or Ross Anderson on 0427 361 166 to register your interest in attending. The prayer group thanks Heather for her ongoing hospitality in opening her home to the group and thanks to Corina for her leadership and offering communion after prayers.

**Bulletin dates & Hall bookings for 2025:** If you would like your groups to be included in the future Bulletins, Magazines, news & notes, calendar & hall bookings. Please email your information to the office. Many thanks to all who have contacted the office already. [unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com](mailto:unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com)

