



## 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.

**19 January 2025.**

## Psalm 36 Verses 5 to 10

'Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!'

These verses of praise are also a prayer to ask for God to continue loving creation, to bring freedom to honourable people.

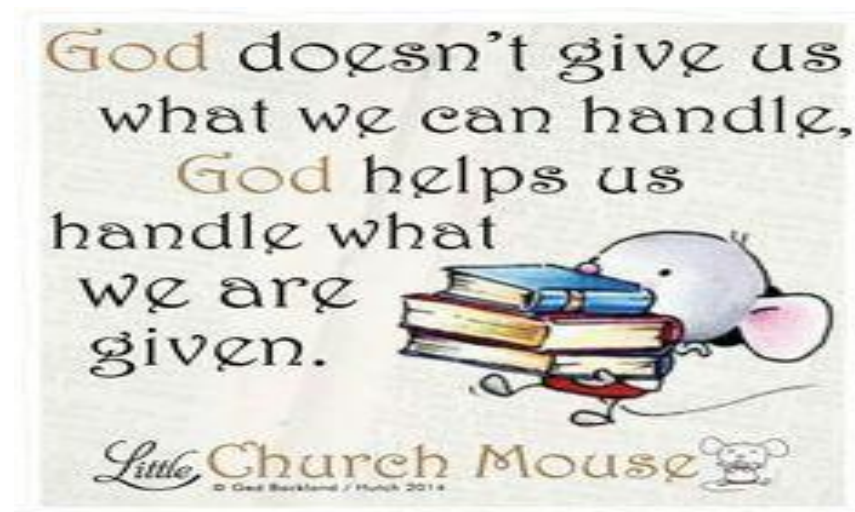
We are blessed and privileged people, to live in a country as rich as it is beautiful. The land- and seascapes, the plains and mountain ranges, the farmland, bush, rainforest and deserts, all can be seen as an expression of God's love. Every season brings with it new vistas, sounds, smells. All of it is amazing. Even more amazing is that this is so much more than a beautiful (part of) the world. The psalm assures us that God's love is as high as the mountains, as deep as the oceans. God's love enfolds us, enfolds you and me, all people everywhere, all animals everywhere. 'Amazing' does not quite cover my response. Wonderful, astonishing, incomprehensible, awesome, not one of these words really can describe how deeply I am moved when I accept the love on offer. It is like being welcomed into the arms of a loving parent.

## The Work of Christmas

“When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.”

Howard Thurman

Submitted by A. McKechnie





### January 19

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

### January 26

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>	R. Anderson

## Dates every week

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

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

**Wednesday Prayer group:** Meets at 10am at Heather's place. 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**

Here is James Taylor's interpretation of the Psalm.

'Your door is always open, God. You stand at your door and welcome all who come to it. Entry to your home is not limited to your friends, your associates, your social class. You extend your welcome to everyone and everything: beggars and outcasts, oppressors and victims, people who have handicaps and drifters who huddle in the gutter. From rats skulking in their sewers to eagles soaring in the clouds – you make them all welcome. All of creation is your household, God. All can live together in harmony under your roof. In your kitchens they are fed; in your living room they are entertained and uplifted. For you are life itself. Continue to give us life, Lord. Show us how to live in harmony in your home.'

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Dudley Wise, Sue Yates and their families.

**Lockyer:** June Bowman, Joy Dunbar and their families.

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

**Denmark:** Margaret & Phil Cocks, Michael Cranny and their families.

**Synod:** Osborne Park and Wanneroo Crossways Uniting Churches Assembly Circle of Interest: Seeking Common Ground.

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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 either IGA Spencer Park, or Container Recycling Depot, 93 Stead Rd, Centennial Park and **quote our number**. <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa>

**Homeless Project Denmark** (HPD). For more information about how to support this project.

<https://www.facebook.com/homelessprojectdenmark?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

**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, supply & 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.

WESLEY MUSIC ALBANY

# THE QUIET SPACE

Moments of peace and reflection with the help of local classical guitar trio Misty Gem



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**SATURDAY 25**  
**JANUARY 2-3PM**  
**WALK IN, WALK OUT**  
**ANY TIME**