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Uniting Church in Australia
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.

26 January 2025.



History?

Sometimes a bishop, a priest, a minister... No, let's start again. Sometimes any man or woman can make a difference in someone else's life. Aspiring Jesus followers are called to commit to bring comfort, hope, light into the world. Jesus was concerned for the excluded and the outcast and was considered by the Gospel writers to be the one who was anointed to bring Good News – of God's love – to the marginalised. We have seen that happen this week in a big event in faraway USA, which – due to globalisation – seems much closer to Australia today than a century ago.

Here is another story about a faraway country, and what a bishop did unnoticed by the media. Aldo Etchegoyen of Argentina took seriously his role as a Christian. In 1976 Argentina came under military dictatorship. Around thirty thousand people disappeared in six years after this, and about two hundred women were imprisoned in Buenos Aires. Three Protestant women requested that the bishop would bring them Communion in prison. It was dangerous at the time, to have contact with political prisoners, but the bishop was not afraid of giving this service to the women. He wanted to share the love of Christ – who sets the prisoners free. Each time he tried to visit the women, the bishop was refused permission to see them. The bishop decided to keep a loaf of bread in the freezer that he would use at the time he would be allowed to serve Communion to the incarcerated women. In 1983 Argentina returned to civilian democratic rule. The military dictatorship ended and the bishop was finally permitted to serve Communion

A Matter of the Heart

It has always been the concern of true religion to influence human behaviour. This has usually meant the growth of a rather complicated set of rules. In the case of the Hebrews there is no doubt that human behaviour was profoundly influenced by such rules.

Nevertheless, among the Hebrew prophets there came men of spiritual insight who saw more deeply into the problem and who considered that outward obedience was by no means all that was desirable. They were men who came to proclaim that it was the inner attitude of the heart that really mattered as regards human behaviour and in the sight of God.

This great theme was expounded supremely by our Lord Jesus Christ. With his unerring insight he was able to see deep within us, to see the springs of motive, to see the shams and disguises, to see the boasting and feeble excusing. Steadily he sought to make people aware of their instability of heart and their need for inner unity. Jesus taught a religion that started with the heart and with the springs of human action at a time when immense store was set by outward observance.

- He taught a religion of changed affections
- Christianity is not merely a set of dogmas
- It is primarily the recovery of a right relationship with God
- That is a matter of the heart.

Taken from Day by Day with J.B. Phillips.

Submitted by S. Wilson



January 26

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E. Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	R. Anderson

February 2

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

Dates every week

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

Tuesday Discussion: 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 UC, Townsend St. All welcome.

January

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

February

February 11 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

February 14 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

in the prison. He used the bread that he had kept in the freezer. He remembered that the bread was hard. However, it could not be broken by dictatorship but only by the power of the love of Jesus Christ. The women were released from prison a few days later. The Uniting Church in Australia believes in the 'priesthood of all believers'. We are no bishops, but we all of us are called to bring Good News to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. I pray for power, a lot of power, for the gentle, the caring, the merciful people in this world.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Margaret Youngs, Shirley & Ross Anderson and their families.

Lockyer: Meg Hannington, Louise Hordacre and their families.

Mt Barker: Deborah Murphy, Philip Webb and their families.

Denmark: Kathy & Gary Griggs, Ruth & Norman Kershaw and their families.

Synod: Gingin Uniting Church, St Stephen's School Carramar and Duncraig Assembly Circles of Interest: Discipling the Next Generations and Transforming Worship.

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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) Homeless Project Denmark (HPD) The main source of income for the HPD is a fundraising stall at the Denmark Sunday markets. Please leave items you want to donate in the Duke Street vestry, marked **HPD**. Corina will see to it that they find their destination. <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, 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.

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

AUC Ladies Fellowship Tuesday, 11th February at 2.00pm in the Party Shed. Rev Corina will give us Communion BEFORE we eat. Please go to the Shed on arrival. All ladies welcome.