



## 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.

**16 February 2025.**



## Biblical?

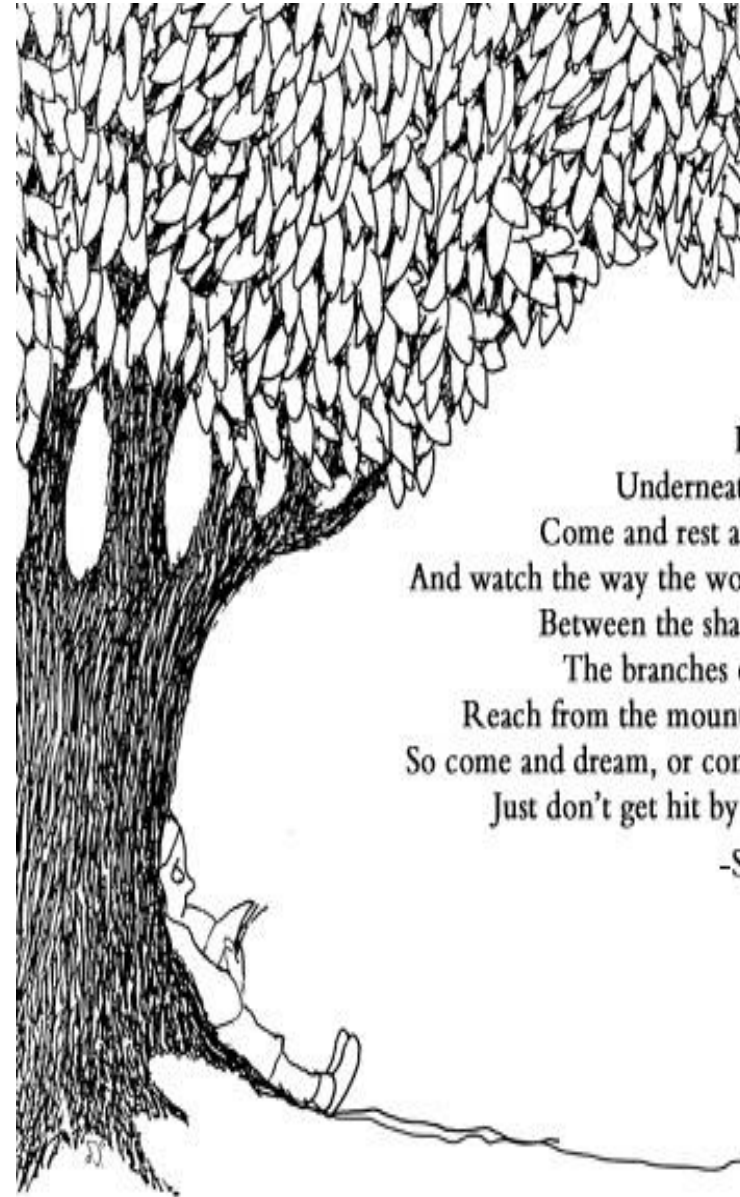
The English language has many expressions that sound Biblical, but are not.

Here are some.

'Cleanliness is next to Godliness'. Francis Bacon, in the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> Century was the first to write this: "Cleanness of body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God." John Wesley was familiar with this expression, because he put this in quotation marks "Slovenliness is no part of religion. Cleanliness is indeed next to Godliness." Psalm 19 reads "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever." In the Hebrew the word translated as 'clean' means ceremonially and morally unpolluted.

'The Lord works in mysterious ways'. William Cowper wrote these words in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century: "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm." Legend has it that this was the last hymn Cowper wrote, and he wrote it after almost drowning himself in the Thames. He was on his way to the river in a taxi. A thick fog made it difficult to navigate the London streets. The driver was frustrated, and after driving around for some time, stopped and let Cowper out. They just happened to be back at the house of the poet. In his mind, the heavy fog was God's mysterious way of saving his life.

'God helps those who help themselves'. This is an ancient saying, but it is not in the Bible. The saying is in Aesop's fable of Hercules and the Wagoner. This story also includes the expression 'put your shoulder to the wheel'. Over two thousand years later, in 1736, the saying



### POET'S TREE

Underneath the poet tree  
Come and rest awhile with me,  
And watch the way the word-web weaves  
Between the shady story leaves.  
The branches of the poet tree  
Reach from the mountains to the sea.  
So come and dream, or come and climb—  
Just don't get hit by falling rhymes.

-Shel Silverstein



### February 16

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

### February 23

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	M & P Cocks
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	E. Burns

## Dates every week

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

**Tuesday Discussion:** Meets at 9.30am for 10am start at Elizabeth's place. All welcome.

**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.

### February

Feb 20 Fellowship Morning Tea, 10am Vancouver Café

### March

March 11	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
March 11	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
March 14	Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

appeared in an almanac, assembled by a deist, someone who believed that God created the world and then left it to its own devices. (No Spirit to guide people, no divine intervention at all.) In this view, prayers to ask God for help are pointless.

'Money is the root of all evil'. This is an exaggerated version of a phrase in the first letter to Timothy. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows". (King James Version) Modern translations read "all sorts of evil" or 'all kinds of evil', which allows for evil that does not come from money. Note, however, that it is the *love* of money causing evil, not money itself. More next week...

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Stephanie Bennett, Kerrie Bentink and their families.

**Lockyer:** Vera Wellstead, Susan Wood and their families.

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

**Denmark:** Rev. Elizabeth Sanderson, Trish, Miriam & Aidan Thornber and their families.

**Synod:** Emmaus Walks, Kairos Prison Walks and Chrysalis Flights Trinity Residential College and the China Christian Council.

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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)

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.

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