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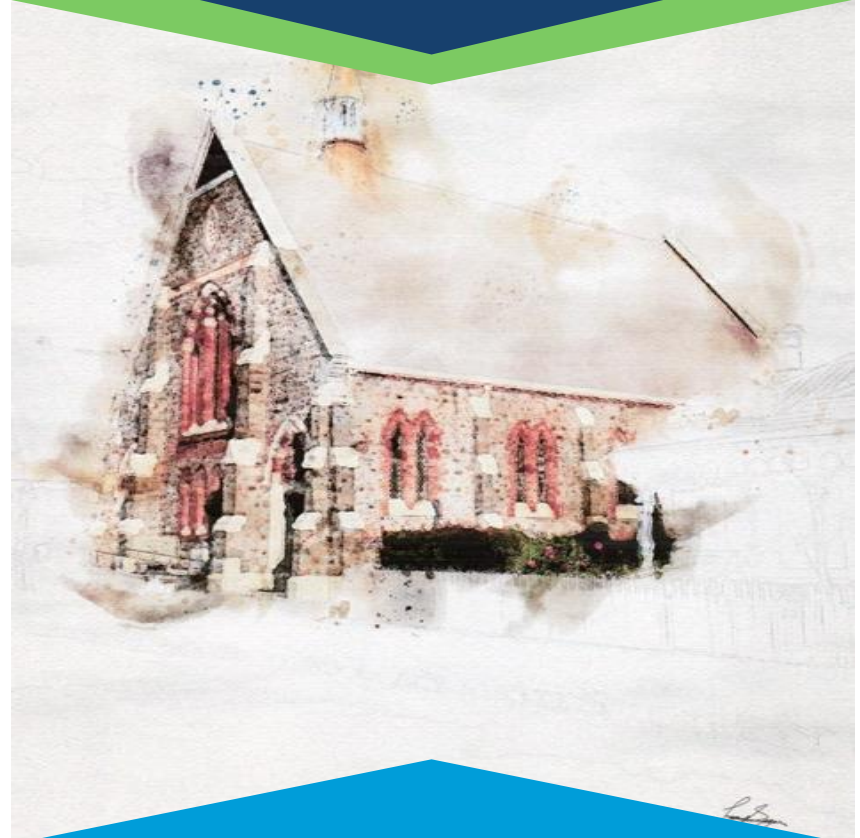
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Welcome to our service.

Duke St Church morning tea is on the 3rd Sunday of the month, Denmark Uniting Church & Lockyer have morning tea after their Service.

23 February 2025.

Biblical? (2)

Here are some more sayings that may seem to come from the Scriptures, but in fact don't.

'Spare the rod and spoil the child'. The Book of Proverbs says something slightly different. 'He who withholds his rod hates his son. But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.' (Prov 13:24)

'Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.' (Prov 22:15).

'Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike him with the rod, he will not die. You shall strike him with the rod and rescue his soul from Sheol.' (Prov 23:13-14)

'The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.' (Prov 29:15)

Coming from a culture where corporal punishment was rejected, these are difficult verses for me. I don't approve of an adult using painful means to get a message across to a child.

'To thine own self be true' is not biblical. It is morally good advice to be true to yourself and not fall prey to self-deception. This saying and with its 'thine' make it sound like the English in which the King James Version was written. However, it comes from Shakespeare. In Hamlet. Polonius tells his son Laertes, "this above all to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou cannot then be false to any man." Just before this, Polonius has another line that is sometimes thought to come from the Bible, 'Neither a borrower or a lender be.'

Love your Enemies

(Luke 6:27-38)

I have often heard it said, and it is *common* sense: "Love begins at home". We think love grows out in a series of concentric circles: our first commitment is to family, then we help extended family, friends and neighbours, then local community, then our nation, then the world. Last of all, we have no obligation to help 'enemies' those who actively wish or do us, or those we love, harm. Jesus thought differently. In today's Gospel reading he says "Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you..." and then he gives some examples and repeats himself "love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return". In another passage he is even more demanding, saying that you cannot be his disciples unless you hate your own "father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters" (Lk 14:26). His reason for loving enemies? God himself "is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked" and you can only be his children if you are like God. Then he promises that such a 'golden rule' lifestyle would be generously rewarded with "a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap", every day. Following Jesus means that we are to be like God who is generous and loving to all, all the time, without distinction. Loving family first can only be achieved by loving family second and putting God's love at the centre of our lives. But, if I view this as a commandment, I say to Jesus, "I can't do it!" - the simple truth is that I have enough difficulty loving those I love, let alone those I don't like. The key is when we discover the eternal truth that Jesus' way of love already lives in my heart. A life of following Jesus is simply taking the first few steps in growing into God's way of loving.

Submitted by R. Marsh



February 23

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

March 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: 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.

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

'This too shall pass'. No matter how bad some experience is, it will come to an end sometime, and no matter how good an experience is, it too will end. Hebrew, Persian, Arabic and Turkish have proverbs like this. They could be traced back to Persian Sufi poets in the Middle Ages. Jewish folklore has stories in which the wise king Solomon makes this statement. There is also a legend in which the saying is engraved on a ring. As a result, a sad wearer will feel happier, and a happy wearer will start to feel sad. The legend and the proverb became popular in the nineteenth century.

You may think of more sayings like these. I can add 'Idle hands are the Devil's workshop' and assure you this is not Biblical.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Barrie Bickford, Beverley Bird and their families.

Lockyer: Joan Wright, Jan Ahern and their families.

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

Denmark: Carlien Trotter, Judy & Graham Wilson and their families.

Synod: Hedland Fijian Faith Community Uniting Church Adult Fellowship.

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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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Orthodox Divine Liturgy in Albany

WITH THE BLESSING OF HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS OF AUSTRALIA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

8:30am-11:00am
Saturday, 1st March 2025

English language service

Location: Uniting Church Albany
12 Duke Street Albany W.A
Officiated by His Grace Bishop Elpidios of
Perth

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