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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.

9 February 2025.



Poetry for these days of Turmoil

Here is a Les Murray poem, to read and re-read. Pick some lines to carry with you as a sign of hope.

An absolutely ordinary rainbow

The word goes round Repins, the murmur goes round Lorenzini's, at Tattersalls, men look up from sheets of numbers, the Stock Exchange scribblers forget the chalk in their hands and men with bread in their pockets leave the Greek Club: There's a fellow crying in Martin Place. They can't stop him.

The traffic in George Street is banked up for half a mile and drained of motion. The crowds are edgy with talk and more crowds come hurrying. Many run in the back streets which minutes ago were busy main streets, pointing: There's a fellow weeping down there. No one can stop him.

The man we surround, the man no one approaches simply weeps, and does not cover it, weeps not like a child, not like the wind, like a man and does not declaim it, nor beat his breast, nor even sob very loudly--yet the dignity of his weeping holds us back from his space, the hollow he makes about him in the midday light, in his pentagram of sorrow, and uniforms back in the crowd who tried to seize him stare out at him, and feel, with amazement, their minds longing for tears as children for a rainbow. Some will say, in the years to come, a halo or force stood around him. There is no such thing. Some will say they were shocked and would have stopped him but they will not have been there.



Life Changes!

Everything that's born has an ending, every person has their day; Institutions have a finite life, as do ways we learn to pray.

Faiths may take long ages to evolve but one day they each will die. Process shapes each form of existence on the Earth or in the sky.

Christianity is declining in the thought-world of today. What replacement could we all now find that could form a new found way?

Jesus saw beyond all structured life to depths of our human need for the ways that now can empow'r us to sow life-sustaining seed.

Jesus gave some clues in his teaching of the Spirit who would come Leading all who seek to find their role with all life beneath the Sun.

Past the mythic God of tribal dreams, the God of all space has come to enfold all parts in a union with the Myst'ry that is one.

William Wallace

Submitted by Elizabeth Burns



February 9

8.30am	LOCKYER	R. Anderson
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	R. Anderson
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Corina

February 16

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	A. Hortin
10am	DUKE ST	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.

February

February 11 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12 noon

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

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

February 20 Fellowship Morning Tea, 10am Vancouver Cafe

The fiercest manhood, the toughest reserve, the slickest wit amongst us trembles with silence, and burns with unexpected judgements of peace. Some in the concourse scream who thought themselves happy. Only the smallest children and such as look out of Paradise come near him and sit at his feet, with dogs and dusty pigeons. Ridiculous, says a man near me, and stops his mouth with his hands, as if it uttered vomit--and I see a woman, shining, stretch her hand and shake as she receives the gift of weeping: as many as follow her also receive it and many weep for sheer acceptance, and more refuse to weep for fear of all acceptance, but the weeping man, like the earth, requires nothing, the man who seeps ignores us, and cries out of his writhen face and ordinary body not words, but grief, not messages, but sorrow, hard as the earth, sheer, present as the sea--and when he stops, he simply walks between us mopping his face with the dignity of one man who has wept and now has finished weeping. Evading believers, he hurries off down Pitt Street.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Heather Bailey, Jean & Alex Bell and their families.

Lockyer: Judy Thompson, Annette Webb and their families.

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

Denmark: Ron Munro, Carmy O' Sullivan and their families.

Synod: Remote Area Ministry Tom Price.

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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.

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.uniting-world.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.

CWA Free Soup Day is this coming Friday 7th February from 12 to 1.30pm at the CWA Hall at 96 Serpentine Rd. There will be soup, salad plates, sandwiches & dessert as well as tea and coffee. There will be a freebie table as well. Everyone is welcome.

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.

