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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.

2 March 2025.



Words to Inspire

I picked up a 'Book of hours' with writings by Thomas Merton. He is known as a contemporary mystic, but his words are practical and down to earth, as well as founded on a deep faith.

Here are the words I found when opening the book this morning.

"Plenty of time! Plenty of time! No breaking your neck to get things done before the next thing happens. The real job is to lay the groundwork for a deep change of heart globally so that one day it can really go through the turn around we need for a peaceful world. Believe in deep union and agreement with the forces of life and hope that are struggling for the renewal of the true cultural and spiritual vitality of the "new work". The forces of life must win. Christians must rediscover the truth that the Cross is the sign of life, renewal, affirmation and joy, not of death, repression, negation and the refusal of life. We must not refuse the providential opportunities that come to us in the midst of darkness. I am not a pacifist in theory, though today in practice I don't see how one can be anything else since limited wars (however "just") present an almost certain danger of nuclear war on an all-out scale. It is absolutely clear to me that we are faced with the obligation, both as human beings and as Christians, of striving in every way possible to abolish war. The magnitude of the task cannot be allowed to deter us. Even if it seems impossible, we must still attempt it. This demands of course a spirit of faith. I believe the only really valid thing that can be accomplished in the direction of world peace and unity is the preparation of the

Psalm 37

I wrote this paraphrase of Psalm 37 more than 20 years ago. I look at it now and wonder how I could have foreseen the present situation.

- 1 Don't worry that others seem more successful than you are.
- 2 Their short-term gains won't last; the market will turn against them again.
- 3 For long-term confidence, invest in God. Then you can count on continuing prosperity and security.
- 4 An unconditional investment in God can lead to everything you ever wanted, but could never afford any other way.
- 5 But your investment must be unconditional. You can't hold anything back; you can't hedge your bets. First turn everything over to God -- then you will see how God acts for you.
- 6 You cannot manipulate God for your own gain. Make God your manager, and free yourself forever from cycles of boom and bust.
- 7a Be patient. Wait until God is ready.
- 7b Do not envy those who glory in short-term gains, or who profit from crooked practices.
- 8 Avoid impatience or anger; they will affect your judgement adversely.
- 9 They'll get what they deserve, in God's good time.
- 10 In time, corrupt politicians will be voted out; corner-cutting businesses will run out of room; drug dealers will destroy themselves; unjust laws will be lifted from the books. They will all dissipate like morning fog; you'll wonder how they could foster fear for so long.
- 11 But those who put their faith in God will continue to flourish; They will live life abundantly. Jim Taylor. Submitted by A. McKechnie



March 2

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

March 9

8.30am	LOCKYER	E Burns
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	E. Burns
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Corina

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 13 AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 3pm
- March 14 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall
- March 20 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

way by the formation of people who, isolated, perhaps not accepted or understood by any 'movement', are able to unite in themselves and experience in their own lives all that is best and most true in the various great spiritual traditions. Such people can become as it were "sacraments" or signs of peace, at least. They can do much to open the minds of their contemporaries to receive, in the future, new seeds of thought. Our task is one of very remote preparation, a kind of tough and unthanked pioneering." Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Beth Blight, Carmen, Todd, Jeanie, Lilian and Amelia Burgess and their families.

Lockyer: Jennifer & Alistair Anderson, June Bowman and their families.

Mt Barker: Sue Wilson, Nita Clarke and their families.

Denmark: Richard Amuzu, Teresa, Ingrid, Renee & Evan Ayres and their families.

Synod: Applecross St Stephen's, Beth Shalom Tongan, Bicton Uniting Churches. Please also pray for UnitingCare Australia.

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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.

World Day of Prayer 2025: Cook Islands 'I made you wonderful'
Date and Time: 7 March 2025, 9:30 am. Location: Holy Family Church, 74 Hardie Rd Spencer Park. Contact person: Helen Anderson 0427 108 810.

Affirmation Service: 9 March 2025, 5.00pm at St John's Church, 149 York Street, Albany. Followed by a light supper. We would love for you to join us at the Combined Albany and Denmark-Walpole YouthCARE Council Affirmation Service. This is an opportunity to affirm the wonderful work undertaken by the School Chaplains and Christian Values Education Volunteers. It also provides a chance to hear how our Chaplains and Volunteers make a positive difference in the lives of others. For more info Noeline 0428 414 944.

