



## 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.

**23 March 2025.**

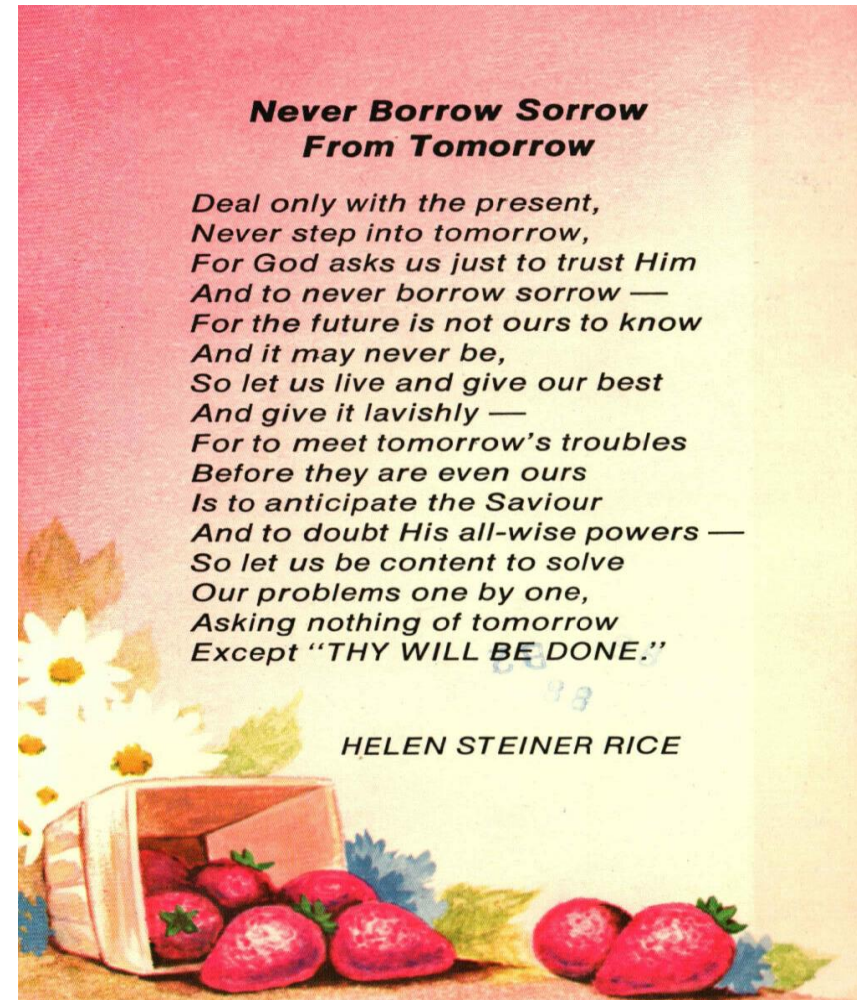


## Lent 3

In many countries today, governments are moving toward autocracy (dictatorship) or oligarchic (rule by a few wealthy people). The prophet Jeremiah, in his age said: "Were the rulers ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they did not know how to blush". Amos complained that the rich sell the poor for silver and barter the needy for a pair of shoes. We are millennia removed from the ages of these prophets, but their sharp accusations are as relevant as ever.

On the day of his assassination in Memphis, Dr. King called his office to give them his coming Sunday's sermon title. It was this: "Why America may be going to hell." King's popularity had faded. Since his "Beyond Vietnam" speech, in which he condemned the war, most of his white liberal support vanished. He was bitterly criticized by many civil rights movement's leaders. He connected domestic oppression with international aggression. Dr. King recognized that ending racial discrimination nationally was not enough. Something more fundamental was at stake. He began to speak about greedy capitalism. He was accused of no longer preaching, but meddling. Yet, as the prophets of old show us, Jesus followers need to interfere in the ways money becomes the ultimate authority to decide what is of value. When that happens the poor and the weak become expendable.

There have always been times when people in power were cruel and deceitful. Never before has a world leader (albeit not elected) stated, "The fundamental weakness of



Submitted by R. Anderson



### March 23

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

### March 30

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	R. Anderson
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	Rev. Corina
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	R. Anderson
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	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 29 Quiet Space, Wesley UC, 2-3pm**

### April

April 8	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
April 8	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
April 11	Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

Western Civilization is empathy." Paul's letter to the Philippians reads, "their god is their belly." He did not mean stomachs or culinary habits. He meant excess: twisted desires and greedy appetites, where might makes right, ruthlessly. The Prophet Micah warned of the judgment to come for the people "who devise evil deeds on their beds!" People who can't wait until the sun rises to seize the property of others, who covet fields and oppress householders."

We all know that the brain is important, but often the belly demands more attention. Still, we are often surprised when our conscience is overruled by our exaggerated appetite. Money makes the world go round. Is that really what we accept? Jesus said it clearly, "You cannot serve God and mammon." This Lent, maybe we can all pay attention and live with what we need, rather than wanting, wanting, wanting more? Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Ruth & Doug Coxall, Christina & Bill Dwyer and their families.

**Lockyer:** Rod Marsh, Judy Thompson and their families.

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

**Denmark:** Anne Mackay, Ron Munro and their families.

**Synod:** Maaman 'O' Mia, Mandurah and South Mandurah Uniting Churches Frontier Services Bush Chaplains, Mid-West and Pilbara.

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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 box **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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