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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 March 2025.

Lent

Psalm 91 is a comforting as well as challenging poem, included in the Lectionary at the beginning of Lent. It tells us “You who sit down in the High God’s presence; spend the night in the shadow of the Lord, Say this: ‘God, you are my refuge. I trust in you, and I am safe.’” Each Lent we are called to go on a journey, away from what we know (and take for granted) and away from our comfortable havens. We are called to follow Jesus in a desert of unknown challenges. The words of the Psalm are comforting, promising a safe place, and meant to encourage us on the way. If we choose God and love God, we will find our dwelling place in God’s faithfulness: a shelter for safety, refuge in fear, a fortress of strength. It is a dwelling that moves with us, of course, for we are called not to stand or sit still, but to travel on. Perhaps the Psalm’s most challenging suggestion is that we live in God’s shadow, God’s shade. Shade: outside, open to the elements – but there is welcome refreshment there and rest. Together with Jesus, the “Human One” who has no place to lay his head, we make our way under the starry skies, over the shifting sands into a future that may or may not be bright. Today, our broken world is full of ‘desert places’, where people struggle to find shelter. People in war torn countries, people in Queensland bracing themselves for the approaching cyclone. We can see people in other ‘desert places’ as well, in refugee camps, in derelict buildings, living in tents or car... How do people in circumstances that difficult receive the words, the promises, the images of God’s faithfulness? We try to dwell in the shelter of the High God, we can be vulnerable and

Transforming Anxiety into Prayer

From the works of Charles Ringma with Dietrich Bonhoeffer

From the moment we wake until we fall asleep we must commend other people wholly and unreservedly to God and leave them in his hands, transforming our anxiety for them into prayers on their behalf. Letters and Papers from Prison.

There are many times when we are anxious about children, family and friends. There is often much that we worry about – their spiritual wellbeing, schooling, health, friendships, living arrangements and work. Needless to say, our anxious thoughts are seldom productive and frequently only serve to intensify our level of worry. In seeking to transform anxiety into prayer, it is not simply a matter of talking to God instead of talking to ourselves, for that may simply result in talking anxiously to God. Rather we are challenged to recognise the limitations of our worrying and the possibilities of what trusting prayer can do.

THOUGHT: Prayer is never simply a matter of talking to God. It is trusting him with our concerns.

Submitted by 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

March 16

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	E. Burns
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	A. Hortin

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 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

trusting God, rest in the shadow of the Lord, in our privileged city, our country at peace. Can we do something for the people who suffer without worldly shelter these days? Can we, as we travel with Jesus, create a space of justice; of refuge, shelter, and fortress for people in need? I pray. God, our shelter and our shade, may we know your presence, and trust your thoroughly. May we begin our challenging journey through Lent, in faith that your love is our refuge and our fortress.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Elizabeth Burns, Lyn Catchpole, Geoff Collins and their families.

Lockyer: Joy Dunbar, Meg Hannington and their families.

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

Denmark: Margaret & Phil Cocks, Kathy & Gary Grigg and their families.

Synod: Korean Yeon Hap, Kardinya, Mount Pleasant, Fremantle Wesley and Rockingham Uniting Churches. Please also pray for Tranby College and the Protestant Church in Timor Larosa'e.

Photo: Orchid- Rev. Corina. If you have a photo, you would like featured and is appropriate for the front page, please send it in. Email: unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com Hard copy photos will also be accepted.

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.

Tuesday Ladies Fellowship: At our meeting on Tuesday, 11th March at 2.00pm, we will have a guest speaker. Barbara Duffield will tell us about Wheelchairs for Kids and the quilts that are made to go with them. All ladies are welcome to join us.

