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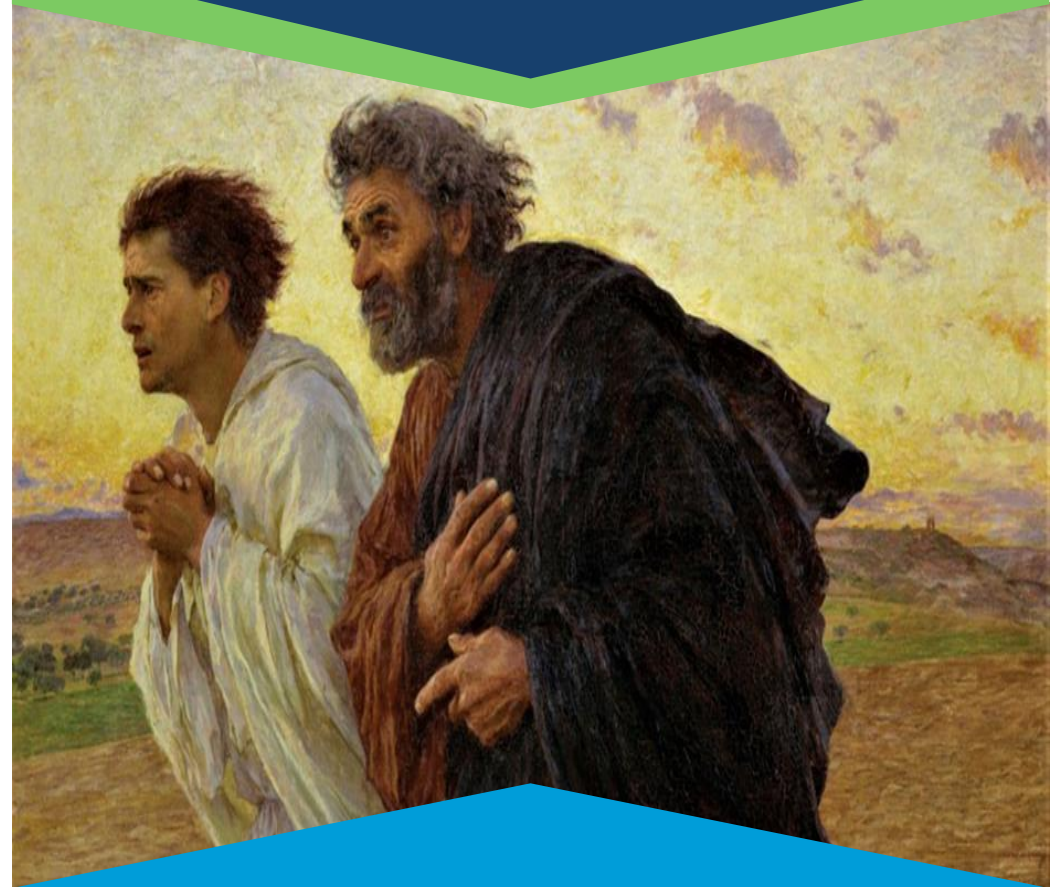
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Welcome to our service.

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

20 April 2025.



Easter

You can find the cover painting in the Musée d'Orsay, on the left bank of the Seine. It was painted in 1898 by a relatively unknown Swiss artist, Eugène Burnand. He was an old-fashioned realist. *The Disciples* didn't impress its first viewers. Burnand's style was already considered passé. However, people who have seen it say that viewing this painting is a powerful – spiritual – experience. Some people find it the greatest Easter painting ever made. What we see is that first light, early dawn colours the clouds. Peter and John rush to Jesus' tomb. Mary Magdalene just told them that she and the other women have found it empty. Her words are ringing in their ears, while their faces and their bodies show they aren't sure they can believe her. John wrings his hands. He was with Jesus when he died on the cross, the only disciple who stayed by his side to the end. He looks like he can barely dare to hope that Jesus might be alive again. And there is Peter. John was Jesus' only faithful disciple. Peter was the only one to deny – three times – that he even knew Jesus. Peter looks terrified, hopeful, ashamed, desperate, all at once.. He is not sure what to believe. Alive? Yes, please, and oh no... Peter's hand grasps his chest, as if searching for the courage he did not have just nights earlier. The two men lean forward, walk briskly, ready to break into a run. The painting is a study in anxious anticipation. Do we recognise any of the beautifully depicted emotions? Do we too hope against all hope that 'Christ is risen'? The painting does not show women, there is no tomb, no gardener.



Easter Thoughts

Easter faith involves readiness to encounter Jesus as 'a living personal presence'. It is not primarily about respecting his heroic witness, or even about contemplating and applying his remarkable teaching. Believers learn to experience his presence among them in every age as they discern their purpose and mission in life. We, as worshippers, say "Amen" to the reality of that presence when we gather for the Eucharist on Easter Sunday and every Sunday — remembering and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Take some time to reflect on the following:

Holy Thursday focus: we encounter Jesus around the table with his friends and the one who would betray him, washing their feet, celebrating the Last Supper, the Eucharist, and inviting his friends to do the same in memory of him. Bring to mind and give thanks for family and friends with whom you share a meal.

Good Friday focus: we encounter Jesus as he is lifted up on the cross. How might we lift up the spirits of those who are suffering greatly at this time?

Easter Saturday focus: we encounter Jesus in this in-between time, this time of waiting. Let's not be so focused on the future or the past that we miss the gifts offered in the in-between moments. Be attentive to what you see and how you feel at this moment.

Easter Sunday focus: we encounter Jesus as the Risen one, the one who has overcome death, who has fulfilled his promise and who brings a message of hope and peace. Create a space somewhere at home during this Easter time and place at its centre something which symbolizes new life or promises kept or hope and peace. Trish Bird and Annette Schneider.

Submitted by Elizabeth Burns



April 17	Maundy Thursday	
5.30pm	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
April 18	Good Friday	
10am	DUKE ST & LOCKYER combined service at Duke St	Rev. Corina
April 20	Easter Sunday	
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST & LOCKYER combined service at Duke St	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	R. Anderson
April 27		
8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	P & M Cocks
10am	DUKE ST	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.

April 26	Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm
May 8	AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 3pm
May 9	Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

There is only the anticipation, the excitement. We may feel like the men in the painting. We don't know what happened after the crucifixion. It is even unlikely that Pilate allowed Jesus's body to be buried. Yet, something happened. Something led the earliest followers to believe that Christ was alive. We, all these years later, believe Christ is alive, in and through the Holy Spirit, who lives among and in us. Mystery.

May this overlooked masterpiece be a comfort to you this Easter. May your faith increase and may your eyes be filled with the same intense hope that Peter's and John's hold in this painting. Christ is alive, let Christians sing.

Happy Easter! Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Maxine & Arthur Gunther, Sandra & Jeff Hall and their families.

Lockyer: June Bowman, Joy Dunbar and their families.

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

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

Synod: Lay Preachers, PNEUMA, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and Uniting Church Mission Fellowship, Synod of South Australia.

Photo: Peter & John - Eugène Burnand. If you have a photo, you would like to feature and it is appropriate for the front page, please send it in. Email: unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com
Hard copy photos will also be accepted.



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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, so 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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