



## 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.

**27 April 2025.**



## Living in a Tomb? Rise!

You may already have read Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli's Easter message. It spoke to me, so I share it here, hoping it will inspire and encourage you too. "It began in the shadows. A story of death - but also life. The women came at dawn on Easter Sunday. Hearts heavy. Hope buried. They had seen the cross, had stood in the silence of loss. Now, they stood before the tomb. Cold, silent, unsealed. The place where dreams end... or so they thought. When they arrived, the stone was rolled away. Empty. And then: words that shattered the silence forever: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" The tomb – once a symbol of defeat – became the birthplace of courage. They came grieving and afraid and were called from their sorrow. They rose. They ran and proclaimed. Fear gave way to faith. Despair gave way to purpose. Now, the question comes to us: What tombs are we living in? The tomb of fear? Of division? Of hopelessness? The resurrection of Jesus is more than a promise. It is now. It is ours. It calls us to rise from death to life. From despair to hope. From the tomb to new beginnings, or new life! Like the women who were the first to proclaim that Jesus had risen, we cannot stay silent. We cannot go back to life as it was while our communities long for renewal and our world aches for peace. This is our moment. We cannot wait. We must rise now and speak words of healing into a world torn apart. Act with courage where the vulnerable are forgotten. Love without limits. Serve without fear. Hope without hesitation. From the silence of the tomb rises the song of hope. Do not linger in the.

**April 27**



## What is Prayer?

Is it measured words that are memorized,  
forcefully said and dramatized.  
Offered with pomp and with arrogant pride  
in words unmatched to the feelings inside?  
No...prayer is so often just words unspoken...  
For God is already deeply aware  
of the burdens we find too heavy to bear,  
And all we need to do is seek Him in prayer  
And without a word He will help us bare  
Our trials and troubles... our sickness and sorrow  
And show us the way to a brighter tomorrow...  
There's no need at all for impressive prayer  
For the minute we seek God, He is already there!

Taken from Prayerfully Poems of Devotions by Helen  
Steiner Rice.

Submitted R. Anderson



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8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	P & M Cocks
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	S. Wilson

#### May 4

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER HC</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	E. Burns
10am	<b>DUKE ST HC</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	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.

April 26 **Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm**

#### May

May 8	AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 3pm
May 9	Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hal
May 13	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
May 13	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
May 15	AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am



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shadows of fear and despair. Step out from the tomb. Stop looking for the living among the dead, for Christ is risen. Let's live boldly as people of new life, strong in courage and relentless in love. May the joy of the risen Christ bring you peace and renew your spirits. Wishing you and your communities a blessed Easter!"

New beginnings are not only possible on Easter Sunday, but every day. May joy take us by surprise when we expect doom and gloom. May we resist the temptation to despair in these days of global turmoil. Christ is alive!

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Esma Hare, Seb Harris and their families.

**Lockyer:** Meg Hannington, Louise Hordacre and their families.

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

**Denmark:** Ruth Kershaw, Dorothy Laffin and their families.

**Synod:** Covenanting Commission and Uniting Disaster Recovery Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA).

**Photo:** Clouds- A. Hortin. If you have a photo, you would like to feature and it is appropriate for the front page, please send it in.

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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.

**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.

GOD GIVES HOPE

to those who dream,  
gives miracles to those who believe.

God never lets down  
those who trust  
and God never

LEAVES  
those who walk with  
GOD.



Little Church Mouse

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