

JUNE PREACHING PLAN

June 1st

8.30 Lockyer & AUC combined at Lockyer HC	R Vertigan	Acts 16: 16 - 34 Psalm 97
9.30 Denmark	A Hortin	Revelation 22: 12 -14, 16 -17, 20 -21
11.00 Mt Barker	R Anderson	John 17: 20 - 26

June 8th Ascension Day

8.30 Lockyer	A Hortin	Acts 2: 1 -21 or Genesis 11: 1 - 9
9.30 Denmark HC	Rev E Sanderson	Psalm 104: 24 - 34, 35b
10.00 AUC	A Hortin	Romans 8 : 14 -17 or Acts 2: 1 -21
11.00 Mt Barker HC	S Wilson	John 14: 8 - 17, (25 – 27)

June 15th Trinity Sunday

8.30 Lockyer	E Burns	Proverbs 8: 1 – 4, 22 - 31
9.30 Denmark	J Wilson	Psalm 8
10.00 AUC	E Burns	Romans 5: 1 - 5
11.00Mt Barker	S Wilson	John 16 : 12 - 15

June 22nd UCA Anniversary

8.30 Lockyer	R Anderson	1Kings 19: 1 – 4, (5 - 7), 8 – 15a or Isaiah 65: 1 - 9
9.30 Denmark	T Ayres	Psalms 42&43 or 22:19 - 28
10.30 AUC	R Anderson	Galatians 3: 23 - 29
11.00 Mt Barker	A Hortin	Luke 8: 26 - 39

June 29th

8.30 Lockyer	E Burns	2 Kings 2: 1 - 2, 6 - 14
9.30	P & M Cocks	Psalm 77: 1 - 2, 11 - 20
10.00 AUC	E Burns	Galatians 5: 1, 13 - 25
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Luke 9: 51 - 62



THE ARC MONTHLY

*ALBANY REGION
CONGREGATIONS*

*Lockyer, Albany Uniting Church,
Mt Barker, Denmark*



JUNE 2025

*May God's love surround you,
God's spirit guide you,
God's whisper cheer you,
God's peace calm you,
God's shield protect you,
and God's wisdom arm you
wherever God may lead you.*

John Birch, Blessings

Message from the Manse:

Rev Corina is currently in the Netherlands spending precious time with her father. She will also be enjoying summer weather and the beautiful landscape,



whereas our beautiful beaches are largely deserted as autumn merges into the cold and wet of winter. A brisk walk can be refreshing but only the very brave venture into the water.

As I am faced with producing a magazine without Corina's message, which usually occupies several pages, forgive me if you find more pictures than usual, Clare

DIARY DATES

- SAT 31st MAY** THE QUIET SPACE featuring Ross Dwyer on guitar.
- SUN 1st JUNE** LOCKYER & AUC COMBINED SERVICE at Lockyer UC
Townsend St, 8.30am, due to car races in town.
- TUES 10th JUNE** LOCKYER LADIES FELLOWSHIP, Lockyer UC, 12noon
AUC FELLOWSHIP, Handasydes, 2pm. All welcome
- FRI 13th JUNE** SCOTS MARKETS AT CWA Hall, Serpentine Road
9 am – 3pm Come and say hello and have a
delicious morning tea or lunch.
- THUR 19th JUNE** FELLOWSHIP Morning Tea, 10am, Vancouver Café,
ALL WELCOME. Details from Mary 0427 554 947
- SAT 28th JUNE** THE QUIET SPACE with Seb Harris on piano and
bassoon

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Rosters for AUC and Lockyer:**AUC: Recording/
Music**

	<u>DOOR</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
<u>1st June</u>	Combined service at Lockyer due to car races in town.			
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	<i>P Elms</i>
<u>8th June</u>	<i>A Gunther</i>	<i>M Little</i>	<i>M Gunther</i>	<i>W Dwyer/</i>
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>Anne Hortin</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>S Harris</i>
<u>15th June</u>	<i>D Hosking</i>	<i>W Dwyer</i>	<i>A Tero</i>	<i>M Vertigan/</i>
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>Alan Hortin</i>	<i>Alan Hortin</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>P Elms</i>
<u>22nd June</u>	<i>C Ferry</i>	<i>A Tero</i>	<i>C Ferry</i>	<i>M Little/</i>
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>S Wood</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>P Elms</i>
<u>29th June</u>	<i>D Coxall</i>	<i>E Verran</i>	<i>A Tero</i>	<i>W Dwyer/</i>
<i>Lockyer:</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>J Bowman</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>P Elms</i>

MORNING TEA, Lockyer only

1st June *J Bowman* **8th June** *J Dunbar*
15th June *M Hannington* **22nd June** *S Wood*
29th June *J Thompson*

Please swap with someone if you are unable to take your turn and inform Lisa at the office of the change. Thank you to those willing to take part, helping to make services run smoothly.

A message from a member of AUC (Wesley) who was a regular church-goer until health problems kept her house-bound.

Just a note to say an enormous thank you to members of the prayer group who, when I found it hard to go somewhere to meet up, suggested they come to me. Thank you for the extra effort you have all made and the fellowship we can share together every week. It would be wonderful if there were more small groups meeting in homes every week, praying before God and strengthening our thoughts and prayers for whoever is in need.

Blessings, Heather Bailey

BITS FROM BARKER:

This month has passed by even faster than the ones before it. Our AGM went well and we decided to make no changes to either our office bearers or to the regularity of our Services of Worship. We are fortunate in having a good tenant in the Manse, who recently extended her lease.

Alan and Anne Hortin led our service early in the month and we were pleased to welcome Ruth Vertigan who led us in worship last Sunday. The only other news is that Philip underwent cataract surgery recently and I am pleased to report it went well.

Regards, Sue Wilson

Lockyer News: Numbers have been down at our Services of Worship recently. When someone is away, for whatever reason, it makes quite a difference! However, the fellowship with one another is really appreciated and the cuppa after the Service lets us catch up on what is happening with everyone (more than just gossip). And we can devise ways of assisting those with ill health etc.

Various dance groups hire the Hall because the floor, being timber, is excellent for dancing on, far better than a concrete base. A Heritage Patchwork Group also hires the Hall and the lovely patchwork cross at the front of our Church was made and donated to us.



Work as required by the Synod Property Board, has not progressed very far! We have attended to anything that could be considered a threat to safety, but cosmetic stuff has not proceeded. The front ramp to the entrance of the Church is deteriorating and needs replacing. The cost of replacing the wooden ramp, (kindly made by the Men's Shed), would be up to, or more than, \$1000, as it would have to be freighted over from the Eastern States. Other alternatives will be looked at, and any suggestions would be most welcome. Cheers, Alan Hortin

EDITORIAL COMMENT: Just as the days pass by more quickly than we can sometimes keep up with, so we are constantly being challenged by change. Five words that fill me full of dread are: "You gotta download the App". It's not just technical change that we face though, the concern of how our churches will survive is constantly with us. As congregations dwindle, finances also tend to dwindle, and it is not just the upkeep of buildings that gets harder, we also need to cover the expenses of ministry. However, with careful planning and making use of opportunities that come our way, it is surprising what can be achieved. If we look back and see how our forefathers dealt with difficult situations, we can learn how much can be achieved just by giving it a go.

It is always hard to say goodbye to those who have died, but we can learn a lot at the funeral by listening to the stories of a life which often hadn't been a particularly easy one. Bob Ashfield, who had been a member at Wesley for many years, was one such person. I had only known him for a few of those, but had grown fond of him during the time I'd pick him up to bring him to church each Sunday. He had not had a happy childhood and was sent to Australia from England at the age of 12, in the care of a woman from the Salvation Army, who delivered him to an orphanage where he stayed until he was 15. He then joined the workforce, trying out many different jobs, learning many and different skills as he did so. His luck changed when he met Hazel, who became his wife and they went on to share 61 happy years together, supporting one another along the way, building their own home bit by bit, then living in it for 40 years. Bob always had a strong faith and was a lay preacher for 10 years. He held various church offices, pastoral visiting his favourite, making many hospital and home visits. He chose to move into Juniper when dementia meant it was unsafe to live alone. Being such a gentleman, he was a staff favourite, and he loved to see his family.

I'll now hand over to Betty Reed to dip into the past, remembering John Francis and how he made a difference to people's lives. Clare

Wesley Music News:



On Saturday 31st May, just before the Classic car races get going you will find a Quiet Space at Wesley Church from 2pm – 3pm featuring the talent of Ross Dwyer on guitar. (pictured) It is something to look forward to.

To get part-way through winter the plans are:

28th June Seb Harris playing piano interchanged with bassoon.

26th July Adam James Cook on piano.

Remember feedback is always welcome:

mrsebastianharris@gmail.com

otherwise, that is all for this month. Best wishes to all, Seb

Used Postage stamps for charity: There is a box used for collecting stamps in the corner of the table in the entry porch. From time to time, I gather them up, as Peg Sweetman did for many years until moving to Juniper. Instead of sending them to Synod, as Peg did to raise money for charity, I give them to my daughter who works at library to add to their stamps, so our stamps are still used to raise money for charity, but now that is for our local community. Clare

A cautionary tale when it comes to old churches.

There was a little old church, out in the countryside, painted white, but the paint had faded badly. Hardly anyone was coming to the Sunday services and the minister thought it would be a good idea to repaint the church so that it would really stand out and perhaps attract visitors passing through, besides making it more attractive to the people living in the district, encouraging them to attend church more often. He checked the local paper and found there was a paint sale, so off he went into town, bought a gallon of white paint, went back to the church and began the job.

He got the first side done and it was looking great, but he noticed he had already used half a gallon of his paint. He didn't want to go back into town, so being the creative person that he was, he rummaged around in the shed out the back and to his delight found a gallon of thinner. He began to thin his paint and got back to work, finishing the remaining three sides with that half gallon of paint and the church was now looking great.

The minister slept very soundly that night after all that work and didn't hear the heavy rain that fell overnight. Refreshed by a good night's sleep, he stepped outside next morning to admire his work of the previous day and was pleased to see that the first side was looking great but was utterly dismayed when he saw that the paint on the other three sides had been washed away.

He looked up to the sky and cried out in anguish "What shall I do?" A voice came back from the heavens "Repaint and thin no more"



My memories of Dr. John Francis by Betty Reed.

Tom and I first met John and Olwyn when they decided to semi retire to their holiday home in Goode Beach and started attending Wesley Church, Duke Street Albany. Olwyn's father was a Methodist Church minister and I had previously met Olwyn as a young girl with her father in the Wesley church offices in Perth. Olwyn was 10 years younger than I.

It was shortly after their arrival in Albany that the late Les Poole formed a group of musical friends that met once a month in various homes for a shared meal and musical evening. John and Olwyn were part of this group. They were lovely evenings with a lot of laughter especially when three of the ladies got together on the piano to play "tri-ettes", often complaining that each was playing the others notes!

John, as well as being a good friend helped us professionally when he saw Tom limping at the church. Tom had previously seen his regular doctor who recommended 2 Panadol 3 times a day (It was only Arthritis!!). John made an appointment for Tom at his surgery in Goode Beach. The outcome of this appointment was a referral to an Orthopedic specialist and his left hip replacement in December 2006.

In 1993 Tom and I were on holiday in the Eastern States. Whilst in Sydney we received a call from our Minister, The Late Rev Nick Stuurstraat informing us of Olwyn's sudden passing.

We were quite surprised when Dr. John returned from a medical conference in London, England, married to Maggie, a nurse who had lived in Albany but had returned to England when her husband passed away. Maggie was 10 years younger than John and, I believe John thought that she would outlive him. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with "Motor Neurone disease" which led to her premature death in 2014.

John was a wonderful friend and Doctor.

Betty Reed

PRAYER PROMPTS:

Please continue to keep Allan & Judy McKechnie in your prayers. Also pray for Ruth & Mick Vertigan who are still awaiting repairs to their home before they can move back in. Keep Corina and her father in Holland in your prayers and continue to pray for the innocent victims of war, especially those in Ukraine and Gaza. Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently -thinking of the families of Dr John Francis, Bob Ashfield and that of Maurice Fong who passed away a few days ago.

Dr Francis gave me great support, mainly with his hypnotherapy when I was running the Christian Separated and Divorced persons group for many years. My memories of Bob Ashfield are of a very diligent visitor for our Church people. I would often run into him when I was visiting as pastoral carer. Maurice and Helena Fong were very well known and active in Albany. Maurice had been ill for quite some time so it has been a very difficult time for Helena and her family. It is not known yet when his funeral will take place.

SHOEBOX SNIPPETS:

We are nearly ready to start packing! We will probably start early July so will be finished by the end of August. We will then wait for Corina's return in September to organise our last shoebox dedication service! As usual you have all been great in getting the items we need. We now have sufficient undies, toothbrushes and marbles, all we need now are some more combs and small toys – dinkies, skipping ropes etc. Wendy has made our handkerchiefs and face-washers, Lyn has done up enough little picture books so we won't need any more cards.

The item I have chosen for this month is the response of Samaritan's Purse to the earthquake which struck in Myanmar on 28th March this year. Volunteers from Australia and New Zealand are providing their medical skills, including an emergency specialist from WA.

God bless, Edith

Serving with Excellence – a message from Samaritan's Purse

Seven brave responders from Australia and New Zealand have joined the international response to bring urgent relief. We are working in Naypyidaw, the capital of Myanmar, which is near the epicentre of the deadly earthquake that struck on 28th March. Samaritan's Purse have deployed their largest Emergency Field Hospital, complete with operating theatres, and ER inpatient wards, a pharmacy and a lab, offering critical care

where it's needed most. Michelle, an ER doctor from NSW, will work on the frontline, triaging and treating earthquake-related injuries in a fast-paced, multicultural setting. Nurses



Annette, Anne and

Olivia will serve in the inpatient ward, supporting patients through recovery, extending spiritual and emotional care while sharing God's love. A New Zealand nurse will assist with life-saving surgeries, while Christine, an emergency specialist from WA, is providing essential HR and administrative support on the ground.

With the city's water supply destroyed, Greg from NSW has joined the clean water team to restore access for thousands, preventing the spread of disease and restoring hope. A further six team members, five from Australia and one from New Zealand are set to join the ground response to also serve with their skills in Myanmar. Please pray earnestly for the people of Myanmar who are suffering and for our teams as they serve as the hands and feet of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As Scripture commands us, *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:2)

Franklin Graham