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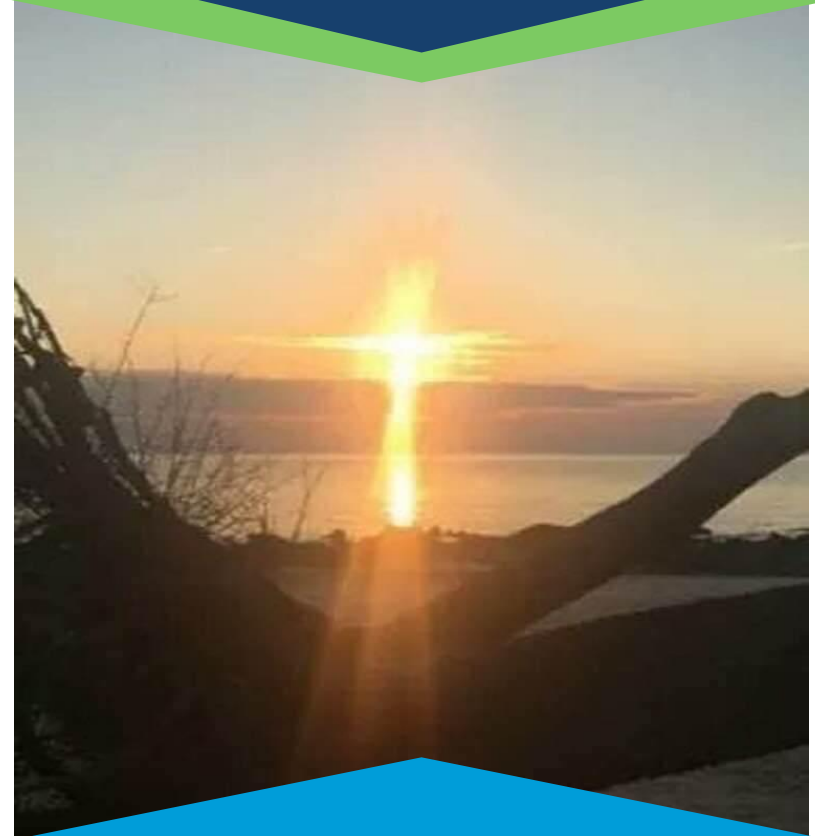
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Welcome to our service.

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

18 May 2025.



Easter 5

When I hear birdsong, my heart invariably lifts, and I usually smile. When I hear the ocean—whether gentle lapping, constant rush like a waterfall, big, slow crashing waves— I imagine it is talking. Sunburst through clouds, rainbows, Jacaranda and Wattle, thunder, lightning and rain; the smell of blossom, roses, fresh-mown grass, the vastness of sky, these sights, smells, sounds of nature lift my heart. What else is paradise, if not joy, the awe, wonder and, gratitude creation evokes when we pay attention? Forest bathing practice from Japan it is an intentional immersion in a forest, drinking in green, the scents, the energy of the trees. It need not be a literal forest. I walk under the gums beside a reservoir, or with my feet in the ocean. I bathe in the green of my garden, every day if I can, often simply sitting on the patio beside it, still drinking it in. Julia Baird reminds us in *Phosphorescence* that it is necessary for our wellbeing to see, if not be immersed in, green—or nature. Every day. The psalmist tells us that Creation sings and will catch up in the Song that will lead us into life. Let us sing with Creation!

Taken from *With Love to the World*.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.



The Birthday of the Church

According to Christianity Christmas is the anniversary of that almost incredible act of God – his entering the stream of human life by becoming a baby. Good Friday is the anniversary of the death of the man that baby became. It is called ‘Good’ because through that apparent tragedy God reconciled us to himself.

Easter commemorates the historic fact that Jesus Christ conquered death and ‘came back’ to show in a series of unmistakable demonstrations that he had really done so.

Pentecost follows on and is the commemoration of a special occasion on which God with special emphasis did something he is always prepared to do – that is, to give some of his own personality to those who are willing to receive him.

It is therefore the birthday of the new community of men and women who joined together to achieve God’s purpose by the power of his Spirit.

It is the beginning of the Christian Church.

Taken from Day by Day with J.B. Phillips.

Submitted by S. Wilson



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May 18

8.30am	LOCKYER	A. Hortin
9.30am	DENMARK	G. Wilson
10am	DUKE ST	A. Hortin
11am	MT BARKER	Rev. R. Vertigan

May 25

8.30am	LOCKYER	E. Burns
9.30am	DENMARK	D. Laffin
10am	DUKE ST	E. Burns
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the Lord for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord.

Blessings

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.

May 31 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

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June 10	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
June 10	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
June 13	Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

Prayers of the week

AUC: Joan Leeder, Barbara Lister and their families.

Lockyer: Vera Wellstead, Susan Wood and their families.

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

Denmark: Carlien Trotter, Judy & Graham Wilson and their families.

Synod: Church Law Committee and the Nominating Committee Standards for Ministries Committee and the Church Polity Reference Committee.

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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.



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Remembering:

Dr John Francis: John was a long time member of the Wesley congregation, participating actively in the life of the church. Many members of the congregation found support in his professional roles of GP, Chiropractor and Professional Councilor.

Bob Ashfield: Bob, supported by his wife Hazel, participated actively in church life over many years. With his warmth and compassion he served the congregation well as pastoral visitor on behalf of the minister and elders. Our prayers are with their families.

