



## 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.

**25 May 2025.**

## Easter 6

When we pray with the psalmist for all nations to praise God. I wonder what we imagined that looks like. Is it Jewish praise, through practices guided by the Torah, as perhaps the psalmist might have imagined from their experience? Is it Christian worship, in one of its myriad forms, with Jesus the Christ at its heart in every place? Or is it different in every place, as worship naturally is and continues to evolve to be: authentic, diverse, enthralling the Divine with unlimited variety? How closed is our imagination, when we picture “all nations” giving their allegiance to Holy One? I am intentionally avoiding “God”, because that name is so closely associated with the major religions. I wonder what it will look like when “all nations” align themselves with the source of Life, with the One who is Love, Mercy, Justice, Peace? Serve with kindness, not grasp with greed; share generously, not hoard in fear; embrace and draw neighbours close, rather than repel them with arsenal? Is that the Psalmist’s dream? Could that be the Dream of Holy One? May Holy One bless us, keep us, beam with love for us. And may we feel that beaming like the warmth of the sun after winter, shining through us into the world.

Taken from with Love to the World.

## Looking to Pentecost

As we look forward to Pentecost, make us passionate in our faith, strong in our commitment, courageous beyond our imagining, and willing to love and keep on loving, without reservation. Give us tongues of fire, God, not to babble incomprehensibly but to speak out plainly for justice and fairness: to be the voices of those in this world made mute because they are downtrodden and oppressed: to speak the language of peace in a world bombarded by violence and war, arms-deals and greed: to speak of the grace, bewildering in its simplicity, that sets hearts ... and minds ... and souls free, through Jesus. Help us to be ourselves – all that we can be – for you and not some kind of cardboard cut-out or advertiser’s dream, going through the motions of life, and not living in life. Help us to be for refugees– people who have often suffered in ways cruel beyond our comprehension and who suffer still the terrible nightmares, and the gnawing sense of loss through death and torture and separation of their families and friends. Spirit of Life, help us never to use mottoes or platitudes to justify national arrogance or racial or religious prejudice, or drum-beating patriotism and blinkered mistrust of even one person you’ve created in your own image on this planet Earth. Don’t let us bind ourselves only to creeds and not to deeds as a church for that would mean that we are not your church – we are just another organization! Help us to be an accepting, embracing fellowship, not an insular one – and to reach out, not to lock out. Help us to say “Sorry” more often, for without confessing from the heart all that has brought us down, and to simply utter “religious” language, is surely a waste of your time. And how can we hope to be embraced by you, when we have let the sun set on our anger with others? How can we go out and preach what we do not practise. If we seem negative and critical, show us how to be more affirming and accepting and positive. Give us a better sense of perspective, by opening our eyes and our hearts to the real suffering around us. Brand us within with Holy fire, so that what is outward – our words and our actions – our joy and enthusiasm –will make it abundantly obvious who we are, and who and what we stand for. God, let not even one person leave worship today, without feeling the warm stirring of your Spirit within, without embracing the same determination and passion that fired the Apostles at that first Christian Pentecost celebration, without recommitting the life you give to your realm. David Allen.

Submitted by E. Burns



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### May 25

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

### June 1

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER/DUKE ST HC</b>	Rev. R. Vertigan
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	A. Hortin
<b>NO SERVICE AT DUKE ST DUE TO THE CLASSIC CAR EVENT</b>		
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	R. Anderson

## 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**

### Jun

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



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### Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us-so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Blessings

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Marian Little, Aileen Lucas and their families.

**Lockyer:** Joan Wright, Jan Ahern and their families.

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

**Denmark:** Teresa, Ingrid, Renee & Evan Ayres, Margaret & Phil Cocks and their families.

**Synod:** Presbytery Standing Committee and Presbytery Property 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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**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA  
DIOCESE OF PERTH**

# **Orthodox Divine Liturgy in Albany**

WITH THE BLESSING OF HIS EMINENCE  
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS OF AUSTRALIA

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**8:30am-11:00am  
Saturday, 24th May 2025**

English language service

**Location: Uniting Church Albany  
12 Duke Street Albany W.A**

Officiated by Very Rev. Archimandrite  
Makarios Souris Abbot of the Holy Monastery  
of St John in Perth

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