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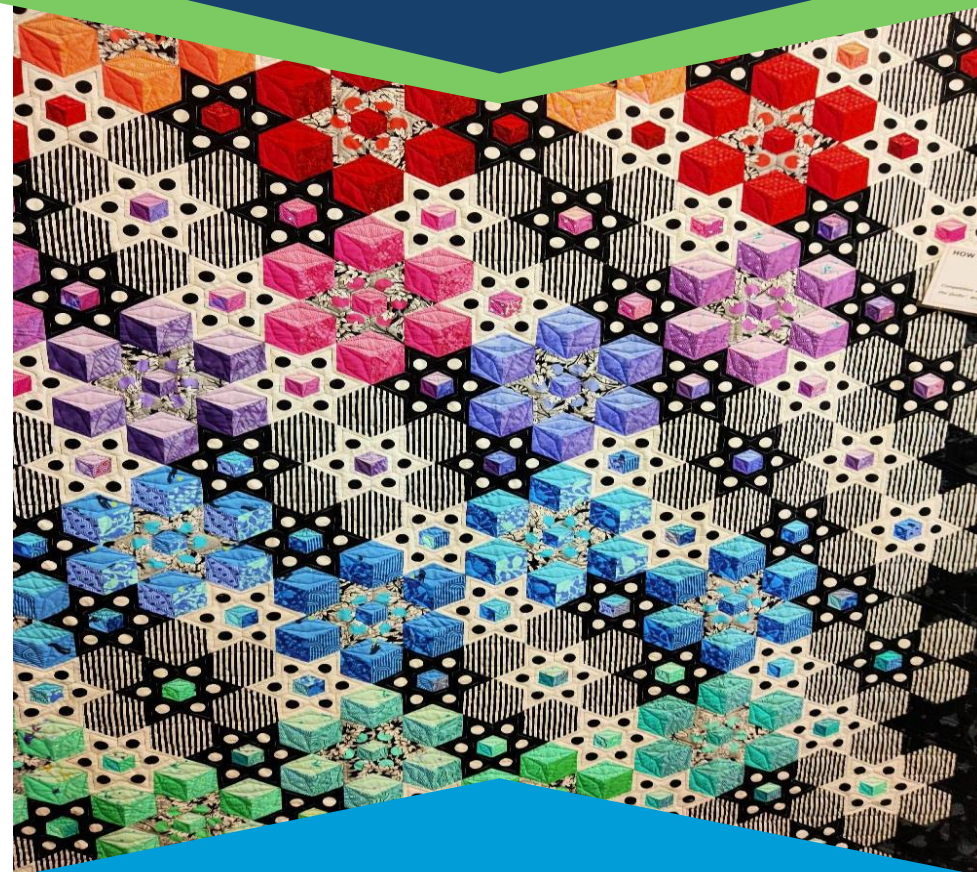
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Welcome to our service.

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

29 June 2025.



The Sundays after Pentecost are all about growth, which is why our liturgical colour is green. The seed of faith has been sown, as witnessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but unless that faith is tended and watered, it will bear



no fruit and inevitably cease to exist. In today's Gospel (Luke 9: 52-62) we hear initially of a community's refusal to receive Jesus, yet as Jesus continued on his journey towards Jerusalem, enthusiastic followers promised undying loyalty and commitment. However, the litany of excuses for delayed response earned justifiable rebuke.

In bold relief, the story is about setting priorities for mission and discipleship. It is a tough ask. There is much to consider. Is the sacrificing of everything that matters in life going to be worth it?

Jesus' response to his would-be eager band of followers was blunt, if not brutal: *"No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God"*. (Luke 9: 62)

It is 60 years since I made such a choice. In my late teenage years, I was not saddled with the entanglements that come with adult life, so responded freely. Six decades later I have no regrets about what I believed to be God's call, through Jesus. It has not been an easy pathway, but comfort and security were not on offer, just a commitment to the discipleship journey.

Such a call from Jesus is not date-stamped with a best *use by date*. It is life-long. We can all do it until we finally run out of breath. Then we are called to a different kind of journey altogether.

May God's peace be with you all!



Thankfulness

Creator God, how wonderful it is that humanity presents a rainbow of design.

Thank you for the variety of calls extended to us, the diversity of gifts and tasks set before us.

Yet we all come from you and are invited to serve you.

Forgive us when we are either too hard or too easy on ourselves.

Help us recognise how you have called and gifted us differently from each other and for different assignments.

Encourage us to commend and appreciate each other without despising or judging anyone. For this kindness, simple human graciousness, will surely bring unity, peace, love and tranquillity in the church, our community and society as a whole.

Embolden each one of us to be ourselves, to not strive to be a copy cut of another. We, like the community in Corinth, need your guidance away from unimportant qualities and standards such as entertainment value, appearance, and status.

Make us strong, and not take to heart condemnation by others.

It is you, not the judgment by others, that will prove us safe and happy.

For this we give you praise and thanks. Amen.

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Submitted by E. Burns



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June 29

8.30am	LOCKYER	E. Burns
9.30am	DENMARK	P & M Cocks
10am	DUKE ST	E. Burns
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

July 6

8.30am	LOCKYER HC	Rev. Wes Hartley
9.30am	DENMARK	G. Wilson
10am	DUKE ST HC	Rev. Wes Hartley
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.

June 28 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

July

July 8 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm

July 8 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

July 10 AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 3pm

July 11 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall



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I am looking forward to joining you next Sunday as your locum minister on a .6 (60%) basis from 1st July to 31st August, whilst your Minister Corina is on Long-Service Leave.

The majority of my time will be spent in Albany and districts, but I also will be fulfilling some of my existing responsibilities in Busselton, where my wife Beverley and I live.

However, I am accessible 24/7 on M: 0412 425 058, or by Email:

whh@westnet.com.au

Please feel encouraged to contact me directly or through a member of the pastoral team if you wish to receive a pastoral visit or to discuss aspects of the church's life.

Wes Hartley

Prayers of the week

AUC: Carmy O' Sullivan, Toni Oudman and their families.

Lockyer: Judy Thompson, Annette Webb and their families.

Mt Barker: Pauline Hordacre, Carolyn & Doug Lincoln and their families.

Denmark: Judy & Graham Wilson, Teresa, Ingrid, Renee & Evan Ayres and their families.

Synod: Uniting Church Archives and the Uniting Church Centre Northern Synod.

Photo: Quilt display at Tenterden - Marian Little. 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, Lockyer and Mount Barker please contact your treasurer for details. All offerings are anonymous. Feel free to ask for envelopes if you wish.

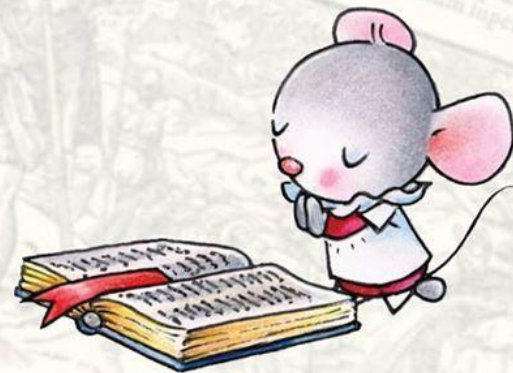
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We will never be able to see
THE BLESSINGS
if we are always focused
on the difficulties.



Little Church Mouse
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