



Regional Directory

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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.

3 August 2025.



In the midst of all the information that comes one's way watching the evening news, I find myself entering into a state of disconnect when the finance news comes on, particularly when there is discussion on the state of the stock market.



In more recent times the somewhat erratic utterances from the elected head of one of the world's largest trading nations sends the stock exchanges of the world into wildly fluctuating panic. There are massive falls, then mild recovery, in response to threats of retaliatory action against others, that as often as not, fail to materialise.

My sense of disconnect is that I have never owned any shares in my life, apart from what the church's beneficiary fund may have invested in for my limited superannuation. The vast majority of the world's population might well wonder, indeed be confused, with our society's fascination with transitory wealth and the glorification of those with incredible material resources. In contrast, those who have little or none, are often portrayed as being undeserving of aid or compassion, indeed, to be pitied.

Today's Gospel story of "*The Parable of the Rich Fool*" (Luke 12: 13-21) to my mind has many contemporary parallels. There are the family fights, that in some cases last for generations, over perceived rights to inheritance; siblings who refuse to talk to each other because one or other feels they were unjustly dealt with in a parent's Will; or the dramatic expansion of a family business or farm, that turns to sourness, when the dream of future profit fails to materialise.

Neither of my parents had anything when they died. They worked all their lives for the church, but materially had little to show for it, so along with my siblings there was nothing much to inherit. However, as a consequence we had nothing to fight over and happily still talk to each other. What we *do* celebrate is the great resource of insight and commitment to the care of others. That was the inheritance we received, which we all concede in our way is a treasure that is beyond crude market evaluation.



Somewhere Someone

The kingdom of love is coming because:
somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,
somewhere someone shares with another in need,
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,
somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,
somewhere someone returns good for evil,
somewhere someone serves another, in love,
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,
somewhere someone is loving everybody.

Is that someone you? (*Binkley & McKeelljke*)

Submitted by E. Burns



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August 3

8.30am	LOCKYER HC	Rev. Wes Hartley
9.30am	DENMARK	T. Ayres
10am	DUKE ST HC	Rev. Wes Hartley
11am	MT BARKER	E. Burns

August 10

8.30am	LOCKYER	A. Hortin
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Wes Hartley
10am	DUKE ST	A. Hortin
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Wes Hartley

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.

August 8	Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall
August 12	Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
August 12	AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
August 21	AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am



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That is the point of the parable. We can spend a whole lifetime trying to build up an inheritance for others, but for what ultimate purpose? Can we hope to control the futures of others, even those closest to us, from beyond the grave? Jesus reminds us from today's parable that if we have chosen only riches for ourselves, but know little of the richness of God, we will be amongst those most to be pitied.

A sobering thought, but none-the-less true!

Blessings, Rev. Wes Hartley - Locum Minister

Special Notes from our Locum Minister

I wish to again thank those who have been in touch with me, particularly in regard to pastoral visitation.

I also wish thank the Plantagenet (Mt. Barker) congregation for their visionary response to the future, in seeking ways of working collaboratively with the Anglican All Saints congregation in social outreach and the development of welfare initiatives. We will hear more in the coming days.

This month our emphasis will be discovering the things that unite us as part of the Albany Region Council. Our Combined Service Hymn Fest and Celebration at 10.00am on Sunday 31st August at Wesley Albany, followed by the Fellowship Lunch, will be an important way of celebrating all that we have in common.

I wish to thank those who already have indicated their favourite hymn, or added their chosen culinary contribution for the Fellowship Lunch on the sheets placed at entrance tables in our worship centres. Please take time to indicate what you would like to sing or are prepared to contribute to our luncheon.

We also look forward to welcoming the York Street Baptist Congregation to our special event on 31st August, so please make a point of wearing a name badge.

On a pastoral note, please continue to be 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.

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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.

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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Prayers of the week

AUC: Anne Tero, Edith Verran and their families.

Lockyer: Louise Hordacre, Anne & Alan Hortin and their families.

Mt Barker: Philip Webb, Sue Wilson and their families.

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

Synod; Rowethorpe Uniting Church and Uniting WA UnitingWorld, Frontier Services.

Photo: Emu Point- M 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.

Tuesday Group: Will be in recess from August 12th to September 2nd. Commencing again on the 9th of September. All Welcome.

