



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.

13 July 2025.



Today's Gospel tells of "The Good Samaritan", one of the most well-known biblical stories, often quoted back by the community at large to those who claim faith as the example of how we who profess should live.

However, living in regional and rural communities, we already know how dependent we are on each other. It is unnecessary to spell out the implications because the story belongs to so much of our everyday life. At various points in our own individual life journeys we have experienced literally or metaphorically what it is like to find ourselves beaten up and robbed, trapped and caught along the and the inroads of our lives.

For it is in the moments when we are caught, when we are hit, when the fall over us, when we are kicked and robbed, when we are threatened and bullied - that we too ask the question: "God, where are you?"

Even Jesus asked the same question over and over again when hanging on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The question is heard all over the world when there is torture and cruelty, discrimination and misery, negligence and stupidity, the like of which we experience daily on our television screens from those who claim leadership in an increasingly fractious and fractured world. There was a man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho when they came. He shouted and pleaded, but to no avail. They beat him up and took everything he had. They disappeared, leaving him for dead by the road, half-conscious. He pleaded: "God, where are you?"

A Priest passed; a Levite passed; a Samaritan stopped, moved by his pity for the life of that man. The question of the Lawyer asking of Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life was answered! The question: "Where is God?" is really the question: "Where are we? Where are you? Where am I?"

For the story of the Good Samaritan is not only a story about who is my neighbour, it is also a story about how we experience God.

When we are in need of God, others are also in need of God. It is in moments of mercy that God reveals an abiding presence. In the moments when we allow God to be with us, suddenly God becomes alive - and we can learn to live and love again. It does not get much better than that!

Blessings, Rev. Wes Hartley - Locum Minister



For Faithful Listening

"Christians, especially ministers, so often think they must always contribute something when they are in the company of others, that this is the one service they have to render.

They forget that listening can be a greater service than speaking. Many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it among Christians, because these Christians are talking where they should be listening. But he who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God too.

This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual life, and in the end there is nothing left but spiritual chatter and clerical condescension arrayed in pious words."

From Dietrich Bonhoeffer *Life Together*

Submitted by R. Marsh



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July 13

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

July 20

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Wes Hartley
9.30am	DENMARK	E. Burns
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Wes Hartley
11am	MT BARKER	A. Hortin

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.

July 11 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall
July 17 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café, 10am

July 26 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

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August 8 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall



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It was a pleasure to be able to share with the congregations of Lockyer and Albany Wesley last Sunday and today to be with you in Denmark and Mt. Barker. I thank Denmark for moving their service to 9.00am to enable sufficient travel time to Mt. Barker. As mentioned last week, I believe it would be valuable for all four congregations to make a special effort on Sunday 31st August to come together at Wesley Albany for a feast of hymns and celebration, followed by a fellowship lunch. It is important at various times during the course of a year to share our stories of mission, as well as learning more of what others are doing. Several have indicated how they are looking forward to such an occasion. In the interim think of some of your favourite hymns, particularly if they are found in Together in Song, for ease of access for all who attend. Also continue to 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. M: 0412 425 058, or by Email: whh@westnet.com.au
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Prayers of the week

AUC: Emma & Jay Pell, Betty & Tom Reed and their families.

Lockyer: Joan Wright, Jan Ahern and their families.

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

Denmark: Dorothy Laffin, Anne Mackay and their families.

Synod: East Avon Group (Cunderdin/Meckering and Quairading Uniting Churches) Assembly Circle of Interest: Growing in Faith.

Photo: Orchids-Rev. Corina. 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.

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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The Wesley Annual Congregational Church: meeting will be held on Sunday 27th July following Worship. Please will all those who give reports, send them to Elizabeth for printing by email.

