



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.

20 July 2025.



For these past three weeks we have been on a journey through Luke Chapter 10. You may recall last week it was all about a lawyer wanting to know about what he had to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus chose to tell a story about the neighbourly Good Samaritan as a practical example of how to become a disciple.



In today's Gospel (Luke 10: 38-42) it is all about arranging one's life, as Mary arranged hers, so as to be available for Jesus when he was available to her and to not be distracted about other matters.

The story has nothing to do with a dinner party, nor has it anything to do with a fight between two sisters. The passage is there for a reason; an unmistakeable challenge to a male-dominated religious system which placed so little store on the role of women. Here Jesus recognises Mary as a disciple, just as much as Peter, James and John and the rest of the Twelve. The challenge is whether the disciples listened to Jesus as intently as Mary had, for when one is on a missionary journey - *and aren't we all?* – following a leader requires a close listening to what he or she has to say. So often we allow ourselves to be distracted, as Martha was, for in Luke's fertile imagination Jesus may have been telling Mary preaching and discipleship were of far greater importance than any wonderful creations that might have been emerging from Martha's kitchen.

That is indeed food for thought as we face the very real challenge of being the church in 2025, where none of the old certainties can be taken for granted. In today's Gospel Jesus had come to make some disciples. Mary clearly understood that. Maybe, like us, it took Martha a while longer, but it is never too late to make a change.

Blessings,

Rev. Wes Hartley - Locum Minister



The Birds and the Bees

I sometimes view the Valley East of our place, mostly early of a morning. I am amazed at the bird, insect and animal life on display, plus so many beautiful sunrises.

Tiny birds have an inbuilt "computer" or brain which organises their individual growth, plumage, digestion and so on, as well as instructing them as to when and what to eat, how to select a mate (and why!), how to build nests and care for their young. Such a small brain can do all this!

Bees come and go on some of our garden flowers. How many bee hours of collecting a tiny bit of pollen and nectar does it take to make us a spoonful of honey? How do they know what their role in the hive is, how to find their way to and from the flowers? Ants go back and forth over a considerable distance, often just touching another as they pass. What is the "message" they pass on? How many trips do they make in a lifetime?

The Divine Presence, our Creator God, is so evident in the wonder of all of this, and so much more. Life itself is a miracle and one can only say "God is Great"!

Submitted by A. Hortin



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July 20

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

July 27

8.30am	LOCKYER	R. Anderson
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E. Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	R. Anderson
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.

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

August

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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I have now had the opportunity to share with all four congregations - Lockyer, Albany Wesley, Denmark and Mt. Barker - witnessing for myself the congregational life in each place as well as meeting you all individually. Thank you for your gracious hospitality in receiving a visitor in your midst. The Albany Regional Council last Sunday also had the opportunity to meet with Rev Craig Bosman, who has recently taken up responsibilities with the Presbytery of WA as the Rural Resource Minister. In so many ways we are all having to face the new realities of church life in the first quarter of the 21st Century that has changed so radically from what we experienced in former times.

Finding our unity of purpose is critical. It is why it is important to take the opportunity to share together as much as possible. The ARC at its meeting resolved that at 10am on Sunday 31st August there will be a Feast, of Hymns and Celebration, followed by a bring & share fellowship luncheon. Remember to think of some of your favourite hymns from Together in Song. 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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Service of Hymns and Celebration

10.00am Sunday 31st August at Albany Wesley.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In the foyer of each worship place for the next few Sundays, there will be two sheets to fill in.

The first is to list your favourite hymns, so we can prepare for our musicians.

The second – and very important – is the contribution you are willing to prepare for the “Bring and Share” luncheon to follow.

The list will ask if you can make a soup, a casserole or sandwiches, or perhaps a dessert.

If you could write your name, contact number and the style of contribution you can make, so the menu can be coordinated ahead of the day. We will ring you nearer the date, so as to facilitate the preparations.

Thanking you all in anticipation.

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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.

Prayers of the week

AUC: Eileen Remaj, Colleen & Garth Roberts and their families.

Lockyer: Jennifer & Alistair Anderson, June Bowman and their families.

Mt Barker: Milly Coad, Pauline Hordacre and their families.

Denmark: Ron Munro, Rev. Elizabeth Sanderson and their families.

Synod: Eastern Wheatbelt Group (Merredin and Southern Cross Uniting Churches) Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu.

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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 or Lisa in the office for printing by email.

