



Regional Directory

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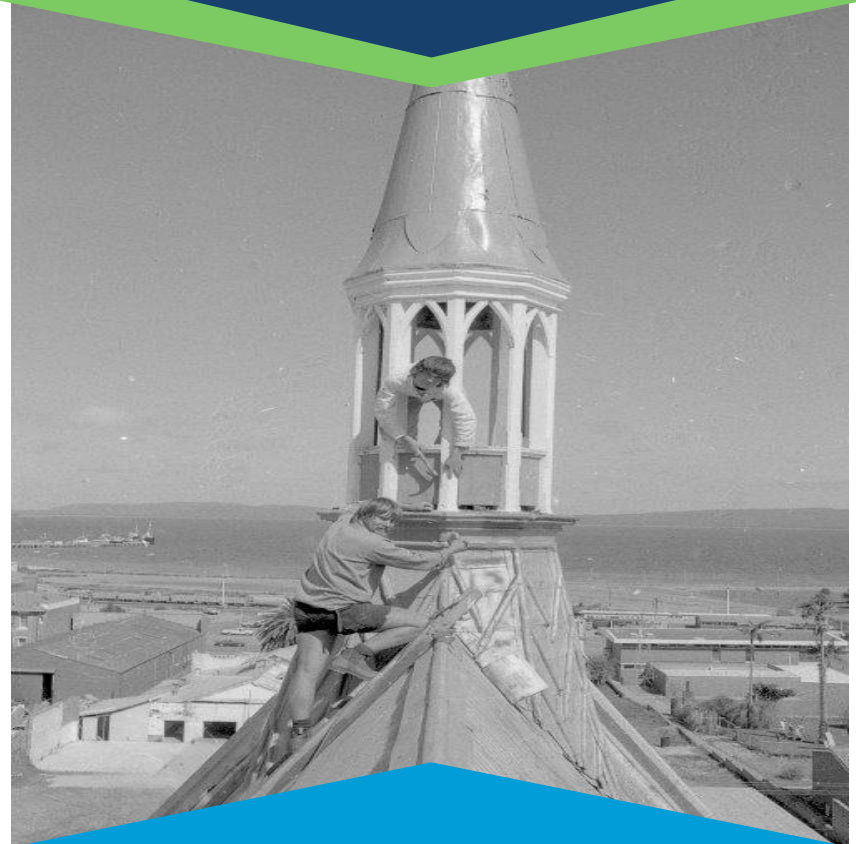
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Welcome to our service.

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

6 July 2025.



So many things have taken place since we celebrated Easter Day on 20th April and for Vatican watchers, it was the last time Pope Francis appeared to announce the Good News for all of humanity: *“Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!”* What a most fitting way to end one’s ministry, announcing that our life in God does not cease with the last breath that we



draw. In the intervening weeks we have almost forgotten this most powerful of realities. The events in the Middle East and ongoing brutal war in Europe have dominated a news media that seems only interested in what has taken place in the last five minutes, rather than any serious analysis of the way the world order as we have known it is changing before our very eyes, if only we choose to see.

Today’s Gospel from Luke Chapter 10 is about the *“Mission of the Seventy”*, the so-called sending out of the labourers who are to take nothing with them other than the message they are called upon to proclaim for all the world to hear.

It is not very popular these days to talk about the Church’s mission. We are more often prone to abandon ourselves to a collective ecclesial pessimism about the future, parodying as wisdom, convinced that the Christian hope will die with us.

Yet sometimes we can be surprised. Following the death of Pope Francis, another from South America, in the form of an Augustinian missionary priest from Peru, Fr. Bob Prevost, emerged as Pope Leo XIV. He represents the church of the 21st Century, where we who struggle with a sense of identity, are faced with once incomprehensible scenarios. Fresh-faced, young, enthusiastic priests and religious from non-white, non-European backgrounds, emerging from overflowing churches and seminaries; over-subscribed with candidates for the priesthood, now ministering to a Western church in terminal decline.

It may well be that the last words uttered by John Wesley on his death bed may well still be true: *“The best is yet to be...!”*

Blessings, Rev. Wes Hartley – Locum Minister



An Optimistic View

The sun

Though sets today,

Will certainly rise tomorrow,

Every opportunity,

Though lost today,

Will certainly be regained tomorrow

Vijay Sai



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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

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

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 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

July 17 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café, 10am



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It is great to be finally amongst you and sharing in worship during July and August.

I am hoping we all might give thought to making a special effort on Sunday 31st August, a fifth Sunday, to come together at Wesley Albany for a feast of hymns and celebration, followed by a fellowship lunch. It will be an excellent opportunity to share our stories of mission, as the season spring beckons. You might like to let me know what you think of this suggestion - and perhaps think of some of your favourite hymns.

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. You can contact me 24/7 on M: 0412 425 058, or by Email: whh@westnet.com.au

Prayers of the week

AUC: Helen Oxenburgh-Lowe, Ken Pears and their families.

Lockyer: Vera Wellstead, Susan Wood and their families.

Mt Barker: Anne Mackie, Philip Webb and their families.

Denmark: Margaret & Phil Cocks, Ruth Keshaw and their families.

Synod: Central Wheatbelt group (Tammin and Trayning Uniting Churches) Dowerin and Kalgoorlie-Boulder Uniting Churches Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

Photo: Wesley Spire. 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.

