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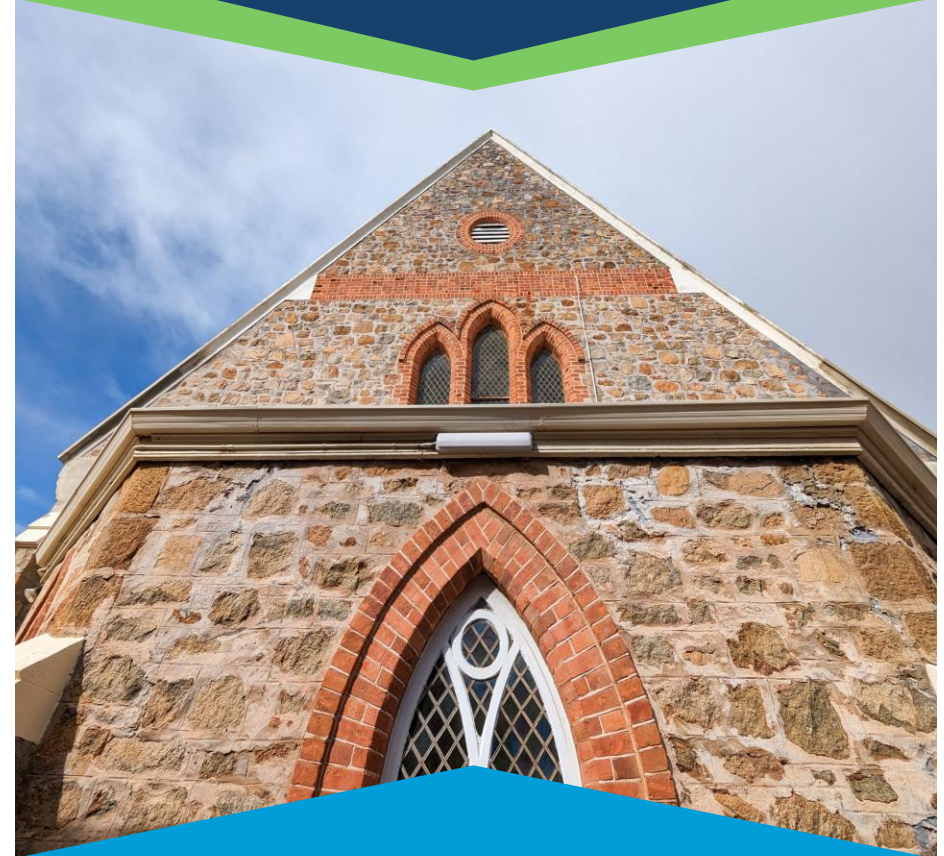
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Welcome to our service.

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

10 August 2025.



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This week's Gospel from Luke Chapter 12 is all about being alert, being watchful, dressed for action. In other words there is not much room for procrastination if we are in the business of constantly discerning God's will for our lives. The task before us today is to know something more of *"the work that the Lord has given to us..."* For that knowledge and awareness is much more than just a *"things to do list"* around our home or the Church premises; it is about the constant discerning of God's will for our lives. That just does not happen in an instant, it is something of an awareness one accumulates over a life-time, constantly changing and adapting to new circumstance.



I candidated for ministry straight out of high school. I had been a very average student and was so involved in other activities that study was slotted in usually only when the pressure of a deadline loomed. I was more interested in exploring life than exploring books.

However, 61 years ago in my matriculation year (Year 12), I received a call to the ministry that was very strong. I related that to my Headmaster, whose response was that of both surprise and interest: *"Hartley, if you can matriculate, it will surely be a miracle..."* Well, knowing that matriculation was a pre-requisite to entering university and a requirement for candidature for the ministry, it was game on. Sufficient to say I confounded my critics and my rather dour Headmaster became a believer in miracles. Along the way, as a Methodist, I was drawn deeper into John Wesley's thought. In the depth of the industrial disruption of 18th Century England, with its corresponding disturbance of the religious and social equilibrium, Wesley went direct to the poor and the needy wherever they were.

Wesley's most abiding statement about his life and work was a *Charter for Mission*, of being *"ever alert"* as our Gospel for today requires of us. It has stood the test of time and remains something we can constantly aspire to in our daily living: *"This we believe. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can..."* (Rev John Wesley 1703-1791)



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Hello Albany Uniting Church,

My name is Arefeh.

James Negas, our church Pastoral Care, sent me your email and contact details. We currently attend the Presbyterian Church at 51 Victoria Street, Doncaster, VIC 3108.

On the 2nd of August 2025, I will be moving to Albany, WA, to commence work at the City of Albany Council as a Planning Officer.

I will be probationary for a period of 3 months. God willing, if the job becomes permanent, my husband Eshan and son Nikan will move to Albany permanently. As James explained, it has been quite difficult to find a lease accommodation for a house or unit for us as a family.

We as a family thank you for your help with finding accommodation.

God bless you.

Kind regards,

Arefeh Rad

0434 337 853



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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

August 17

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Wes Hartley
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E. Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Wes Hartley
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

Dates every week

Museum: Open 9-11am, Tuesday-Thursday.

Tuesday Discussion: Is in recess till the 9th September.

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
August 30	Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm



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So if you ever find yourself asking the question "*What more can be done for the Kingdom of God*", it does not get any simpler than Wesley's Charter for Mission. It is just a matter of being alert and getting on with it. Blessings,
Rev. Wes Hartley - Locum Minister

Special Notes from our Locum Minister

I wish to thank those who have graciously received me into their homes and lives during pastoral visitation. In my remaining limited time with you I am making appointments for the week 18th-23rd August. For example, I will be in Denmark all day on Tuesday 19th August.

Please continue to be encouraged to contact me directly if you wish to receive a pastoral visit, or to discuss aspects of the church's life on

M: 0412 425 058 or by Email: whh@westnet.com.au

I also wish to again 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. The Anglican Diocesan Trustees will be considering a proposal at their meeting on 28th August, so things are beginning to move.

Our Combined Service Hymn Fest and Celebration at 10.00am on Sunday 31st August at Wesley Albany, followed by the Fellowship Lunch, is coming along at a pace. I wish to thank those who already have indicated their favourite hymn or added their chosen culinary contribution for the Fellowship Lunch. We are having a feast of hymn requests, so may not be able to include them all. With Patrick Elms, our organist at Wesley, I am formulating a format for the service, with a blend of contributions. I feel sure it will be a great morning of fellowship.

As we will have visitors from other congregations joining with us, please make a point of wearing a name badge.

Rev Wes Hartley - Locum Minister

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: Rev. Ruth & Mike Vertigan, Peter Webb and their families.

Lockyer: Rod Marsh, Judy Thompson and their families.

Mt Barker: Nita Clarke, Milly Coad and their families.

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

Synod: South Perth and Star Street Uniting Churches, The United Church in Papua New Guinea.

Photo: Wesley upshot. PXL- Ace Camera Club. 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.

