



## Regional Directory

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## Welcome to our service.

Wesley Uniting Church, morning tea is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month; Denmark Uniting Church & Lockyer have morning tea after their Service.

**21 September 2025.**

## Some Dutch Culture

The small historic city of Enkhuizen is well worth spending some time at. Granted city rights in 1356, it developed from a small farming and fishing community into a wealthy fortified international trade centre, with more inhabitants in the 17<sup>th</sup> century than it has today. This is a view of part of the harbourfront this summer.



The city as a regional historic museum, with an outdoor area the size of a real village, and a fascinating indoor area as well. Work on the outdoor museum started in 1948 and is continuing. Buildings – houses, warehouses, shops and workshops, and ships, have been transported to the site. All sort of trades and crafts are on display, with volunteers showing their skills in fishnet production and maintenance, rope making, basket weaving, etc. You can admire a working eel smokery, a smithy, a bakery, a sweets shop, apothecary and laundry, the latter operated with a steam engine. Even a church was ‘imported’ from a nearby town, including the gravestones inside and around it.



## Spring Rains

The prophet Hosea encouraged the ancient Israelites to “... press on to know the Lord; ... he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

In the land where Jesus lived and told his rural stories, grains like wheat, were sown in Autumn, grew in Winter, ripened in Spring and were harvested in early Summer. In the same way farmers in our South West corner of Australia know that, in a climate such as ours, Autumn, Winter and Spring rains are essential to a good harvest. One result is that we followers of Jesus in Albany readily understand why the most frequent image of Jesus’ resurrection in the Bible is not the green shoots of ‘new birth’ emerging in Spring, but the gathering of the ‘firstfruits’ in early Summer, as assuring an abundant coming harvest. In this season of creation, the following prayer uses the pattern of a West Coast Mediterranean climate to ask God - Creator, Son and Spirit - to bless us with his love.

Let us pray to the God of germination, growth and fruitfulness:

Fecund God  
 Open our hearts in Jesus  
 Send the gentle Autumn rains  
 To germinate the seeds of love in us  
 Send the drenching Winter rains  
 So your love may grow strong in us  
 Send the late Spring rains  
 To ripen the fruits of your Spirit in us  
 Then may our lives may be blessed  
 With a bountiful summer harvest of love  
 Shared in joyful celebration  
 With all creation.  
 Amen

Submitted by R. Marsh



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### September 21

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	E. Burns
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	A. Hortin

### September 28

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	A. Hortin
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	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:** In recess.

**Sept 27 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm**

### October

- Oct 10 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall
- Oct 14 Lockyer Ladies Fellowship, Lockyer, 12pm
- Oct 14 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm
- Oct 16 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am



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There are showcases about many crafts, like house- and art-painting and glass- making and much more. Here some items related to painting. Bushes, pigments and burners. The – marked – boxes contain powdered pigment.



More next week...

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Stephanie Bennett, Kerrie Bentik and their families.

**Lockyer:** Anne & Alan Hortin, Rod Marsh and their families.

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

**Denmark:** Anne Mackay, Ron Munro and their families.

**Synod:** Synod Standing Committee, the Property Trust, Disaster Relief and Community Recovery Committee and the Synod Standing Appeal Panel.

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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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**Our Albany Churches Together is this weekend, 19th-21st September.**

**1. The Friday Youth event, 6.30-8.30pm at Church of Christ.**

Leader: Tim Burns [tim@coca.org.au](mailto:tim@coca.org.au)

**2. Saturday Breakfast event** 'The Masculinity Dilemma - and what it means for women' at 7am, Calvary Chapel. Cost \$5.

Leader: Steve Fisher [steve.fisher@youthcare.org.au](mailto:steve.fisher@youthcare.org.au)

**3. Churches Together Combined Service on Sunday at 6pm at Oceans Church.**

Leader: Shane Marques [shane.m@lwac.org.au](mailto:shane.m@lwac.org.au) Registrations can be done here: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#!/10354393>

**Thursday Bible Study group:** If you would like more information on the Thursday Bible Study group, please contact Corina.

