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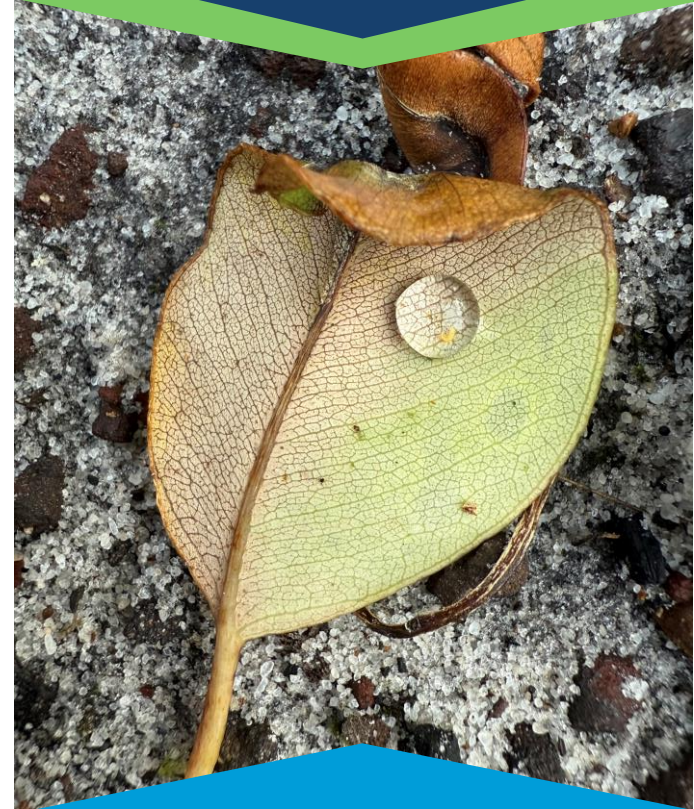
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Welcome to our service.

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

14 September 2025.

Missed you, glad I went, happy to be back

In the next few weeks I will share some of the things that stand out for me, looking back on leave and travels.

For four months, this was the view I had from my bedroom in Enkhuizen:



When I left in September, the leaves were only just beginning to turn yellow. We enjoyed a beautiful mild summer, with a lot of sunshine and some rain, and temperatures between 19 and 25 degrees. Just perfect. One of the first things my best friend (since 1st grade Primary school) and I did was visit a big exhibition of works of Anselm Kiefer and Vincent van Gogh in Amsterdam. Kiefer has been a favourite artist of mine for many years. He was an admirer of Van Gogh, and it shows in some of his work. Here is his impression of a forest.

The Dead Church

A new Pastor in a small town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first services.

The following Sunday the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the Pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead church," all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look.

In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

This was given to me by a dear member of the Scot's Church Congregation, the late Dorris Smith.

Submitted by R. Anderson



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September 14

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. R Vertigan
9.30am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. R Vertigan
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Corina

September 21

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	E. Burns
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
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.

Sept 12 Scot's Craft Markets. CWA Hall, 9-3pm

Sept 18 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

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

Funeral Service: Mrs Ruth Coxall will be held at 10am on Friday 12th September 2025 at Bethany Chapel, 1 Prior Steet, Albany.



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You need to imagine the size of this painting. It is BIG. When you stand in front of it, it seems that you can enter it and walk down that golden path. Amazing!

I hope to catch up with everyone in person soon. Blessings,
Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Jean & Alex Bell, Katrina Beecher and their families.

Lockyer: Meg Hannington, Louise Hordacre and their families.

Mt Barker: Carolyn & Doug Lincoln, Anne Mackie and their families.

Denmark: Ruth Kershaw, Dorothy Laffin and their families.

Synod: The Legal Advisory Group, Council for Mission, Ecumenical Affairs Network, Ministerial Benefits Committee, Covenanting Commission and the Committee for Counselling UnitingCare Forum.

Photo: Water droplet- I Storm. 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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Orenda Ensemble Presents

Beethoven The Archduke Piano Trio Op.97

Step into a world where tradition meets transformation. Orenda—a unique ensemble of Flute, Viola, and Piano—invites you to experience Beethoven's Archduke Trio as you've never heard it before.

**WESLEY
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**12TH OF
SEPTEMBER**

7PM

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archduke-albany](https://events.humanitix.com/archduke-albany)

