

NOVEMBER PREACHING PLAN

Nov 2nd

8.30 Lockyer HC	Rev Corina	Habakkuk1: 1 - 4, 2: 1 - 4
9.30 Denmark	G Wilson	Psalms 119: 137 - 144
10.00 AUC HC	Rev Corina	2 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 4, 11 - 12
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Luke 19: 1 - 10

Nov 9th

8.30 Lockyer	E Burns	Haggai 1: 15b - 2: 9
9.00 Denmark HC	Rev Corina	Psalms 145: 1 - 5, 17 - 21
10.00 AUC	E Burns	or Psalm 98
11.00 Mt Barker HC	Rev Corina	2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 5, 13 -17
		Luke 20: 27 - 38

Nov 16th

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	Isaiah 65: 17 - 25
9.30 Denmark	A Hortin	Isaiah 12
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	2 Thessalonians 3: 6 -13
11.00 Mt Barker	R Anderson	Luke 21: 5 - 19

Nov 23rd

8.30 Lockyer	Rev Corina	Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6
9.30 Denmark	D Laffin	Luke1: 68 - 79
10.00 AUC	Rev Corina	Colossians 1: 11 - 20
11.00 Mt Barker	S Wilson	Luke 23: 33 - 43

Nov 30th

8.30 Lockyer	Rev R Vertigan	Isaiah 2:1 - 5
9.30 Denmark	Rev Corina	Psalms 122
10.00 AUC	Rev R Vertigan	Romans 13: 11 - 14
11.00 Mt Barker	A Hortin	Matthew 24: 36 - 44



THE ARC MONTHLY

*ALBANY REGION
CONGREGATIONS*

*Albany Uniting Church,
Denmark, Lockyer, Mt Barker,*



NOVEMBER 2025

*May you know the warmth
of God's loving embrace.*

*May you know the joy
of God's ever presence.*

*May you know the peace
of God's gentle whisper.*

*May you know the strength
of God's Spirit within you,
this day and always.*

Message from the Manse: More from my travels

Apothecaries, nowadays known as chemists, were shops where the pharmacist made pills, potions, poultices and powders, by hand, from scratch. In the Outdoor Museum in Enkhuizen, you can find a shop rebuilt just like the ones which functioned in the 17th/18th Century. There is a still-operating – shop in Amsterdam, Jacob Hooy, with its interior preserved as it was in 1743.

Here it is:

The interior of the museum shop looks somewhat different. Its location was not in a big city, so their stock would have been a



lot smaller: All the ingredients for medication made on the spot are kept on the shelves.



The oldest European collection of medicinal herbs and spices (which is what the Greek word Apothecary means) dates to 1221. It was founded by monks in Florence, who grew the plants themselves and used roots, fruits, etc. from their own garden. Chamomile, lavender, peppermint, echinacea, ginger, turmeric, lemon balm, calendula, cardamom, etc. The shops in the Netherlands are obviously of a later era, and many of their supplies came by ship – from Asia. I don't know who came up with the idea of putting a big head on the

DIARY DATES

- TUES 11th NOV** LOCKYER LADIES FELLOWSHIP, Lockyer UC, 12noon
 AUC FELLOWSHIP, Handasydes, 2pm
 All welcome, the last get-together for 2025
- THUR 13th NOV** AUC COUNCIL MEETING, Lesser Hall Wesley, 3pm
- FRI 14th NOV** SCOTS MART, at CWA Hall, Serpentine Rd, 9am-3pm
 Enjoy morning tea or a light lunch and catch up with us all.
- THUR 20th NOV** FELLOWSHIP Morning Tea, 10am, Vancouver Café,
 ALL WELCOME. Details from Mary 0427 554 947
 Last get-together for 2025
- SAT 29th NOV** THE QUIET SPACE, Wesley Church, 2 – 3pm,
 Musician: David Rastrick on horns.
- FRI 12th DEC** SCOTS CRAFT MARKET at CWA Hall, 9am-3pm.
 Come along and do some Christmas shopping.

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Rosters for AUC and Lockyer:**AUC: RECORDING/**

	<u>DOOR</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>MUSIC</u>
<u>2nd Nov</u>	A Glasgow	W Dwyer	C Ferry	M Vertigan/
<i>Lockyer: J Dunbar</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>Alan Hortin</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>	P Elms
<u>9th Nov</u>	A Gunther	C Ferry	M Gunther	W Dwyer/
<i>Lockyer: M Hannington</i>	<i>Anne Hortin</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>		S Harris
<u>16th Nov</u>	K Hough	R Vertigan	A Tero	M Vertigan/
<i>Lockyer: J Thompson</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>		P Elms
<u>23rd Nov</u>	A Glasgow	E Verran	C Ferry	W Dwyer/
<i>Lockyer: Alan Hortin</i>	<i>Anne Hortin</i>	<i>J Thompson</i>		P Elms
<u>30th Nov</u>	C Ferry	W Dwyer	A Tero	M Little
<i>Lockyer: J Dunbar</i>	<i>J Dunbar</i>	<i>M Hannington</i>		P Elms

Morning Tea, Lockyer only

2nd Nov M Hannington **9th Nov** J Dunbar

16th Nov M Hannington **23rd Nov** Anne Hortin

30th Nov J Thompson

Please swap with someone if you are unable to take a turn, thanks to those willing to take part to help make services run smoothly.

If enough of us do our little bit,
then added together,
we do make a difference.

After all,
the whole is the sum of its parts.

Anon

shopfront to tell people ‘this is an apothecary’ but they were common. If you have a closer look at the picture of the store front, you can see a head above the entrance.

The museum in Enkhuizen has a collection of these head-signs.

These heads are known as ‘Yawners’.

They have their mouths wide open, showing they are about to take

medication. One of them in this collection has pills on his tongue...



Often, the heads would have an oriental look, were dark skinned, or wearing a turban, pointing to the origin of the medicines: the Middle East, India and further east.



Yawners with crowns were made too. Imported spices were extremely expensive, and the meds were made for kings.

I am thankful for the progress the medical science has made, and for the ready availability of modern treatments. However, I would like to see heads like these on Chemist's shops again. I find them delightfully amusing.



Blessings, Corina

BARKER BITS: We enjoyed seeing Corina for the first time since her return, when she led us in Holy Communion recently. We seem to hold our weekly attendance at six, as both times one of our members was unable to come to a service, Dudley unexpectedly joined us. It is always good to see him.

Thanks to those who come up from Albany to help with the preaching roster. We really appreciate their help and their addition to our numbers on the day.

Blessings, Sue Wilson

DENMARK NEWS: It's been a quiet month. Our biggest news, sad to say, is that poor Graham has broken his ankle and is out of action for some weeks. This means our quartet won't be singing for a while. We still have the benefit of his wisdom and humour however. The Homeless Group is now providing food boxes for as many as it can manage, 16 boxes for 40 people, following some advertising. On the music front, Eklektika choir has decided that our church is a more appropriate venue to hold their Christmas carols concert, than down by the river.

Best wishes, Margaret

Mother Teresa had this advice for those who were never quite sure of themselves:

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could easily destroy overnight.

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it may never be enough.

Give the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.

AUC (Wesley) News:

Seb is also taking a break from written reports, but by burning some midnight oil I did manage to get the October magazine finished in time to be able to attend The Quiet Space on Saturday 27th September which I enjoyed immensely. It was again well attended and those present were given a captivating recital on the grand piano by Patrick Elms as he worked his way through a number of well-known composers. It was certainly conducive to sitting quietly and allowing yourself to be carried away by the music.

October started on a sad note with the passing of Barrie Bickford, a long time, faithful member of Wesley and the Albany community in general. This was acknowledged by the large number who attended his funeral at Wesley on 13th October. It was wonderful to have the church so full, Patrick was at his best, on the organ this time, and with many from the Choral Society present, the singing was magnificent, so Barrie got a well-deserved send-off. He will be missed by family and friends and our thoughts and prayers go out to them and our thanks to the members of the Baptist Church for the magnificent spread provided after the funeral service.

At a recent Elders meeting we realised just how many members have died or are now in care plus those who are growing too frail to attend church on a regular basis. However, our very best wishes go to Barbara Lister who turns 106 this coming Sunday, 26th October, and is at church most Sundays. Happy Birthday Barbara!

Clare Ferry

Oh God, for those who have gone before us, seeds planted in your rich pasture with the hope of life eternal, may their enduring spirit live on, enriching and empowering our lives. May their love linger and their presence be near until we meet once more. Amen

Anon

LOCKYER NEWS: "Where has time gone?!" is a common refrain, and while there may be no universal answer, it is clear that time feels different depending on our age and circumstances. Despite its constancy, our perceptions of time do shift reminding us to cherish each moment within our community. And an excellent time to remember that God in Christ is in control.

At the Lockyer Congregation, our gatherings frequently meet in a semi-circle around the worship leader. This arrangement fosters a closer sense of fellowship and may serve as a model for future worship, perhaps in a house church context. For now, we plan to continue meeting in our Lockyer Church at least until the end of the year, after which we will consider how best to continue our journey as a community of faith.

Joan Wright recently demonstrated her leadership by chairing a Church Council meeting. Given the small size of our Congregation, we will consider decisions that can be discussed and made informally over a cuppa after our Service of Worship. This approach aims to ensure everyone has an opportunity to contribute to important matters in a relaxed and communal setting.

An inspection of the Lockyer Uniting Church premises was conducted by a Synod representative, focusing primarily on identifying any exposed asbestos. The inspection did not uncover any new issues compared to previous assessments. It remains essential that any tradespeople engaged to work within or on the church buildings are made aware of the presence of some asbestos, as indicated by existing labels and documented in our Register of Asbestos.

It has been observed that the ramp leading up to the main entrance is deteriorating and may present a trip hazard. In response, we have reached out to a tradesperson who has previously completed repairs at our premises. We have requested that he carry out the necessary repair work to ensure the safety and accessibility of our entrance.

Cheers, Alan Hortin

Edith is having a month off so instead of Prayer Prompts, which is usually in this space, we have a prayer which Corina used in her Service last Sunday (19/Aug). To print it here, gives everyone an opportunity to reflect on it, in these troubled and uncertain times.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God of peace,

Help us to find ways to see past violence, conflict and division. On a daily basis we are pushed and pulled one way or the other, by voices telling us to take sides. Russia or Ukraine, Israel or Palestine, Christian or Muslim, our friend or the man from whom she is getting a divorce...

It is so difficult to listen to our own inner voice, that small voice that tells us to take the side of our Lord, the Prince of Peace. The still voice within, that speaks of wholeness, of unity, of oneness, of harmony. The pressure to declare solidarity with one party is relentless. We need help to stick with what we believe is true: we are part of the global body of Christ, which is in turn, part of the global body of humanity, part of the universal creation. Help us to hold ourselves together, to hold each other in faith, in love and in hope. Amen

SHOEBOX SNIPPETS: The final Dedication Service for the shoeboxes took place on 28th September and was well attended, giving Edith a chance to once again thank all who have supported her and the project over the past 32 years. Edith is now enjoying a well-earned rest and recovering some space in her home, garage and shed now that she is no longer storing all those bits and pieces needed for the boxes. She will keep us up to date with the final destination of this year's boxes and any other information which she thinks will be of interest. Congratulations Edith for the tremendous effort you have put in over the years and my thanks for your faithful contribution to the Magazine each month. Clare

Reaching out into the wider world:

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UnitingWorld is the international aid and partnership agency of the Uniting Church in Australia. It is currently undertaking a project **Working with nature against poverty** to tackle the crisis facing families in West Papua, where poverty, malnutrition and the impacts of climate change are colliding. Providing sustainable food gardens, small business support and climate-resilient farming solutions, it is hoped these locally led solutions will lift families out of poverty and protect the environment they rely on, in a part of the world which would otherwise remain utterly ignored.

At a community consultation, one woman, Maria, said gently. "This is the first time people have come to ask us about our challenges and the changing environment. Thank you, this community needs help, life is hard for us." Maria raises her eight surviving children mostly alone because her partner



could not afford marriage. To survive, Maria works from dawn until nightfall, tending her food garden, then working shifts at a co-op, making moisturiser from a local fruit tree. She carries the whole weight of her household: providing food, taking her children to school and church, hoping they might one day escape the poverty she has known, but climate change is making everything harder.

"The wet and dry seasons are becoming more extreme," Maria explained. "When it's dry, we plant in the flat areas and must water constantly. When the rains are heavy, we can only plant on the hills." Her story is heartbreakingly common. "Papuan women are hit hardest by climate change because they're already the most vulnerable people in the community," says Hermin, a project manager and women's rights advocate with the local church partner of UnitingWorld. "Imagine running an entire household, then overnight having your gardens destroyed by floods, or scorched in the heat of an extended dry season. With no savings, families are forced to start again from scratch every time. That is the reality for these women." [For more information or to donate, call 1800 998122](#)