



## 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.

**30 November 2025.**



## Advent Hope

The first Sunday in Advent traditionally has as its theme 'Hope'.

I came across an old Chinese story about an old farmer who had an old horse to tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the hills. The farmer's neighbours sympathised with the old man over his bad luck. The farmer replied, "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?" A week later the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hills. This time the neighbours congratulated the farmer with his good luck. His reply was, "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?" Then, when the farmer's son was trying to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off its back and broke his leg. Everyone thought this was very bad luck. Not the farmer, whose only reaction was, "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?". Some weeks later the army marched into the conscripted every able-bodied young man they found living there. When they saw the farmer's son with his broken leg they passed him over. Now was that good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?

Everything that seems evil at first glance may be a good thing in disguise. Everything that may seem good on the surface may really be an evil. So, we are wise to leave the ultimate judgement of what is good and what is evil to the almighty power of Love, God. We can always hope for things that seem bad to take a turn for the better. Likewise, we can always give thanks for things turning out well, when we feared the worst.



## Deeds

What we need is to love without getting tired. How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking, and of acting. Do not look for Jesus away from yourselves. He is not out there; he is among you. Keep your lamp burning and you will recognise him. These words of Jesus, "Even as I have loved you, also love one another," should be not only a light to us, but they should also be a flame consuming the selfishness that prevents the growth of holiness. Jesus "loved us to the end," to the very limit of love: the cross. This love must come from within, from our union with Christ. Loving must be as normal to us as living and breathing, day after day until our death. We do not need to carry out grand things in order to show a great love for God and for our neighbors. It is the intensity of love we put into our gestures that makes them into something beautiful for God.

Mother Teresa

Submitted by R Marsh



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### November 30

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

### December 7

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER HC</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	T. Ayres
10am	<b>DUKE ST HC</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	S. Wilson

## Dates every week

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

**Tuesday Discussion:** In recess until February 2026.S

**Wednesday Prayer group:** Meets at 10am at Heather's place. All welcome.

**Thursday: A Taste of Spirituality** Meets from 10am - 11am at Corina's place. 38 Miramar Road, Mira Mar. All welcome.

### November

**November 29 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm**

### Dec

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



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We need not be afraid, as the Scriptures tell us over and over again. Fear not, but rather contemplate this lovely, consoling, hope evoking sentence, this vision of Dame Julian of Norwich ( I paraphrase) "evil is part of life, but all shall be well an all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well".

We wait for the Christ child to be born again. Let's wait in faith, trusting that the Light of Christ truly can never be extinguished. Never. By no one, by no thing. Let's wait in hope. Advent blessings, Corina.

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Maxine & Arthur Gunther, Sandra & Jeff Hall and their families.

**Lockyer:** Meg Hannington, Louise Hordacre and their families.

**Mt Barker:** Sue Wilson, Nita Clarke and their families.

**Denmark:** Rev. Elizabeth Sanderson, Trish, Miriam & Aidan Thornber and their families.

**Synod:** Wagin Group (Darkan, Dumbleyung and Wagin Uniting Churches).

**Photo:** Lighthouse keeper's window- Rod Marsh. 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](mailto:unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com)  
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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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**Funeral Service** for Doreen Keding, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm at Amity Rose Funeral Home, Albany.



**Lions Christmas cakes:** Large (1.5kg) are \$20. Small ones (1kg) are \$16. Call Marian to order 0428 412 825.

