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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.

9 November 2025.



Peace

I need peace of mind, and I suspect I am not the only one. I pray for peace, and Pope Francis shared his prayer for peace with the internet world. Here it is.

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the



Prayer and Activism

It is easier to be a social activist than a person of prayer. The activist can at least see some immediate results even though these may be short-term and project-focused rather than long-term and transformative. The person of prayer seldom sees quick results. The social activist, moreover, is usually lauded for the good work done. The praying person is alone in the struggle of faith and the agony of the heart where no-one sees and no-one applauds.

Thus prayer is made all the harder, for though we desire to be socially valued persons, prayer is not a socially valued activity. Its purpose is hardly encouraged, seldom appreciated, inadequately understood and without public commendation. Little wonder that people with spiritual concerns are great doers, but infrequent at prayer.

But prayer is indispensable for the social activist. Prayer not only sustains activism, but purifies it and gives it new direction. Nouwen in this regard notes that 'if you are really praying, you can't help but have critical questions about the great problems the world is grappling with'.

If in our praying we touch the heart of God with its passion for justice and mercy and for the weak and poor of the earth, then we cannot but be given a deeper concern, a larger vision, a more radical approach and a more compassionate heart for our practical action.

Taken from Dare to Journey with Henri Nouwen

Submitted by S. Wilson



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November 9

8.30am	LOCKYER	E. Burns
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	E. Burns
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Corina

November 16

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	A. Hortin
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	R. Anderson

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: A Taste of Spirituality: Starting on the 6/11/25. Meets from 10am -11am at Corina's place. 38 Miramar Road, Mira Mar. All welcome.

November

November 11 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

November 13 AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 3pm

November 14 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

November 20 AUC Fellowship. Vancouver Café 10am

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



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violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the words which always bring us together will be "brother, sister", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

I give thanks for words of wisdom, for prayers like this, no matter who writes them. Blessings to you all, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Patrick Elms, Muriel & Milton Evans and their families.

Lockyer: Vera Wellstead, Joan Wright and their families.

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

Denmark: Judy & Graham Wilson, Teresa, Ingrid, Renee & Evan Ayres and their families.

Synod: Central South Eastern Region Council of Christians and Jews WA.

Photo: Wildflower- A. Hortin. 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.

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



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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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Albany Choral Society PRESENTS **Back to Beatles**

conducted by **Neville Talbot**

**7.30 pm
Friday 14th Nov
and
2.30 pm
Saturday
15th Nov**

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Wesley Uniting Church, Duke St.

**Tickets: Stamms Emporium or at the door
\$35.00 | Concession: \$30.00 | Children \$10.00**