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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.

21 December 2025-4 January 2026.

Advent Love and Christmas

The recently installed Moderator of the Uniting Church, Rev David Jackson, shared his Christmas thoughts and wishes online, and possibly in Revive as well. I offer an excerpt here. 'This year, the Lectionary readings take us to Matthew's nativity story. The author of this Gospel tells us that Mary, Joseph flee to Egypt with their baby, Jesus. King Herod has ordered his soldiers to kill all baby boys under two years of age. Joseph is warned by an angel in a dream, and the family secretly leave Bethlehem by night. This story is interpreted as a symbol of divine protection and humility. As Moderator, I have selected the flight of the Holy Family from Palestine to Egypt seeking refuge as this year's Christmas theme. My Christmas card features the quotes: "In God alone is our place of refuge" and "...build bridges rather than walls, be willing to listen and learn and not be afraid of where God might lead us in the journey towards reconciliation and healing." The ongoing displacement of individuals due to war, oppression, ethnic cleansing, or family violence is a matter of deep concern. These global crises highlight the urgent need for compassion and justice. We also are thinking of homeless people in our local communities and of the Jewish community reeling from yet another violent attack. The Holy Family sought refuge from Herod's violence, we too are called to seek and offer refuge to others. Let us pray for an end to all forms of violence and commit ourselves to choosing peace over war, joy over sorrow, hope over despair, and love over hate. Let us value every effort made in the pursuit of justice. Recalling the words of our National Anthem: "We've

Generosity of Mind

The Spirit of Generosity active in my life.

We give thanks for God being with us in the love from family and friends, in whatever has been, in the circumstances of life now, and in whatever the future holds for us.

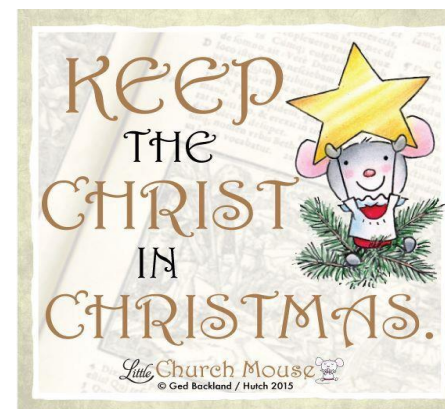
Our Christmas prayer is that we may recognise and actively acknowledge the presence of the sacred in places where we are reluctant to look: in the stables of our own lives- among the downtrodden in our society, in refugees, in people who are different from us.

May we recognise God in us and give generous expression to this wonderful gift we all share.

Amen.

Michael Morwood

Submitted by E. Burns





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December 21

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	DENMARK	T. Thornber
10am	DUKE ST/LOCKYER	Rev. Corina

December 28

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	D. Laffin
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

January 4 2026

8.30am	LOCKYER HC	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	P. Cocks
10am	DUKE ST HC	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

Dates every week

Museum: Closed to the 7th January 2026.

Tuesday Discussion: In recess until February 2026.

Wednesday Prayer group: In recess to the 7th Jan.

Thursday: A Taste of Spirituality: In recess to mid January 2026.

January

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

January 22 AUC Council meeting, Lesser hall 3pm

January 31 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm



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boundless plains to share; with courage let us combine to Advance Australia Fair," may you discover within yourselves the capacity for generosity and the commitment to peace and justice for all in this Christmas Season.'

I agree with David, and in particular about our own need to seek refuge. We need refuge from the images and stories of violence and injustice in the outside as well as in our inside world. It takes humility and courage to admit that we are capable of anything and everything, and to seek rest and peace in the only place that offers us refuge: God. God's love, as shown to us in and through Jesus is – paradoxically – the most powerful force there is. Nothing can destroy love. Nothing at all. Not ever. May you and your loved ones find rest and peace this Christmas and at the start of yet another New Year.

Christmas blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Kathy & Julian Hough, Joan Leeder and their families.

Lockyer: Joan Wright, Jan Ahern and their families.

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

Denmark: Ruth Kershaw, Dorothy Laffin and their families.

Synod: Northampton Uniting Church and the Multicultural National Conferences Assembly Circles of Interest: Walking Together as First and Second Peoples and Being a Multicultural Church. (Metro North Region) NorthWay (Beldon-Iluka and Carramar) and Trinity North Uniting Churches Juniper aged care.

Photo: Mother & Child – Internet Image. 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 **C11675570**. 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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York Street Fellowship. Presents a Christmas Carol Celebration at Albert Hall, Duke Street, Sunday 21st December at 7pm. An evening of carols followed by supper in the hall. All are welcome.

Mount Barker Uniting Church. There won't be a Service at the Uniting Church in Mount Barker on Christmas Day. We plan to join with the Anglican Church whose Service is at 9 am. Greetings to all for Christmas and the New Year.

Weekly Bulletin: Many thanks to all who contribute to the Weekly Bulletins throughout the year.

Bulletin dates & Hall bookings for 2026: If you would like your groups to be included in the future Bulletins, Magazines, news & notes, calendar & hall bookings. Please email your information to the office. Many thanks to all who have contacted the office already. unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com

The Church office is closed from noon December 18th, 2025–January 7th, 2026. Office hours as normal from the 7th, January 2025.

