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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.

7 December 2025.



Advent Peace

The second Sunday in Advent traditionally has 'Peace' as its theme. In the last few weeks I have spoken with people who are asking, "how long must we wait for the Kingdom of God to finally arrive? Two thousand years we have been waiting for peace, and it does not look like it has come any closer."

Sadly, people have been waiting for much longer than two thousand years. From the very beginning, people have been fighting over birthright, property, power and so on. The human condition is such that we want to be in control, and therefore we need to become more than we are, and bigger than the 'other', whom we fear. Selfishness, self-importance, self-righteousness can only change if we learn to love our neighbour as much as we love ourselves.

So, we keep waiting for the Kingdom to come, or do we? Maybe the question 'when' is not the right question. Maybe we need to look around and notice where the Kingdom is already among us. 'Where' can add hope to our waiting for peace, because we don't have an answer to the question 'when?', but we can definitely see signs of the Kingdom being near. We wait for the Christ child, and we can wait in hope, if we focus on good things that are happening all around us. I have said it before, and I will keep repeating it. There is more good than evil in this world. So, focus on the hope we have in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, focus on the light, rather than the darkness that is forced upon us. Here is a poem/prayer for peace by Teryn O'Brien.

In a world gone hysterical with phobia, foaming at the mouth about rights and retaliation, spewing propaganda and violence towards flesh-and-blood humans in a world where God is twisted into a thirsting need for power, dominating others who tremble at their version of a



Late Have I Loved You

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient,
O Beauty ever new, late have I loved you!
You were within me, but I was outside,
and it was there that I searched for you.
In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created.
You were with me, but I was not with you.
Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you, they would not have been at all.
You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness.
You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness.
You breathed your fragrance on me.
I drew in breath and now I pant for you.
I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more.
You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

Saint Augustine of Hippo

Submitted by A. Hortin



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December 7

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

December 14

8.30am	LOCKYER	A. Hortin
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	A. Hortin
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Corina

Dates every week

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

Tuesday Discussion: In recess until February 2026.

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.

December

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



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kingdom in a world that blames the victims, accusing the innocent of crimes, blocking entrance to the outcasts who cry for shelter from bitter cold into this world came a baby struggling in his mangy crib, reminding us that the divine was housed in the humble, the helpless.

So in this world we pray: blessed are those who hunger for right, righteous are those who strive for peace, and peaceful are those who learn to Love.

Advent blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Esma Hare, Seb Harris and their families.

Lockyer: Anne & Alan Hortin, Rod Marsh and their families.

Mt Barker: Pauline Hordacre, Carolyn & Doug Lincoln and their families.

Denmark: Carlien Trotter, Judy & Graham Wilson and their families.

Synod: Dongara Uniting Church and Moora Uniting Church Frontier Services WA Bush Chaplains and Methodist Church of Sri Lanka.

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

Soup Kitchen: (FREE) Friday, 5 December 2025, from 12pm to 1pm at the CWA Hall, 96 Serpentine Rd. Come along and enjoy soup, sandwiches and sweets plus tea and coffee.
Contact Anne 0412 937 641.

