



## 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.

**25 January 2026.**



## Rediscovering Spirituality

I opened a book. 'This is the Day, readings and meditations from the Iona Community'. I here share the story I found when I opened that book this morning, in somewhat condensed form.

Orbiston is (still today) a housing scheme in Bellshill, near Glasgow, which has suffered from sectarian divisions, and economic difficulties. A Neighbourhood Centre was established to find ways to bridge the divides and to offer mutual support in the face of unemployment and disadvantage. The approach taken was based on the principles of liberation theology. (...) Liberation theology starts with people and not dogma, with experience and not theory. Within this context church traditions are explored to discover what they can offer people rather than simply being imposed from above. This has succeeded in Orbiston by bringing people together in an ecumenical way, healing wounds of separation while acknowledging difference of denomination. The Good Samaritan's challenge to 'love thy neighbour' has been enacted by ordinary people becoming involved in the decisions of local and national government which affect their daily lives, such as the Policy of Care in the Community. Feelings of apathy and helplessness have been challenged by mutual support, prayer and accountability, in a creative and imaginative way...

Liberation theology is a term used by the Brazilian theologian Gustavo Gutierrez. It involves reading the Bible from the perspective of the poor, encouraging them to see themselves as the subjects of their own life rather than as objects of other people's understanding of them. (...) Liberation theology is a method, a process. It inquires about justice, and *does* theology, not so much in church, but rather in the street, the factory, the marketplace or parliament. The method is about 'doing'. The value/truth of an idea is



## Wisdom

A translation of this WISDOM poem, from the apostle Paul:

The MYSTERY which IS God is patient

The MYSTERY is kind

The MYSTERY is not jealous

The MYSTERY does not brag

The MYSTERY is not arrogant

The MYSTERY does not take into account a wrong suffered

The MYSTERY does not rejoice in unrighteousness

The MYSTERY rejoices with the truth

The MYSTERY bears all things

The MYSTERY hopes all things

The MYSTERY endures all things

The MYSTERY never fails!

When I was a child, I spoke like a child;

I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult,

I put an end to childish ways."

Supplied by A. McKechnie



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### January 25, 2026

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

### February 1, 2026

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER HC</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	G. Wilson
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.

**Wednesday Prayer group:** Meets at 10am Heather's Place. All Welcome.

**Thursday: A Taste of Spirituality: Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026** at Rev. Corina's house. All welcome.

January 22 AUC Council meeting, Lesser hall 3pm

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

### February

February 10 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

February 13 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall



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not based on whether it is intellectually 'right' or doctrinally 'correct', but by answering the question whether it will improve the lives of individuals and communities, as well as the structures that shape their lives.

Orbiston is a poor area. Over twenty years ago Two churches decided to discover what it meant to love their neighbours. Today the Orbiston Community Hub (as it is now known) offers Child-care, Elderly Care, a Community Cafe, Food Coop, Computer Learning, Befriending and Volunteering. They also offer meeting space for other groups and activities. They did not start with a political agenda or a blueprint. The churches' choice did have political and economic implications. What would happen if we would do something like this in Albany?

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Dorothy Mills, Bardie Mitchell and their families.

**Lockyer:** Louise Hordacre, Anne & Alan Hortin 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:** Gingen Uniting Church, St Stephen's School Carramar and Duncraig Assembly Circles of Interest: Discipling the Next Generations and Transforming Worship.

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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>

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