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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.

15 February 2026.



Translations

The Hebrew Scriptures were passed on by travelling people who shared memorised – not written down – stories and poems. Some narratives are thousands of years old, and were handed down that way, with inevitable changes, of course. They were written down about 2000 years ago. The Biblical ‘books’ we know as the New Testament were written down first by Paul – who wrote letters to early communities ‘of the Way’. The authors of the Gospels wrote their versions around that time. The majority of the New Testament is written in ancient Greek, quoting or referring to the ancient Hebrew texts. In Jesus’ day Galilee, people spoke Aramaic, and so – very likely – did Jesus. So, our sacred texts were translated from the very beginning, from Hebrew into Aramaic, from Hebrew and Aramaic into Greek, and then from Greek into Latin into English, or straight into English.

Translations bring with it change to the original words. Simple words like ‘house’, or ‘road’ can be translated literally in many languages and still mean the same – although houses and roads look different in different places and times. Words like anger, fear, or joy are harder to translate. Modern English has many more words (Harvard scholars suggest up to ten times as many) than ancient Hebrew or Greek. The translations we now have are inevitably interpretations. This does not make them ‘right’ or ‘wrong’. Example: Psalm 15. The Message says: *God, who gets invited to dinner at your place? How do we get on your guest list? “Walk straight, act right, tell the truth. Don’t hurt your friend, don’t blame your neighbour; despise the despicable.*

A Return to Love

Transfiguration for today. Marianne Williamson in her book [A Return to Love](#) says, and I paraphrase: ‘Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. You playing small does not serve the world. It is no good shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine. We were born to make reveal the glory of God that is within all of us. In letting our own light shine, we give others permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence helps liberates others. Following the way of Jesus is more important than admiring Jesus, and I believe Williamson’s words illuminate a way not only of being awestruck by a mountaintop experience 2,000 years ago, but also of potentially following Jesus — along with Moses and Elijah and Daniel before him — in a practice of transfiguration: the practice of allowing the light of God’s love to shine through us.

I do not think it is a coincidence that Moses, Elijah, and Jesus all experienced God on a mountaintop. Often, our most profound, most enlightening experiences often happen when we are alone or with a small, intimate group. These practices of prayer, presence, and worship, help us to connect to God and to one another. We each reflect different aspects of the image of God, and transfiguration allows God’s image to shine more brilliantly through us in all our uniqueness and diversity. However, an experience of Transfiguration is no guarantee that our troubles will stay away. Just as Moses had to go back down the mountain to continue wandering in the wilderness, Jesus had to go to Jerusalem, where his Civil Disobedience at Passover against the powers that be led to his tragic martyrdom at the hands of the Roman Empire.

Supplied by E. Burns



February 15, 2026

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

February 22, 2026

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

Dates every week

Museum: Open 9 – 11am Tuesday - Thursday

Tuesday Discussion: Meets at 9.30am for a 10am start at Elizabeth's house. All welcome.

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

Thursday: A Taste of Spirituality: Meets at 10am – 11am at Rev. Corina's house. All welcome.

February

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

February 19 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

February 28 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

Keep your word even when it costs you, make an honest living; never take a bribe. You'll never get blacklisted if you live like this."

The New Revised Standard Version reads: *O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart, who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach to their neighbours; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.*

As we read texts, we, in turn, add our own interpretation. Our Holy Bible is a challenging and inspiring collection of writings, for which I give thanks.

Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Linda Noble, Carmy O'Sullivan and their families.

Lockyer: Jan Ahern, Jennifer & Alistair Anderson and their families.

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

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

Synod: Emmaus Walks, Kairos Prison Walks and Chrysalis Flights Trinity Residential College and the China Christian Council.

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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.

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