

E-NEWS



DIARY DATES

Cathedral Prayers:

- 1 May Winchester Cathedral
Led by Lyndhurst Deanery
- 5 June Undercroft, Winchester Cathedral
Led by Christchurch Deanery
- 3 July Winchester Cathedral
Led by Overton Branch
- 7 August Winchester Cathedral
Led by Southampton Deanery

Other events:

- 16 May Quiet Day at Wolvesey
Led by Rev Terry Roberts
- 30 May – Thy Kingdom Come
- 31 May Thy Kingdom Come – MU Global
Moment – Coventry Cathedral
- 5 June Trustees Meeting
Undercroft, Winchester Cathedral
- 14 June Festival Service
2.30pm Romsey Abbey

Monday 15th July
Diocesan Council
and
Information Day
at St Boniface's Church Hall
Chandler's Ford
SO53 2FT
Prompt start 10am to 2pm

How can we tackle Modern Slavery?

200 years after William Wilberforce persuaded parliament to pass a law banning slavery, it is shocking to hear that slavery still exists and is widespread even in a country as prosperous as ours. So for our next **Diocesan Information Day on July 15th** we will be hearing about Modern Slavery. Katie Warner will be explaining how to spot Modern Slavery within our own communities, and Edwina Fennemore will tell about the Clewer Initiative which aims to combat this evil and support and care for victims of Modern Slavery.

To make sure we have plenty of time for their presentations, we will be starting a little earlier than usual – with coffee served from 10am and the presentations starting at 10:15am. I do hope that many of you are able to join us for that event.

Sue Murphy

The Quiet Day on 16th May will run from 10am – 3.30pm, and the theme for the day will be 'Journeys'. Terry Roberts will be conducting the day from the lounge area, to enable those who are unable to use the steps to the chapel to join us for the day. The chapel will be available for everyone to use for a Quiet Space and Prayers during the day. I am aware that some people may be disappointed not to be in the chapel for the talks, but it is important that we do not exclude anyone from attending the day

Stella Roberts



MU General Meeting 2019

Our Annual Services will take place at 3pm and 6pm on September 17th at Portsmouth Cathedral, and tickets need to be booked for the Services in Portsmouth Cathedral by sending a form to Portsmouth MU (form attached to this email). The General Meeting will take place on September 18th at Portsmouth Guildhall and **the tickets for this event are £14.50 and will go on sale on 30th April at 9am. Tickets must be purchased online via eventbrite –**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mothers-union-general-meeting-2019-tickets-59815344305>

Refunds can be given via Eventbrite up until 30 days before the event, but MSH are unable to issue any refunds.

You will be able to choose your own seats via the booking system, and all seats are tiered except the front stalls. This venue is used for many professional theatre and music performances so you should be able to see and hear very well. We also have an abundance of seats and so we hope as many members as possible will be able to join us! Full details of the programme will be released by the end of June but we are delighted that there will be a keynote talk from our new Worldwide President, Sheran Harper.

Susan Abernethy

RAF Odiham Thursday 25th July

Thank you all so much for your continued support of this event. Please can we ask you again to bake lots of cakes for us, as last year we unfortunately ran out a little earlier than previously. Gluten free and dairy free cakes are welcomed, and **we request that all**

cakes are nut free, including marzipan, and fresh cream free, and if you do freeze your cakes, please can you label them as pre frozen.

We would especially be pleased to serve more tray bakes, sugar free cakes, chocolate, coffee, lemon and carrot cakes as these proved very popular and we didn't have many of them.

We look forward to receiving lots of edible goodies and extra volunteers for The Day.

Just a reminder we will gratefully accept cakes for this event :- On **16th May** (Quiet Day) **5th June** (Trustees Meeting) **14th June** (Festival Service at Romsey) **3rd July** (Cathedral Prayers) **15th July** (Information Day). Also we will accept any Families First Magazines and pencils or felt tips on these dates too, which we will put into the goodie bags for the RAF Families.

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Sue & Richard Tickell susantickell@gmail.com

Letter from our President

Dear Friends, I recently attended the Spring Provincial Presidents Conference at High Leigh near Hertford, and it was a wonderful gathering of almost all the Diocesan Presidents in the Province of Canterbury, numbering 30 in all. It was chaired by our present PP Nikki Sweatman, who had put together an action-packed programme for us. Nikki will become a Zonal Trustee at the end of the year and her place will be taken by Susan Baker.

Nikki will be the guest preacher at our Festival service at Romsey Abbey on Friday 14th June at 2.30 and I do urge you to encourage your branch members to attend, to give Nikki a warm welcome and to show her that in our Diocese Mothers' Union is alive and well! Please do bring your banners which Margaret Swadling has kindly agreed to organise, so look out for her at the back of the Abbey.

At the conference we discussed many topics, but in particular, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) which is very important and cannot be ignored and we are hoping that *the Diocesan officer for Safeguarding will be coming to the Information Day in November.*

Another subject of worldwide concern is Modern day slavery, and the Mothers' Union is in partnership with the Clewer Foundation which tackles this head on. Helen Pain has invited two speakers from there to speak to us at our July 15th Information day, so do please make a real effort to attend and learn more about these important subjects to pass on to your branch members.

In the meantime, may I send you all God's blessings, With my love and prayers,

Sue Abernethy

For the purposes of Mothers' Union contact and with

immediate effect Christine Clode's email address has changed to training@muwinchester.org.uk. This can be used for all matters relating to Speakers and Archives.

Note from Christine

At the recent Diocesan Meeting some of you will have seen the large photograph and article which was on show, relating to the Jubilee celebrations in 1926. Having mastered the MU central website I was encouraged to publish the story. Follow this link to view the article

<https://www.mothersunion.org/news/mu-jubilee-service-winchester-2016>. If the link doesn't work, go to the Home page for MSH and search for Winchester Diocese. **ALSO**

I heard recently of a Branch Secretary who had died and the family engaged a professional house clearance firm to clear all the contents. Sadly, that included all MU paperwork for that branch which has now gone. Please can I ask that you regularly archive your papers, particularly at the end of each Triennial. I would be happy to receive your records so that they can be safely stored at the Hampshire Record Office. Contact me on training@muwinchester.org.uk.

Christine Clode

Christchurch Priory Branch MU are holding a cream tea Fundraiser in a marquee on the lawns of Priory House (behind the Priory church) on Tuesday 18th June at 2.30-4.0pm. Pay £6 on day. Raffle and large book stall. **All profit to go to AFIA.**

Jenny Martin

Our Chaplain, Lynda Mead had her hip operation on Thursday 23rd April - Loving Lord, we commend to your care and compassion, Mothers' Union members and their families who need the assurance of our loving concern for their well-being at this time, especially Lynda. May she be upheld and supported by the bond of love that unites us all in Christ Jesus.

Amen

Hartley Wintney Branch

Our February meeting, was blessed when our Curate Janette Smith spoke about her two years as Chaplain for A.F.I.A. An experience she is reluctant to relinquish. The talk was both interesting and enlightening as she shared her many experiences - some happy others emotional and sad. The ability Janette has to 'Observe, Listen and Act' as she reached out to touch hurting people with love and compassion was evident. It is wonderful to know that that parents and young people can find peace and healing in this one week with A.F.I.A. We praise and thank you Lord for the support given by members to ensure that we can and do reach out to these families, with love and practical needs.

Irene Mills

Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

Sue Murphy – Diocesan Secretary/Treasurer secretary@muwinchester.org.uk