

E-NEWS



DIARY DATES

Cathedral Prayers Winchester

- 1 June 10.30 Cathedral Prayers led by Christchurch Deanery
- 6 July 10.30 Cathedral Prayers led by Lyndhurst Deanery
- 3 Aug 10.30 Cathedral Prayers led by Southampton Diocesan members – Laying flowers on Mary Sumner's grave

Other Events

- 9 June 11am Festival Service – Quire Winchester Cathedral – **see below**
- 15 July Information Evening – St. Barnabas, Weeke
- 3 Aug 11.00 After Cathedral Prayers, laying of flowers on Mary Sumner's grave
- 9 Aug Mary Sumner Day Service TBC
- 6-13 Aug AFIA at Lodge Hill
- 19 Aug RAF Odiham Families Day

Mothers' Union Jubilee Summer of Hope Diocesan Festival Service, At Winchester Cathedral Thursday 9th June at 11.00am

The Trustees are looking forward to welcoming members to the Thanksgiving Service for our Patron Queen Elizabeth and for her loving faithful example of dedication to duty. We will also remember with thanksgiving the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world by saying together the Affirmation of our Vision and Mission at the beginning of a new triennial. The Service will be led by the Rev Canon Norman Boakes. Canon Norman has always been a great supporter of Mothers' Union, it will be good to have him with us. We do hope as many of you as possible will attend this service. We also hope members will be able to join the Trustees in the Refectory for a cup of coffee and a chat after the service.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Stella Roberts



RAF Odiham Families day Friday 19th August

It's not long now and this is our first plea for some cakes (small or large), biscuits, scones or pastries! Each year we step out in faith that the delicious goodies will be provided for the families, although we never know until nearly the last moment if they will arrive!

I will be at the Festival Service on 9th June and at Cathedral prayers on 1st June 6th July and 3rd August, which is four opportunities for me to collect any cakes from you. I shall be very happy to be weighed down, as I was last year, and deliver them to a freezer near me (probably Sue and Richard).

If you have any tins left over from the Christmas sweets, I will be happy to take them too. We have 15 volunteers signed up for the day but if you would like to come along and join us please let me know –

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THANK YOU!



MU Speaker available

Valerie Young, A member of the Mudeford Mothers' Union is a volunteer speaker for The Leprosy Mission. She has spoken to some local branches about that and the St John Eye Hospital and life in Jerusalem.

I must point out that we are not permitted to contribute to her funds, although I understand she is not seeking any, but you are permitted to pay travel expenses.

She is willing to travel and can be contacted directly on 01425 501005

Christine Clode, Speaker's Representative, Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese

Branch Leader retires from St Gabriel's, Popley

Marilyn, our Branch Leader, left on April 29th when she and Rev Arthur Botham retired to Salisbury Diocese.

Mothers' Union members gathered to say a fond farewell with a special cake, cards and gifts.

Marilyn has been our leader since the branch was formed. She has certainly done MU very differently and set a new pattern for us. There has never been an AGM, or a committee meeting at St. Gabriel's - indeed we don't have a bank account! Every member is encouraged to take an active role in the meetings and is on a Rota to lead Prayers, give a Reading or provide a cake. The home of the Hope Café, Popley is an active venue for the Child Contact Centre and has hosted several Information Days.

We will miss Marilyn's leadership and wish both her and Arthur a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Marilyn has left us well organised for the future, with our rota in place and all members happy to share the responsibilities.

Linden Hansen



Prayer

Let this day be the start of something new the world can be a better place today because of you. You can be the pebble that starts the ripples flowing, for when we share an act of love, we have no way of knowing how many lives a selfless deed will touch, or who will benefit along the way. For kindness spreads her ever open arms, and a stranger may become a friend this day. For love can trample every barrier down that man has built through ignorance and fear. So let us make this world a better place, and let it start with you, right now, right here

Margaret Shoemark, Stafford St. Paul's MU, UK.

Update on AFIA

We are very excited that we will be able to run our AFIA family holiday this year and we now have 10 families booked in. We have plenty of toiletries suitable for women, but we are very short of items for men, children and teenagers. We would welcome donations of toiletries suitable for men or children and also of Tesco vouchers for the families. Please bring any donations along to our Information Evening at Weeke on 15th July. If you are unable to bring them to Weeke, then please contact me and we will arrange to collect them.

Sue Murphy

Quiet Morning at Wolvesey

The Quiet Morning held at Wolvesey on 18th May was led by Reverend Canon Helen Griffiss and attended by 13 members.

Helen used the Theme Transformation Now and led us through some reflections on women who were briefly with Jesus, maybe for only a few hours but went on to be a leading light in their communities.

Many members took the opportunity to sit in the gardens in the lovely sunshine. We finished the morning by eating lunch together. Jo Heath led us in a Sabbath Meal Liturgy, sharing a meal and praying together, two ways to feed our souls! You will find a longer account of our Quiet morning in the next issue of Archway.

Stella Roberts

Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

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