

E-NEWS



DIARY DATES

Cathedral Prayers Winchester

- 3 Aug 10.30 Cathedral Prayers led by Southampton Diocesan members **followed at 11am by Laying flowers and praying at Mary Sumner's grave – Please join us**
- 7 Sept 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Trustees
- 5 Oct 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Hedge End branch; **followed by Speaker's Forum**

Other Events

15 July Information Day – St. Barnabas, Weeke

- 3 Aug 11.00 After Cathedral Prayers, laying of flowers on Mary Sumner's grave
- 9 Aug Mary Sumner Day Service – see below
- 6-13 Aug AFIA at Lodge Hill
- 19 Aug RAF Odiham Families Day
- 23 Sept Annual Gathering in Belfast 23/24 Sept
- 4 Oct Speaker's Forum, following Cathedral Prayers
- 9-15 Oct Prisons Week
- 18 Oct Anti-Slavery Day

Quiet Day – Tuesday 28th September from 11.00am until 3.00pm at Wolvesey, Winchester

The Theme will be "Who do you say I am?" and The day will be led by the Rev'd Terry Roberts. Coffee will be served from 10.30 am and the Quiet Time will start at 11.00 am.

Tea will be served at the end of the day at 3.00pm Although drinks will be available all day. Please bring your own picnic lunch. Parking will be limited so, if possible, please share transport or park at Chesil and walk along the river to Wolvesey.

Mary Sumner Day Service

There will be a service for Mary Sumner Day and St Marys Patronal festival on **Tuesday August 9th at 2.00pm in St Mary's church**, Old Alresford, followed by tea and cake in the Christy Hall, Old Alresford. **For further information contact Heather Galley, 01962 732326, or Stephanie Durrant 01962 732318**


**RAF Odiham Families day
Friday 19th August**

It's not long now and this is our last 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! We have been blessed with quite a few so far but some more would be greatly appreciated!

I will be at Cathedral prayers on 3rd August, which is an opportunity for me to collect any cakes from you. I shall be very happy to collect any contributions; also if you have any tins left over from the Christmas sweets, I will be happy to take them too. THANK YOU!

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Annual Gathering in Belfast 23-25 September

We would like to invite all those who have never been to an Annual Gathering (previously called General Meeting) to consider coming this year to Belfast. The meeting is interesting in itself but the opportunity of fellowship with members from far and wide opens up the understanding, love and reasons for the very existence of Mothers' Union across the world.

The Service will be at St. Anne's Cathedral, which is free of charge, on Friday 23rd September. The tickets are £25 for combined Meeting and Concert on 24th September: Accommodation is approximately £120 per person for 2 nights if you share in a double/twin room for 2 nights. Breakfast included. (£240 if you prefer a room of your own) Flights on Easyjet or BA are quite reasonable. Other costs can be kept to a minimum. Another 100 members would be brilliant!!!

Kathryn Anderson Provincial President

Information Evening Friday 15th July

The Information Evening was held at St Barnabas Church, Weeke, Winchester. The meeting was led by

Jane Horne, Trustee and Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, and Sue Murphy the Diocesan Secretary. The speakers were Mike and Gill Hobby who spoke about their roles as members of the Street Pastors team in Winchester. Mike is a Street Pastor and Gill is a Prayer Supporter.



The Accounts were presented by Sue our Treasurer. Jane and Sue gave an account of the Canterbury Provincial Conference they attended in May. Linda Hoskins who had recently attended the All Britain and Ireland Conference on Transformation Now, Look, Observe and Act in Liverpool, gave us her observations on the Conference.

Stella Roberts spoke about how we lead Cathedral Prayers and asked all groups to be sure to use the Microphone provided as this was a great help for those using the loop system also those sitting at the back of the chapel. The Cathedral can be very noisy with visiting parties being directed around the Cathedral. Cathedral Prayers is a special time, and it can sometimes be spoilt for some if they cannot hear. Sue Murphy gave information on the Child Contact Centres.

We were reminded of The 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence prayer Vigil to be held at the Cathedral on the 25th November and Terry Roberts spoke on the 'Istanbul Convention' which the Home Office are to sign but 'with reservations' which has caused over 60 organisations to raise concerns with the Government including the CEO of the MU Bev Jullien, who posted a video on MU social media pages encouraging members to contact their MP, which Terry had done.

16 members attended the Information Evening in person and several members attended via Zoom. It was regretful that so few members made it to St Barnabas that evening as the Meeting was a really informative Evening and it was good to meet up with members from across the Diocese.

The Trustees will be looking at the best way to organise our Diocesan Meetings in the future so as to encourage more people to attend.

Stella Roberts

A prayer for Mothers' Union activities during August



Loving Lord,

We give thanks for your faithfulness to the Mothers' Union through many years. Unite us together in vision and love that we may continue to reach out as your hands across the world and carry on your mission on earth. We especially bring before you our Diocesan activities during August, The Away From It All family holiday from 6th – 13th August. The guests and those who care for them. Mary Sumner Day Service on 9th August at St Mary's Church, Old Alresford. The RAF Odiham Families Day for service personal and our members who will lovingly serve refreshments to them. For the Child Contact Centres and those who attend, and other Children's Activities across the Diocese. Lord be alongside us as we serve you in serving others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Milford-on-Sea & Everton Branch

We are looking forward to our long delayed annual communion service in All Saints' Church, Milford on Sea. It will be held on Tuesday 20th September at 2pm, followed by refreshments. Members from Hythe and Brockenhurst will be joining us and also friends from our local churches. We are so pleased that our vicar, Rev Tasha Anderson, will be conducting the service. Do join us if you can!

Val Butterworth

Jubilee Summer of Hope Appeal

During the summer **Brockenhurst Branch** have hosted MU groups from Milford-on-Sea, Hedge End and Shedfield, to either cream teas or ploughman's lunches, followed by tours of St. Nicholas' or St. Saviour's churches. As well as enjoying meeting up with fellow members and swapping experiences of what their branches do, we have managed to raise nearly £315 for this year's Appeal. We look forward to hopefully seeing other groups next year!

Lesley Munt

Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

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