

**DIARY DATES**

**Cathedral Prayers Winchester**

- 2 Oct 10.30am Cathedral Prayers – led by Hedge End branch  
Followed by Speaker's Forum – TBC
- 6 Nov 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Bournemouth Deanery

**A reminder that the MU have a regular monthly booking in the Epiphany Chapel from 10-11am for Prayers (although we choose to start at 10.30am) and we have been asked to ensure that we have finished our service by 11am in time for the Winchester Cathedral prayers which are said on the hour, every hour**

- 4 Dec 11.00am Cathedral Prayers at St. John's Chapel, Broadway, Winchester SO22 9LN (where we were last December)  
**Please come and share this very special time at Cathedral Prayers with MU members.**

**Other Events**

- 6-12 Oct - Prisons Week (TBC)
- 18 Oct Anti-Slavery Day
- 11-13 Nov – Provincial Conference
- 14 Nov Information Day, 10am-2pm, St. John's Church, Hedge End, SO20 4AF
- 25 Nov Prayer Vigil outside Winchester Cathedral 12 – 2pm

**In August our Cathedral Prayers** were led by the Trustees and the theme was 'Seasons'. We had a reading from Ecclesiastes 3 (A Time for Everything) and a reading from Revelation 22 1-5 (Eden Restored). Our very thoughtful reflection was given by our Chaplain Rev'd Terry Roberts. Our prayers were led by Stella Roberts and Sue Murphy and we rounded off the service by singing 'For the Healing of the Nations'.



**Anyone who attended the last MU Quiet Day** at Wolvesey on the theme 'Thy Kingdom Come' and is still, like me, exploring the theme, might like to find, borrow or buy a copy of Tom Wright's book 'How GOD became KING' published by SPCK. It was



published in 2012 so there are likely to be pre-used copies available.  
*Terry*

**A big thank you** to all the knitters who have been kindly knitting angels for the Brockenhurst MU Angel tree at our Christmas tree festival. I will be at Cathedral prayers in November and can collect any then. Many thanks,  
*Gill Coombs, Brockenhurst MU'*

**Milford-on-Sea Annual Communion Service, 18th September**

We met on a lovely sunny afternoon in All Saints' Church and were joined by members from Hythe MU branch. We are delighted to say that our vicar, Rev'd Tasha Anderson, led the service with members taking part in the prayers and Bible reading. It was good for us all to reflect on all that strengthens and preserves marriage and family life as Gillian Peard read out our aims before Tasha enrolled our three new members:



**Maggie Hobday, Elizabeth Whatmore and Pat Maguire.** We felt united with them in reaffirming our commitment to our wonderful movement. Tasha's talk was based on the words of James (chapter 4. 13-17) reminding us that we may be making plans for the future, but we should be remembering 'If the Lord wills we shall do this or that', and then do it! Our closing hymn was 'Bind us together, Lord' then we walked over to the church hall for tea and home made cake as we enjoyed this time of fellowship together.  
*Val Butterworth*



In September The Hyde Branch always holds its Membership Service. This year, our Rector the Reverend Luke Wickings led the Service for us. It was with much delight and joy that we welcomed our Curate The Reverend Nicky Semple as a new member of our Branch. In the photograph you can see Reverend Nicky with members of The Hyde Branch.

**Marriane Tomkies**

## News from Brockenhurst



As the new reception class children joined the Primary School last month, once again parents were handed **'Little Bags of Love' made and filled by Mothers' Union members**. Each bag contained a pack of tissues, coffee and chocolate sachets, a tea bag and a chocolate bar as well as a leaflet describing the work of the Mothers' Union and a small prayer card with the words .... ***Lord, watch over my child/children. I cannot be with them every moment and so I lift them up to you. Please keep them safe and help them to make the right choices. Amen*** Starting school can be an exciting time for the child but at the same time, often an anxious and difficult time of transition for the parent, and the bags are a small way to show we understand and care.

We also have a couple of events coming up in Brockenhurst that might be of interest to members in the Diocese?

**Saturday 5 October** - Board Game Cafe - 2.00 - 4.00pm The Church Hall, St. Saviour's Church, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SB. An afternoon of playing board games - some old favourites and some new ones, whilst enjoying a cup of tea and home made cake. Entrance is free; tea and cake £1.

**Sunday 23 - 30 November** - Christmas Tree Festival - St. Saviour's Church, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SB. Opening Service Saturday 23 November at 4.00 in the church; viewing times: Sunday 24 November 12.00 - 4.00; other days 10.30 - 4.00. No entrance fee but cash voting for favourite tree with winner being awarded a certificate. Donations to be shared with MU Angel tree and literacy projects and local charities who have entered a tree. Brockenhurst Branch are entering a Prayer Tree and also an Angel Tree (decorated with knitted angels which will go to the Angel Tree Project for gifts for prisoners' families).

Join us if you can, we would love to see you.

**Lesley Munt**

### ABCs to Live By

Although things are not perfect  
 Because of trial or pain  
 Continue in thanksgiving  
 Do not begin to blame  
 Even when the times are hard  
 Fierce winds are bound to blow  
 God is forever able  
 Hold on to what you know  
 Imagine life without His love  
 Joy would cease to be  
 Keep thanking Him for all the things  
 Love imparts to thee  
 Move out of "Camp Complaining"  
 No weapon that is known  
 On earth can yield the power  
 Praise can do alone  
 Quit looking at the future  
 Redeem the time at hand  
 Start every day with worship  
 To "thank" is a command  
 Until we see Him coming  
 Victorious in the sky  
 We'll run the race with gratitude  
 Xalting God most high  
 Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad,  
 but...  
 Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

*Terry*

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