

DIARY DATES

Cathedral Prayers Winchester



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

- 12 Mar 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Overton Members: **please note change of date**
- 2 April 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led Christchurch Members
- 7 May 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Odiham Deanery

Other Events

- 9 Mar Commissioning service for President and Diocesan Committee
- 20 Mar Diocesan Synod Meeting
- 25 Mar Lady Day
- 30 Mar Mothering Sunday
- 28 Apr Diocesan Council and Information Day 10am-2pm - St. Gabriels Church, Popley, RG24 9DU
- 13-15 May – Provincial Conference

In February our Cathedral Prayers

were led by the Winchester Deanery – photo attached, with Mary Cleal, Brenda Pomeroy and Gill Hobby. Plus another one which includes our President Sue Murphy.



STOP PRESS – Royal Patron



Mothers' Union have just announced the exciting news that HRH Duchess of Edinburgh has agreed to be our Royal Patron. You can find more information and photos on the Mothers' Union website.

Sue Murphy, Diocesan President

Commissioning Service

Do join us at the Cathedral for the commissioning of the Leadership Team and other Diocesan Officials by Bishop Philip during Evensong on Sunday 9th March. The service starts at 3:30pm in the Quire of the Cathedral, and we would love to see you there. If you are not able to join us in person, then you can watch the live-stream from the Cathedral.

Sue Murphy, Diocesan President

News from Yateley

The Diocesan Members from Yateley have been collecting toiletries for donation to local charities. The photos below show them ready to go to the Hope Hub in Camberley which is committed to help prevent and end homelessness and reduce poverty in the surrounding areas. St. Peter's Yateley is fortunate to have a member who volunteers for this organisation as a financial adviser and was able to accept the goods on their behalf.



News from Yateley - continued



News from Ringwood Branch

The members started the New Year meeting with a special prayer time for the Wave of Prayer. On 8th February we also met for special prayers for National Marriage Week. Each member was given the names of a couple to be married this year in a church in the Ringwood Benefice. We will continue to pray for them and their marriage preparations. The Benefice held a Marriage Preparation Day in February and we were able to meet some of the couples when we served lunch for them.

Sue Wall from Acts4Sharing was our February speaker and she gave us a very inspiring talk about the work they do. The project is now celebrating 10 years of helping people in need. Initially they stored items at Poulner Baptist church and people's homes but in 2020 they acquired a warehouse but had to make it suitable for their use. During COVID there were restrictions on how they met people, but they managed and now have a normal very busy time. A team of volunteers sort all donated goods and they now have 2 vans for collecting and delivering- they cover a 25mile radius from Ringwood. People are referred from various agencies and all applications are considered.

Prayer is a very important part of their work and they now have a Chaplain and have prayer meetings Monday and Saturday mornings. All goods are free and given with God's love and a bible (in a foreign language if needed) also with the blessing below:

Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

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

**MAY YOU SEE THE ROAD AHEAD AS A PATHWAY
OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE RATHER THAN A FREEWAY
OF FEAR
MAY YOU BE GIVEN THE GIFTS OF FAITH AND
COURAGE
FAITH TO TRUST THAT GOD HAS GONE AHEAD OF
YOU & CAN BE TRUSTED
AND COURAGE TO STEP INTO TOMORROW
NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL.**

In March the Rev Stephen Miles our Vicar will give a Talk for Lent and also led the Deanery Lady Day Service on 25th March which is to be hosted by the Ringwood Branch.

Sue Brinkman & Stella Roberts

**Snapshot of Ringwood MU members
- 16 days of Activism. 1 in 3. Mins
Silence at 1pm**



Christchurch Priory News

Some of our members enjoyed an Italian meal at our favourite restaurant in Christchurch High street on 3rd December.

