

## 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*

- 3 Sept. 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Trustees
- 1 Oct. 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Bournemouth Deanery; **followed by Speaker's Forum - TBC**
- 5 Nov 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by members from Hedge End
- 3 Dec 10.30 St. John's Chapel, Almshouses for monthly prayers

### Other Events

- 27 Sep Provincial Gathering in Oxford
- 15 Oct Information Day 10am – 2pm at St. John's Church, Hedge End, SO30 4AF
- 25 Nov Prayer Vigil outside Winchester Cathedral 12-2pm
- 25 Nov – 10 Dec 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based violence
- 10 Dec Charity Chalet – Christmas Market

## STOP PRESS

I'm delighted to welcome our new Diocesan Administrator, Jo Ayres-Proctor, who will be joining us from the beginning of September. She is based at Holy Saviour Church in Bitterne, Southampton, where she is also the parish administrator. I am very much looking forward to working with her in the coming months.

*Sue Murphy*

### In August our Cathedral Prayers

**were led by Southampton members.** The theme was 'The Transformation' and based upon three readings; Luke 9 V28-31; Mark 9 V5-6 and Matthew 17 v5-8. The readings were given by Anthea, with Helen giving the talk based upon a reflection of the 'mountaintop experience' and how that might apply to our lives. Helen also led the service with Ann and Leonie reading the prayers. After our final hymn we walked to 'Paradise' to lay flowers on Mary Sumner's grave and held a short service of thanksgiving.



### Mary Sumner Day Celebrations

We held a lovely service for Mary Sumner day in St Mary's Church at Old Alresford, when we were lucky enough to have a visit from our Provincial President, Comfort Fearon, pictured below with Sue Murphy next to the tree planted by Sheran Harper during her visit to the diocese two years ago.



There were visitors from around the diocese and from Bishops Waltham, and also a member from Low Newton, Durham, who brought a banner made by the

branch at the prison there. Tea and cake were served afterwards on a beautiful summer's day.

*Heather Galley*



### **AFIA treats**

We have been able to support a number of families and groups to have days out over the summer. The women from the Winchester Women's Refuge visited Marwell Zoo, and we funded a coach for a trip to the seaside for the women from Basingstoke Women's Refuge. We have also supported groups from Ringwood and Bournemouth. The families are very appreciative of our support so thank you all for your support for AFIA.

*Sue Murphy*

### **News from Brockenhurst**

Brockenhurst Branch have been busy again making the annual 'Little Bags of Love' that are given to Mums as their children start Primary School. These are filled with sachets of coffee, tea and hot chocolate, a small pack of tissues, a chocolate bar, a

prayer card and leaflet about the MU and our current programme.

Members enjoyed a lovely social afternoon decorating and filling the bags, plus lots of chat and delicious cake and tea. The bags are to be blessed at Sunday's Mission service before being taken into the local school.

*Lesley Munt*



### **Mary Sumner's personal prayer**

*All this day, O Lord,  
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee.  
And every life that I touch, do thou by thy spirit  
quicken,  
whether through the word I speak, the prayer I  
breathe or the life I live.*

*Amen*

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