

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

- 6 May 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Romsey Deanery
 3 June 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Southampton Deanery
 1 July 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Odiham Deanery

Other Events

- 14-24 May – Thy Kingdom Come – Global Wave of Prayer
 10 June Wednesday 5pm 150th anniversary celebration (tickets only) at St. Paul's Cathedral
 11 June Thursday – National Gathering (tickets only) at Emmanuel Centre, London
 9 Aug Sunday 2:30pm Lay flowers on Mary Sumner's grave
 3:30pm Evensong

On April 1st our Cathedral Prayers were led by Gill, Maureen, Margaret and Sue from Lyndhurst Deanery and focussed on Holy Week – Peter's denials, with God's love, mercy and grace; using the Bible reading from Luke C22 V 52-62.



It was lovely to see 21 people attend this service and coffee and fellowship followed, as usual, in the Refectory.

Thank you to all those who lead our Cathedral Prayers and make it such a worthwhile event to attend.

On 20th April we joined together for an Information Day at St. Gabriels Church, Popley.



We heard from Angela Bushell about her visit to Myanmar in March (see the report in Archway), and Caroline Scull gave a presentation on Literacy. A big thank you to members from Popley for their welcome and for providing tea and coffee.

Sue Murphy, Diocesan President

During the Information Day there was much discussion about banners and their repair. Since then I have been in touch with the Cathedral Broderers who have passed me on to the Winchester Textile and Embroidery Group and also the 3 Rivers Textile Group. Regrettably, none of these ladies are able to help. I am awaiting news from the various local Quilt Groups.

Christine Clode, Co-ordinator - Christchurch Deanery

Celebrations of our 150th Anniversary

There are still some tickets left for the service at St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday 10th June at 5pm, and for the Annual Gathering at the Emmanuel Centre on Thursday 11th June – but booking will close on 16th May. The Annual Gathering will be very much member driven and should be a joyous event. It will cover Celebrating our Past (with a number of former World-wide Presidents), Showcasing our Present, and Shining a light on the Future. At lunchtime you will be able to visit Mary Sumner House which is next door to the Emmanuel Centre. There will also be a presentation to Bev Jullien, who is stepping down as CEO for Mothers' Union after 11 years.

In our own Diocese, we will be celebrating Mary Sumner Day with a service of Evensong in Winchester Cathedral. We will lay flowers on Mary Sumner's grave at 2:30pm, before moving into the cathedral for the service at 3:30pm followed by refreshments in the North Transcept.

Sue Murphy, Diocesan President

Visiting Lambeth Palace

Lambeth Palace has a number of Open Days each year when the public can view the State rooms. Entry is £12.50 for adults, and if you choose to visit on Friday 31st July this year then your entry fee will go to Mothers' Union funds. Congratulations to the dioceses of London and Southwark for organising this!

Sue Murphy, Diocesan President

Illiteracy doesn't make sense!



Last year we had a stall at Hartley Wintney Village Festival to raise funds for Mothers' Union Literacy projects by selling second hand books. We were overwhelmed by the donations of books and had a lovely afternoon. We have decided to do the same this year so if you have any old books you

would like to donate, please bring them to May or June Cathedral Prayers (or give me a call on 07514 024157). The Festival takes place on Saturday 13th June. Many thanks

*Sue Murphy,
Diocesan
President*



Nandyal Diocese



Nandyal Diocese in South India is one of the dioceses with a Mothers' Union link to Winchester Diocese. They also have an Anglican link with Oxford Diocese, and I was privileged to be invited to meet Bishop Santhosh and his wife Buelah at a supper hosted by Bishop Mary of Reading. Buelah is President of the Women's Fellowship in South India which is affiliated to Mothers' Union and it was lovely to hear about their activities supporting families and encouraging the empowerment of women in their area.

Sue Murphy, Diocesan President

Supporting HMP Winchester

Spurgeons recently ran a **Dads and Lads** event at **Winchester** where prisoners were able to spend time with their children doing various sporting activities. We were delighted to be able to support them by providing gifts for each child to take home (Speed spinners and worry monsters). The children were particularly pleased with their worry monsters. (If a child is worried about something, they can write it on a piece of paper, unzip the monster's mouth and pop in their piece of paper and then the monster will eat it!)

Sue Murphy, Diocesan President



Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

Sue Murphy – Diocesan President, & Treasurer president@muwinchester.org.uk