

## 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***

- 5 Aug** 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Leadership Team  
**2 Sept** 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Bournemouth Deanery  
**7 Oct** 10.30 a Cathedral Prayers - led by Hedge End

### Mary Sumner Day – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August

- 8.10am** Sunday morning service on Radio 4 will focus on Mary Sumner and Mothers' Union  
**10.30am** The morning service at St. Mary's Old Alresford will be a celebration of Mary Sumner Day  
**2.30pm** Laying of flowers on Mary Sumner's grave  
**3.30 pm** Evensong at Winchester Cathedral to celebrate Mary Sumner Day, followed by light refreshments.

### Looking Ahead

- 21 Oct** 10.30am to 2pm Information Day, St. Lawrence's Parish Rooms, Colebrook Street, Winchester  
**9 Dec** Use of Charity Chalet at Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market

### News from Brockenhurst Branch

To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mothers' Union, members have been knitting or crocheting flowers in blue, yellow and white (Mothers' Union colours) to plant a field of flowers in St Saviour's church grounds for the whole of August.



There will also be a special Anniversary service at 2.30 on Thursday 20 August in St. Saviour's Church to celebrate the 150th anniversary and 40 years since Brockenhurst Branch was re-formed - everyone welcome!

At the Brockival Carnival and fete on Monday 31 August, members are taking part in the procession and there will also be a mini flower festival in St. Saviour's Church, where our members will fill jam jars with flowers in MU colours to decorate the windowsills as well as other arrangements in blue, yellow and white, a scavenger hunt kindly lent to us by Boldre Church, and promotional information about Mothers' Union.

August is going to be a busy month!

*Lesley Munt*

**Congratulations** to members of the Bursledon Branch, who have raised more than £600 for Mothers' Union by walking eight miles between their two parish churches along the beautiful River Hamble.



### News from Ringwood - Celebration

Ringwood MU members will be holding an Afternoon Tea party celebrating 150 years on Saturday 15th August at 3.00pm at St John's Church Hall. Cost £5.00. Come and join us, there will be plenty of tea and cake!

*Stella Roberts*

## New and Old Alresford

Local members of the Alresford branch have celebrated the 150th anniversary by holding a fundraising cream tea in the John Pearson Hall in New Alresford. This was well attended and much enjoyed by all, and raised over £200 for AFIA. The scones were delicious!



A couple of days later, we had a visit from members of the Salisbury branches to Old Alresford for a service, preceded by coffee and cake. The service was led by Sue Armstrong, our Focal Minister and visitor Pat Clegg, who used to be in this benefice. It was followed by a special quarter peal of the bells at St Mary's, by some of the visitors and local ringers, for the 150th celebrations.

*Heather Galley*

## A Simple Life

A simple life is all I ask  
that God will grant this day.  
Just enough to meet my need and some to give away.  
Just enough and some to share  
with those whose bowl is empty.  
Compared to many in this world  
I know that I have plenty.  
I'm grateful for the things I have,

I have no need for more,  
I pray my heart will always be an ever open door,  
to welcome friends and strangers  
that I meet along life's way.  
And as I do, I'm sure that I will meet with Christ  
each day.

For I am certain beyond doubt  
that I am rich indeed.

For Jesus gives me joy and peace  
and everything I need

**(Poem) Margaret Shoemark, Stafford St. Paul's  
Mothers' Union UK**

## Celebration in Chandler's Ford

I was delighted to be invited by Heather Blake to St Boniface's Church in Chandler's Ford on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July to speak about Mothers' Union to the congregation at the morning service and at the afternoon Informal worship. It was lovely to meet everyone there and I enjoyed a lovely lunch with the members there.



## News from Colbury

Below is a picture of the notice board in the church rooms at Colbury which was completed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. Although we don't have a branch anymore several members of the church belong to Mothers' Union.

*Margaret Swadling*



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