

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

2 Sept 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Bournemouth Deanery

7 Oct 10.30 Cathedral Prayers - led by Hedge End

Looking Ahead

21 Oct 10.30am to 2pm Information Day, St. Lawrence's Parish Rooms, Colebrook Street, Winchester

25 Nov Prayer Vigil for 16 days of Activism against Gender-based violence

9 Dec Use of Charity Chalet at Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market

On August 5th our Cathedral Prayers were led by our MU Chaplain Rev Terry Roberts. The theme was Holidays (Holy – Days) and Terry referred to the passage from Esther 2 17-19 where King Xerxes “gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. He proclaimed a holiday through the provinces and distributed gifts with royal liberality”, this being possibly the only biblical reference to holiday rather than Holy Day. Holy Days or ‘appointed times’ are reference throughout Leviticus and other biblical passages, and Terry suggested that we can take our ‘holiness’ with us on our holidays, as we visit other churches or spend time enjoying God’s creation. The photo shows us enjoying fellowship in the Refectory.



Mothers' Union Celebrate 150 Amazing years: Sunday 9th August 2026

Celebrations for Mary Sumner Day started with a service at St Mary's in Old Alresford in the morning, and continued with the Laying of Flowers on the grave of Mary Sumner at 2:30pm, followed by Choral Evensong in the Cathedral, when we were joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester and the Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, as well as Mothers' Union members from around the diocese and from further afield. Refreshments and a celebratory cake were shared in the North Transept after the Service.





There have been so many celebrations around the diocese of our 150th Anniversary and we hope to include photos from those in the next Archway.



News from Ringwood

Ringwood Mothers' Union members continued to celebrate the 150 years with an Afternoon Tea in August which raised £300. Our President Mrs Sue Murphy will be the speaker at our September meeting.

Stella Roberts

Away From It All

We have been able to sponsor a number of events and days out for various groups over the summer including a family that visited Hertfordshire Zoo, the Meet and Eat group from Ringwood and the Local Vocals group from Bournemouth.

We had some lovely feedback from the Local Vocals group:

'Thank you for making this the most epic summer, and we are truly blessed to be part of this lovely group.' - Emmi

'Had a lovely time. Thank you everyone, and thank you Mother's Union for the funding. What amazing days out.' - Brenda



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