

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

- 7 Oct** 10.30 Cathedral Prayers - led by Hedge End
- 4 Nov** 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Christchurch Deanery
Prayers in November will be in the Undercroft
- 2 Dec** 11:00 Advent service in St John's Chapel, The Broadway, Winchester, with Winchester City Centre branch

Looking Ahead

- 21 Oct** 10.30am to 2pm Information Day, St. Lawrence's Parish Rooms, Colebrook Street, Winchester
- 25 Nov** Prayer Vigil against Gender-based violence, Winchester Cathedral 12 to 2pm
- 9 Dec** Use of Charity Chalet at Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market

Prisons Week 11th to 17th October

Please remember in your prayers all those in prison, their families and friends, and those who work with them (particularly Spurgeons at HMP Winchester). You can find resources for Prisons Week online at www.prisonsworld.org, including this prayer:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and his Spirit, now and every day.

Amen

Mothers' Union in the Nebbi Diocese of Uganda



The Nebbi Diocese is a Mission Partner with St. Peter's Church in Yateley and a group of people went to visit them in July/August this year. The Mother's Union was a major feature of the visit. Rev. Tim is a member of the MU and pictured here with his wife Claire.

Linda Hoskins

Cream Teas and Ploughman's Lunch Success

Here in Brockenhurst, we welcomed 6 visiting groups through the summer for either ploughman's lunches or cream teas, often with a



guided talk and tour of one of our two churches. These were lovely social events and an opportunity to meet with members from other branches as well as **raising an amazing £642 for the 150th anniversary appeal and M. U. projects.** If any branch would like to visit us next year, they would be very welcome - just contact Lesley Munt via Brockenhurst Church Office (01590 624584 or lesley@brockenhurstchurch.com) for more details.

Information Day on 21st October

Do come along to our Information Day on 21st October when you can hear Rev Kerry Murphy speak about her journey to ordination, which included a week on one of our AFIA holidays some years ago. We will also present long service certificates to members – so if you or someone you know has been a member for 40 years or 50 years, please let me know.

Sue Murphy

AFIA funding



We have been able to support a number of families and groups through our AFIA fund this summer, including the Local Vocal group in Bournemouth, the Meet and Eat group in Ringwood and a Youth Group based at Holy Saviour Church in Bitterne. We have also supported a camping trip for disadvantaged youngsters organised by the Southampton charity Monty's Community Hub. A group of teenagers went on a 2 day, 1 night camp to Fernycrofts Activity Centre, for a weekend full of nature, outdoor activities, adventure and relationship building.

Our AFIA funding is not just for holidays or trips in the summer and we can support weekend trips or visits to the pantomime for families who could benefit. Do contact us if you know of a family or group that could benefit from our support.

Sue Murphy

A Visit to Scotland

Recently I had the pleasure of going up to Scotland to visit my goddaughter in Fife and was given a wonderful time seeing my birthplace St. Andrews, walking on Carnoustie beach and on the sea wall at Crail as my parents must have done 82 years ago! It was my first return, and a slightly emotional one on a bright and (extremely) breezy day.

After climbing a 721 ft hill -for fun- with my goddaughter's church family, I then went on to visit a good MU friend in Auchterader.

Elizabeth Benton was DP here many years ago, and encouraged me to take on Branch leadership. Look where that got me!

11 years ago I stayed with Elizabeth and gave a Myanmar presentation to Members of St. Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane with Brechin who, at that time, were supporting Bp. James of Sittwe Diocese, one of our long standing friends. My son and I saw him several times in March this year.

Elizabeth kindly invited Members into her home, and 13 of them drove from far and wide to come and listen to the latest news. A friend had hitched my Power Point to the television, so we had good, big, pictures, and working video clips. It made all the difference!

They were a lively and interested group, asking many questions, not all of which I was able to answer, but were generous in their appreciation and large donation collected on the day. Tea, cake and chat followed, when I learnt that one lady had visited Myanmar before, and was happy for the reminders.

It is good to know that MU Branches in other parts of the UK are still active and positive, interested and responsive.

150 Years of Mothers' Union – Lighting the way for future generations. Amen to that.

Angela Bushell

Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

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