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

4 Nov 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Christchurch Deanery.
Note that prayers in November will be in the Undercroft

2 Dec 11.00 Christmas Advent service at St John's Chapel in the Broadway hosted by Winchester City Centre branch

Looking Ahead

25 Nov 12noon to 2pm Prayer Vigil for 16 days of Activism Against Gender-based violence – Winchester Cahedral

9 Dec Use of Charity Chalet at Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market

The Christmas Advent Service at St. John the Baptist Chapel, the Broadway, Winchester will take place at 11am on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026. All are welcome. Light lunch at a cost of £5 per head will be served afterwards in the Chapel. If you would like lunch, please inform Katherine on office@muwinchester.org.uk or 07463 121340 by Friday 27th November.

Janice, Winchester City Centre MU

Remembering!

November is the month for remembering – in many of our churches the 1st November, this year, is both All Saints Day and All Souls, the latter being the time which we remember those close family and friends who have died.
Remember, Remember the fifth of November was the rhyme we used when we made a 'guy' from old clothes and then asked for a penny (or two!) as adults passed by our display.
Then on the 11th we have, nationwide, Remembrance, when we call to mind those who have died in the service of our country. For many a time which is very personal but nationally a time to reflect on wars which change the world across many places and people.

I recently came across this thought from Maya Angelou, an American writer and Civil Rights 'supporter' "I've learned that people forget what you said, people forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel"

I think this reflects a great deal, not only for us individually, but also how as MU members we hope to be seen and remembered by those we meet, work with and pray for.
Every Blessing.

Terry

Information Day in Winchester



We were delighted to welcome Revd Kerry Murphy to our Information Day at St Lawrence's Parish Rooms on 21st October, and she gave an inspiring talk about her road to ordination.
Kerry had a difficult childhood and suffered at the hands of abusive parents.
She had a child aged 19 and found her new responsibility difficult. Her health visitor suggested that she go on an AFIA holiday to the Isle of Wight. While on the holiday she encountered God, and spent a lot of time with Terry (who was chaplain that year) about God and faith. When she got home she joined a church and continued growing in faith.
She has faced other difficulties since then, including spending 2 years in hospital because of a severe neurological condition, and is now a

wheelchair user. Throughout this, she has felt the presence of God, and gained a first class degree in theology as part of her studies for ordination.
She was ordained in June 2026 and is now curate at St Paul's church in Winchester. During a recent prayer meeting, she realised that she was praying with that health visitor who recommended her for an AFIA holiday all those years ago!



During our Information Day, we also talked about our projects within the diocese and about the importance of doing risk assessments for all our activities so that we can keep everyone safe. I was delighted to be able to present Stella Roberts with a certificate marking her 50 years of membership of Mothers' Union. Well done Stella!
Sue Murphy

Autumn Archway

Well done to our Diocesan Administrator, Katherine, who has put together our Autumn edition of Archway. I'm sure you will agree that it is a wonderful celebration of the many events and activities that took place over the summer as we marked 150 years of Mothers' Union. We hope you enjoy reading all about the fantastic celebrations and the many ways our members continue to make a difference in our communities.
Members will shortly receive their copies of Archway together with information about their membership for 2027. If you would like more copies of Archway please let me know.
Sue Murphy

Charity Chalet at Christmas Market

We will round off our 150th Anniversary year with a display at Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market on Wednesday 9th December. We really need some helpers for this event to hand out leaflets and speak to visitors to the Christmas Market. If you can help, please contact Katherine on office@muwinchester.org.uk and we will put a rota of supporters together.
Sue Murphy



Prayer Vigil on 25th November

As usual we are holding a prayer vigil outside Winchester Cathedral to mark the beginning of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. Do come along and support this vital campaign even if you can stay for only half an hour.
Sue Murphy

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