

DIARY DATES

Cathedral Prayers Winchester

- 3 July 10.30am Cathedral Prayers – led by Odiham Deanery
 - 7 Aug 10.30am Cathedral Prayers – led by Lyndhurst Deanery
 - Join us after Prayers to lay flowers on Mary Sumner's grave.**
 - 4 Sept 10.30am Cathedral Prayers – led by Trustees
 - 2 Oct 10.30am Cathedral Prayers – led by Hedge End branch
- Followed by Speaker's Forum - TBC
- Please come and share this very special time at Cathedral Prayers with MU members.**

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.

Other Events

- 11 July Information Day; St. Lawrence's Church Hall Colebrook Street, Winchester SO23 9LH 10am – 2pm
- 9 Aug Mary Sumner Day Service – 2pm at St. Mary's Church Old Alresford, followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall

In June our Cathedral Prayers were led by members from the Christchurch Deanery and the topic was PEACE. We had readings from Isaiah led by Mary Thomas and from the Gospel of John, led by Sue Brinkman. The reflection on Peace was given by Christine Clode and she shared a poem of Peace written by Terry Waite. Jenny Martin led us through our Intercessions and Wave of Prayer. Our Trustee (and now priested) Jo Criscenti blessed us as we shared the Peace together.



Peace is the fragile meeting of two souls in harmony
 Peace is an embrace that protects and heals
 Peace is a reconciling of opposites
 Peace is rooted in love, it lies in the heart,
 waiting to be nourished, blossom and flourish
 Until it embraces the world

**May we know the harmony of peace
 May we sing the harmony of peace
 Until in the last of days we rest in peace.**
 (Terry Waite)

Mothers' Union in Kinkiizi, Uganda

The Mothers' Union in the Christchurch Deanery have established a link with our sisters in the Deanery Link of Kinkiizi. Gill Tybjerg has recently visited taking with her copies of Archway and recent copies of E-news. They in turn have presented us with this gift of a "banner" in appreciation of our love and support for them.

Christine Clode



Visitor from New Zealand

Rev Gwendolyn Needham (pictured below at Mary Sumner's Grave) who is part of the Mother's Union in New Zealand, made a visit to the UK this week, first visiting Mary Sumner House and then Winchester on Saturday 29th June. She managed to get in touch with Terry and Stella who very kindly gave her a morning tour of Winchester Cathedral and a history of Mary Sumner's connection with us. Gwendolyn has been a Reverend for the past 40 years and was delighted

that Stella and Terry could meet her at such short notice.



Saturday 29th June saw the **Priesting of Rev Jo Criscenti** in a beautiful service at Winchester Cathedral. The trustees had the privilege of being part of Jo's special day. This was followed by a magnificent barbecue at the Paul Woodhouse Suite.



Canterbury Provincial Gathering 22nd June 2024

Some of us enjoyed a day in Oxford at the King's Centre learning more about the MU events that other Dioceses plan during the year.



A representative from each Diocese spoke and Sue Murphy gave details on all the things that we achieve within Winchester



For the last hour of the conference, we were treated to the comedic talents of Andy Kind. He had taken part in the Belfast Gathering and was so popular he was invited back; a great way to end the day.



ELECTIONS

A quick reminder that this year we will be electing people to act as Trustees or committee members to lead our diocese. If you wish to nominate someone but do not have a copy of the nomination form, then please let me know and I will send one to you.
Sue Murphy

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