

**DIARY DATES**

**Cathedral Prayers Winchester**



- 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.**

- 6 Nov 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Bournemouth Deanery

**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**

- 6-12 Oct - Prisons Week (TBC)
- 18 Oct Anti-Slavery Day
- 11-13 Nov – Provincial Conference
- 14 Nov Information Day, 10am-2pm, St. John's Church, Hedge End, SO20 4AF
- 25 Nov Prayer Vigil at Winchester Cathedral (TBC)

**In August our Cathedral Prayers** were led by members from the Lyndhurst Deanery and the topic was Marys' Legacy (the Virgin Mary and Mary Sumner) and a very interesting reflection was given by Gill Coombs (Brockenhurst). We had a reading from Luke C1 V26-33 given by Lesley Munt (Brockenhurst) and Luke 2 v41-52 was given by Sue Lynes (Brockenhurst). Maureen Philips led us in our singing of two songs and Gillian Peard led our Intercessions, prepared by Hythe and Milford on Sea.



There were about 25 of us there and we followed the Prayers by laying flowers on Mary Sumner's Grave, with a short service. As usual we finished the morning with coffee in the Refectory.



**News From St John's Hedge End Branch**

In July, St John's Church, Hedge End, celebrated its 150th anniversary. There were several events leading up to this with the celebration culminating in a four-day Flower & Art Festival. The floral displays depicted key events of the past 150 years both nationally and within the church itself. One of our members, Kathy Moore, decorated one of the church sanctuary windows with a floral display depicting the Mothers' Union. The first Mothers' Union meeting held at St John's was in 1888. These meetings were held on a Tuesday afternoon and in September 2003 an evening branch was formed enabling working women to attend. The afternoon branch is no longer in existence but the evening one is still going and will hopefully continue for several more years!



**ALSO** On Thursday 8th August, we held our Summer of Hope Appeal tea. We had sixty people attend and we enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship, along with some delicious cakes, a quiz on flowers to fit the summer theme and a raffle. The event raised a total of £391.00 for the Summer of Hope Appeal.

*Sally Lloyds*



**Photographs of the congregation, the service sheet, and Mary Sumner's Bible, It was a memorable afternoon, followed by tea in the village hall.**

### **Sad News - Gwen Mackrell**

I have received the sad news that my friend and Mothers' Union member for over 50 years died on August 22nd - the date her husband died 25 years ago. Gwen lived at Eling but moved to Alton and will be remembered for attending the Mary Sumner Day at Old Alresford Place when Mildred Bromelow was Diocesan president. Gwen's health deteriorated and she moved to Chesterfield to be near her family where she died in a nursing home.

The funeral will be at Alton, anyone interested in attending please contact me for details

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### **News from Ringwood Branch**

Members held an Afternoon Tea Party in August in aid of the MU Summer of Hope Appeal which raised £280. *Stella*

### **Mary Sumner Day 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



### **Next Triennium**

A reminder that nomination forms for the Trustee board/ Diocesan Committee for the 2025 onwards need to be with Viv Frecknall by Mon 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you need a form or have any queries, please let me know.

*Sue Murphy*

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