

## 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 Dec **11.00am** Cathedral Prayers at St. John's Chapel, Broadway, Winchester SO22 9LN (where we were last December)
- 15 Jan 10.30 Cathedral prayers – led by Trustees  
**Please note change of date.**
- 5 Feb 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Winchester Deanery  
**Please come and share this very special time at Cathedral Prayers with MU members.**

### Other Event

- 7-14 Feb National Marriage Week
- 16 Mar Commissioning service for President and Diocesan Committee

### In November our Cathedral Prayers

were led by Bournemouth Deanery and Angela Jenkins welcomed us all (middle of photo). We enjoyed a talk from John Newbold and Judy led our intercessions; we finished with the hymn 'Brother, Sister, Let me serve you'. After the service we enjoyed sharing time together in the Refectory.



### A Cautionary Tale

I recently travelled to the Information Day at Hedge End, we were a party of 5 from the Christchurch Deanery. We enjoyed a very good, informative and happy meeting and set off for home in good time. Sadly, I realised that I had sustained a puncture whilst driving on the M27 and pulled onto the hard shoulder. As I was close to a Junction, I limped off the



motorway, hopefully putting myself in a safer position. Comforted in the knowledge that I had Recovery Insurance I phoned the company and failed at the very first question – did I have a spare wheel. I'm ashamed to say that in 10 years of driving the vehicle I had never ventured further into the boot to see what equipment we had. It's a long story but I would just like all those of you who travel alone to check out the following:

- Do you have Recovery Insurance and know how to use it, its Ts & Cs.
- Do you have a spare tyre or a can of foam filler (this should be renewed every 2 years)
- With the latter, would you know how to use it, along with the compressor which has to be attached.

Scary isn't it? All was well, after being escorted off the road by the police (who said they were just passing) we were transported to a local tyre company and soon on our way home, arriving back at about 5.30 pm. The hardest part was getting us in and out of the cab on the recovery vehicle! I thank God that I had such wonderful company who supported me and kept all our spirits up, not forgetting the young man who offered help initially. Keep Safe.

*Christine Clode*

### Prayer vigil at Winchester Cathedral west door



On November 25th about a dozen members came to pray for an end to gender-based violence. This two-hour prayer vigil marks the beginning of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. During the vigil, some members mingled with the crowd to raise awareness of this crime that is all-too prevalent in the UK as well as around the world. They gave out leaflets and small cards with helpline numbers on so victims can easily contact the appropriate organisation. About 100 leaflets were distributed and nearly 30 helpline cards. We thank God for good weather (apart from one shower) and please pray that those who took leaflets, or went in to pray in the Epiphany chapel, will remember victims and survivors of gender-based abuse and be alert to any warning signs from amongst their acquaintances.

## Christmas comes early in Brockenhurst

A small team of members from Brockenhurst Branch, headed up by Gill Coombs, has organised a week long Christmas Tree Festival in St. Saviour's Church - the very first one for the village. After months of meticulous planning, the church is this week adorned by over 40 beautiful trees. There was a celebration tree lit service last Saturday to open the festival and members are hosting and offering refreshments throughout the week.

Businesses and village groups were invited to enter a tree to depict their role and they came up with such imaginative trees, ranging from **one adorned with miniature cooking utensils and food items representing the weekly lunches for the elderly; playing cards representing the Bridge Club; cricket pads for the Cricket Club; rubbish for single use plastic and so many more.** Brockenhurst Branch entered two trees - a 'Thank You' prayer tree with bauble shaped cards for people to write their messages on.



Angel Tree, decorated with over 60 knitted angels, depicting the Angel Tree Project.

People were invited to vote for their favourite tree with cash and the one collecting most money will receive a 'Peoples' Favourite' certificate. All monies collected will be shared between four local charities - the MU Angel Tree and Literacy Projects being one of them. The festival has already been a big success and brought the whole community together. Huge congratulations must go to Gill and her team. *PS It's not too late for you to visit - the Festival is open on Friday and Saturday this week, the 29th and 30th November, from 10.30am to 4.00pm on both days. We'd love to see you there!*

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