

## 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**

- 5 Feb 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Winchester Deanery  
**Please come and share this very special time at Cathedral Prayers with MU members.**
- 12 Mar 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Overton Members: **please note change of date**
- 2 April 10.30 Cathedral Prayers – led by Odiham Deanery

### Other Events

- 7-14 Feb National Marriage Week
- 9 Mar Commissioning service for President and Diocesan Committee  
**please note change of date**
- 20 Mar Diocesan Synod Meeting
- 25 Mar Lady Day
- 30 Mar Mothering Sunday
- 28 Apr Diocesan Council and Information Day  
 10am-2pm - St. Gabriels Church, Popley, RG24 9DU

### In January our Cathedral Prayers

were led by Jane Horne and the Trustees/Committee of Winchester Diocese. Sue Tickell gave the reading from Matthew 9 v35-38 and Revd Terry Roberts spoke to us on that passage. I think we all felt that 'the workers are few' in our own churches as well as the MU and we were asked to consider whether we talked about the MU or the Lord in as many situations as we could? Prayers were led by Linda Hoskins and we enjoyed a great time of fellowship after the service in the Refectory, over coffee and cake! No photo this time as I forgot! (Linda)

### News from Bursledon

Here are the promised photos of Members at Bursledon who were busy making recycled Christmas and birthday cards. These are for residents in the two local homes which they have adopted through their involvement with Embracing Age.

*Linette Price*



## Commissioning Service

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, your Diocesan officers will be commissioned during Evensong in Winchester Cathedral (which starts at 3:30pm). I do hope many of you will be able to come along to support your new leadership team, and also enjoy the service and the wonderful music in the Cathedral. I am very much looking forward to it!

**Please note the change in the date for this service.**

*Sue Murphy (President)*

## Challenge / Excitement !

We often hear the phrase 'Mothers' Union is an organisation founded on Prayer' which is seen to include Midday Prayers, not only at meetings but every day from Mary Sumner House on Facebook. But I suspect that many of you have a routine which includes time for individual prayer. Perhaps you use the C of E app for Daily Prayer or the MU Prayer Diary or perhaps a prayer diary from another source. One of the things that I have come to understand is that whilst each of these use the scriptures on a regular basis, they often leave the feeling of 'oh what happens next' as they cannot include whole passages of the Bible.

So have you tried reading the whole bible? I don't mean all at once - but following a pattern of Old Testament and New Testament verses or chapters day by day. A number of the Prayer Diaries include this as part of their Daily Readings, not only is it an interesting way of reading but it is also a surprising reminder of things we have read before and forgotten – and it's quite difficult to pace oneself you will find yourself reading on! Why not Read the Bible in a year?

*Rev Terry Roberts (Chaplain)*

**Holy Lord, we pray for members of the Mothers' Union around the world. We give thanks for our membership and how, for many, our faith has grown through the work and service in Mothers' Union.**

**For many it is a way of life.**

**We thank you for this gift of membership.**

**We praise your Holy Name.**

**Amen**



## Mothers' Union Prayer Diary 2025

### Friday: Unity in Diversity

**Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.**

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.'

*1 Corinthians 12:12-14*

Lord God, we pray: as members of the body of Christ but each with a different part to play, help us to find our place in the building of your Kingdom. Help us to be united in our differences to bring glory to you.

**Amen.**

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February

#### Membership in Christ is such a Beautiful Word

*We don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

*2 Corinthians 4:18*

Our membership in Christ and in the Mothers' Union is something to be cherished, something to be cultivated, something to be nurtured, something to be protected, something to be appreciated.

We give generously, unselfishly and sacrificially.

We receive graciously and appreciatively.

Life is much more meaningful because of our faith and our love for one another.

Let us thank God for it and rejoice in it!

*Beulah McClanahan, adapted*

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