

2023 Diary Dates

March	
Friday 3 rd	World Day of Prayer Service – 10am Salvation Army Congress Hall 277 Pirie St. Adelaide.
Friday 24 th	Lady Day Service St Peter's Cathedral 11am
May	
Thursday 24 th	Film morning Regal Cinema
June	
Wednesday 28 th	Council Meeting 'say Kitchen' - 10am
August	
Tuesday 9 th	Mary Sumner Day Venue to be advised
September	
Friday 29 th	Film Morning Capri Cinema
November	
Friday 24 th	Council Meeting 'say Kitchen' - 10am



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Articles for June "Link" are due by May 7th 2023 ready for publication by the end of the month.

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Please send in your photos, prayers, articles about events that have occurred or are about to occur, to be included in future editions of The Link.

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THE LINK



THE GOAL AND CHALLENGE

"To create a greater awareness of God's love for everyone, as well as the work of Anglican Mothers' Union Australia not only in our Church but also the broader community, through promotion and development."

MULOA

From Marion

Transformation – Now !

As you read this we will be in joyful Eastertide! Beloved Mary will be rejoicing – transformation now! But, she was very much in my thoughts on Good Friday. Imagine standing at the foot of the cross and watching your beloved son die such a horrible death. So many mothers today in our cruel world will share with her. Let us remember them in our prayers and pray for “Transformation – Now” for them and for their families.

“ O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.”

(Satish Kumar)

Blessings,
Marion



FILM MORNING



The Regal Cinema, Kensington Road
on

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Morning tea - 9.45am

Film - 10.30am

Trading table and raffle Tickets \$15

Starring, Dame Judy Dench, Jennifer Saunders and Derek Jacobi

‘Visitation,’ Southard, Mary CSJ 2005: a metaphor for Spiritual Direction

Two women form a chalice of expectancy,
its stem and base the Holy Spirit,
angels hovering. Voluminous clothes
guard pregnancies from gossip,
speculation, both conceived
in circumstances unlikely – barrenness,
virginity - overcome in God’s plan.
One woman old, one truly young,
both perhaps ignorant of their bodies’ new signs,
eager to greet, discover. The leaping foetus
confirms holiness, the Christ really present.
White light illumines gold for this dear moment.
Crimson surrounds them for all that is regal.
Heavenly beings declare them
an infant king and his herald. © Dawn Colsey



I envisage our encounter on holy ground, two people meeting full of expectation, with God closely present, as we make ourselves vulnerable to each other in the prayer of sharing, listening, hearing, discerning, realising.

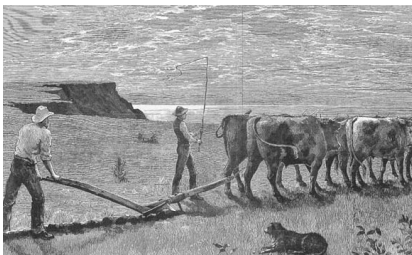
Reflection for Mothers' Union State Council cont'd.

Let's look briefly at what the readings say of today's commemoration. Hearing Isaiah, how would the convicts have felt about the Lord saying: "I love justice, and hate robbery and wrongdoing." But then the passage is about God's blessing of the land and peoples. The psalmist gives thanks for all God's bounty to him: I will lift up a sacrifice of thanksgiving – they, and we, have much to be thankful for. The verses from Philippians are familiar to me as the Walford school reading. I wonder whether the girls really took in the words: rejoice in the Lord, be gentle; the Lord is near, do not worry; pray, ask, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds. Surely nothing could be more reassuring. If we are to be transformed, instead of being downtrodden by all the bad news we hear, and which we must pray about, we are to think about what is pure, honourable, just, commendable, pleasing, excellent, worthy of praise. Let us try to find examples of such things, given by God, in our everyday lives.

Finally, a few words about the Gospel. Jesus has just walked on water. Then he fed 5,000 people, and he declares that the disciples are following him because of those miracles. No, says Jesus, don't follow me because you are feeling well fed. Follow because you believe in me. I am the bread of life. I am basic to life. I hope that was comforting to the new settlers, because they faced starvation. The first crops failed since there were no farmers who understood the land and its climate. Governor Phillip insisted that food be shared between convicts and free settlers, and he gave land to trustworthy convicts. That was a transformation, that attitude of fairness which we still value. We pray that God will guide us in how we are to be transformed this year, in our prayers and in our activities as we look at the way Mothers' Union has helped spread the gospel widely throughout the world. Amen



Dawn Colsey, Chaplain



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Reflection for Mothers' Union Executive,
Monday 30th January 2023 - from Dawn Colsey



I took this photo at Sellicks Beach three weeks ago to show the beautiful colours in a calm summer sea. How fortunate we are to live in such a state as South Australia, in relative safety, and, at least in Adelaide, in a comparatively easy climate.

By contrast, let us look at a Gospel story about the sea, and tumult, from Mark 4, 35-41. **Jesus stills a storm:** On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side," and leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them, in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

If you have travelled in the Holy Land, you will know that the Sea of Galilee can be really stormy. To add to the danger, they were sailing into hostile territory, where Jesus would heal a man who was seriously mentally ill. Though some of the disciples were fishermen, the sudden storm terrified them. How little they understood of Jesus and who he was. After seeing his God-given power over the sea, they still did not conclude, "Indeed, this is the Son of God." In awe, they asked one another, "Who then is this?" ... a miracle worker? Did the sea grow calm by chance? No, to answer Jesus' question, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" we can say, **we** are people of faith.

We can go into this new year with confidence. If we feel we are few in number, look at the map of MU worldwide membership. We are among a huge number: 4 million! The highest numbers are in the poorest countries. Mothers' Union does matter. When we feel troubled, or uncertain, or need to make decisions about our future, we can pray:

Calm me, Lord, as you still the storm. Still me, Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease. Enfold me, Lord, in your peace. Amen. From *Celtic Daily Prayer*.

Reflection for Mothers' Union State Council
Friday 3rd February 2023 at St Barnabas College Chapel

In the name of God, Creating, Redeeming, Sanctifying. Amen.
Welcome to this lovely, intimate space. The College holds many happy memories for me.

It seems a happy coincidence that our Anglican Church Calendar for today gives us the commemoration of the first Anglican Service conducted at Sydney Cove in 1788. We are at the beginning of a new calendar year – though we might ask, "Where did January go?" – and we seek God's guidance for the year ahead, both for Mothers' Union and for ourselves. We call to mind this year's theme: Transformation Now. How are we to be transformed? Does that mean changed? We don't like change, on the whole, as we grow older.

The First Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove on 26th January of the same year, 1788, under Captain Arthur Phillip. Within 2 weeks, the Rev'd Richard Johnson was holding the first Anglican service. Let us imagine ourselves there. We are rubbing shoulders with officers and sailors from the fleet of 11 ships, and their mainly convict passengers. We have no idea of the crimes they have been charged with – perhaps as pitiable as stealing bread to feed a poor family. But for all who were allowed to attend the service, we can imagine feelings of relief at the familiarity of hearing the words of the liturgy and of scripture. I trust they felt reassured that God was with them, since they have been at sea for six months, enduring births, and deaths, disease and constant discomfort and danger. I hope they found comfort in hearing, "The Lord be with you." And "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." I'm sure there would have been a sense of thankfulness for a safe arrival, perhaps even of excitement at the new life which lay ahead of them. They were certainly to be transformed by new conditions, climate, way of life to be made, landscape, new creatures, new indigenous neighbours, the Eora people, whose lives were also transformed by their arrival. As our Collect says, your messengers have carried the good news of Christ to the ends of the earth. They must certainly have felt that they were at the end of the earth, with everything new before them. We don't know what the Rev'd Richard Johnson preached to them. I hope his message was encouraging and reassuring, that God was with them, and a life of newness lay ahead, though with many difficulties, and for some, great hardship and cruelty.



Rev. Richard Johnson