

**Diocese of The Murray, South Australia.**

**THE MURRAY  
CON-TRIBUTARY  
NEWSLETTER**



## Transformation - Now!

May 2023

Greetings to you all, I have been visiting several areas of South Australia recently as Richard was speaking at services so I took the advantage and tried to promote Mothers Union and catch up with people too which was great.

When we visited Renmark and Loxton I took a few bags of your donated goods which will find their way to AC Care in Berri and I have also donated another batch to Murray Bridge. I have also been to a branch meeting and luncheon at Murray Bridge. Raelene was presented with a badge and certificate of 50 years membership.

Our Lady service and luncheon at Strathalbyn was a very enjoyable day with Fr Daniel taking our service and Liz Hampel told us about her Corneal transplants and included other AMUA member into her story so it was a real education to most of us. Sadly the numbers attending were down.

I have been thinking about our Diocese recently, especially after my recent visits. Hearing lots of comments, positive and not, I have decided to ask you all to join me in prayer, personal or at branch gatherings. I suggested to our exec meeting some thoughts and they recommended that I include them in this Con-Tributary.

Pray for ..... a smooth and worthwhile Synod, 'Future Visions' ideas to be implemented, those who represent us on various committees, shared love by helping others take these responsibilities, our Peacemaking courses, harmony and peace between us, to be open to opportunities and possibilities given by God, thanks for the interesting and varied outreach opportunities taken up by so many, to know God's identity for us, Bishop Keith and his role amongst us, thankfulness for our wonderful region and the people of The Murray, may the Holy Spirit guide us into a wonderful future.

love and blessings from Jocelyn

Overseas and Northern Outreach: The fighting in Sudan continues as I write this and we pray for those living in fear or trying to flee their homes, and for those working on relief efforts. Caroline would like to remind you all to include prayers especially for our Mothers Union members and all the people in our Linked Diocese of Lui in Southern Sudan. With the

conflict in Sudan so close to them they must be very worried and concerned for their own safety.

Publications: Liz has found a beautiful book called 'My Baptism Book' by Diane Murrie in the Koorong book shop, which you may be interested in for your parish or family. The cost is \$10.99. Liz and Eileen will look into getting bulk copies but that is not organised as yet.

### Diary Dates:.. Note some changes of routine for 2023

#### August 10th .. Mary Sumner Day

Mary Sumner Day will be celebrated at Mt Barker. This year it will be held on Thursday 10th August to allow our new Australian President, Robin Ray, to attend. If you would like to meet her and to hear her speak and cannot make the 10th she will be at Riverton on 8th and Adelaide on 9th August. Please try to be present as I am sure her past experiences with AMUA and her enthusiasm for the future will be worth hearing. We will be collecting some questions to ask Robin from our branches so please let your president know what your queries are so that we can form a discussion time. This will be a good meeting to bring along non AMUA members to hear more on what we are all about.

This will be an 11am service, conducted by Bishop Keith, and followed by a shared lunch. We have not had shared food for quite a while due to some special diets but mainly due to the non-sharing Covid rules so I hope the decision is welcome and delicious. We will also have the banners from around the diocese on display and information from each branch on what they do that may be a little different or interesting.

#### October 9th: .. AGM

This year we have decided to hold our short AGM and Council meeting on Monday October 9th after a Thanksgiving service and BYO lunch. This will be held at St Aidans, Homestead Drive, Aberfoyle Park commencing with refreshments at 10.30am and service at 11am.

#### October 20th: ... State Meeting at St Barnabas building North Adelaide.10.30am

There will be no November Diocesan service and celebration this year.