

Dates for your Diary 2024

May	12	High Tea All Saints Dianella meet WWP 2.30-5.30pm
May	13	Visit of Worldwide President & CEO at Wollaston Theological College 9.30am ticketed event
July	25	Council Mtg Lesmurdie
August	9	Mary Sumner Day

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For all MU Supplies; stationary, cards, t towels and other supplies.
Please contact Karen Severin Publications Convener
details in Report Book

Karen is also happy to attend Branches and Diocesan events whenever possible.

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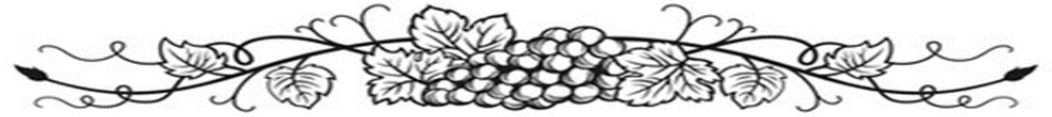
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FORGIVENESS

***Try to forgive and forget
It's all we can do
To right the wrong
It's up to you
I'm grieving myself
But your fight is as solemn
As your cry for reform***

***What happened is barbaric
Your situation, poor
But God in his mercy
Will open a door
You have my condolences
My complete understanding
That all will be shouldered
That all will be shouldered
And balance restored***

Erica Gliddon



Grapevine

May 2024

**Theme for 2024
'Look up - moving forward'**

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News from the President

When I think of Mary Sumner and her work, I think of the present Mary Sumner House. We were so pleased to welcome in May to Perth our Worldwide President and Zone C Coordinator Jeanette Lawrence. I know like you, we were pleased to hear news of the projects that are taking place around the world. We all contribute to these projects through our Northern Outreach and Overseas funding. Our Worldwide President Sheran Harper is a lovely gracious and prayerful lady. She heads the Board of Trustees at Mary Sumner House and Jeanette Lawrence who works at Mary Sumner House hold's quite a few positions working and supporting Sheran and the many members around the world.



Our Welcome

An afternoon tea was held 12 May to give the Sudanese and Zimbabwe ladies opportunity to be able to meet and speak with both Sheran and Jeanette and hear of the work in their countries by them. On 13 May the special day at Wollaston Theological College more than 100 members gathered to hear Sheran speak, firstly about where she comes from Guyana and later the countries she has visited to hear about their projects and stories. Jeanette wears many hats looking at grants, story writing, the

Worldwide Parenting Program and Flourishing Families. Their enthusiasm and encouragement was very welcoming. In the course of the day it was interesting to hear the MU work carried out across Western Australia by the various branches.

In March we welcomed a visit from our Australian President Dr. Robin Ray who joined us for our two Lady Days. After the service Robin conducted a work shop which members participated in. We again welcomed Robin back to Perth for the visit of our Worldwide President.

Our Branches

Since March I have been busy visiting branches, Warnbro, Swanbourne Melville, Lesmurdie, Dalkeith and East Vic Park. I enjoyed all the visits, which included Bible Studies, Celebrations of years of service, promotion of MU and looking at MU's service in the community with quilts and rugs. Thank you to all these members for their service.

Australian Council Meeting

I have just returned from MU Australian Council Meeting. This was held over four days in Sydney. There we joined with Sheran who opened the meeting. Both she and Jeanette spoke again about their work. It was interesting to hear of the MU work throughout the various Dioceses from the Diocesan Presidents. It was noted there that the world was changing and MU must change to meet its needs in looking wider in response to our communities.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds"
Hebrews 10:24

My love and Prayers to you all

Jan

A HIGH TEA

It was a special afternoon when 30 ladies from the Sudanese MU and Zimbabwe Branches met our Worldwide President Sheran Harper and Mary Sumner House Representative Jeanette Lawrence. Their visit to Perth herald news of the projects MU has in helping women in the African countries. Sheran was able to inform them of the many businesses that women had been able to start through the funds that are given to Mary Sumner House. Women have been able to move out of poverty. She later spoke personally to the women present and they were also able to convey how they came to Perth and how they continue to help the women in their countries as well as the families in Perth.



It was lovely to see these ladies dressed in their MU uniform and Sheran came dressed in what she will wear to the three day meeting with Asia Pacific representatives in Queensland. Many of these ladies work and were unable to attend on the official day 13th May. By having this day it gave them the opportunity to meet our Worldwide President and learn of the work of MU in their countries.



Carine/ Duncraig Branch invites you to our Art Show on Thursday 26th September at 11 am
It will be a Soup and Salad lunch with paintings from our members also on sale.

\$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and children
There will also be a door prize

All proceeds to Overseas & Northern Outreach Fund

RSVP - Michelle Szymanski contact details in Report Book

"Prayer is learning the art of awakening to God's presence - to awaken repentance and intercession. Awake my soul".

AROUND THE DIOCESES

40th Anniversaries celebrated at MU Melville Branch 19th March, 2024

On 12th March, 1984, Hazel Dagg and Betty Rushforth were inducted as members of Mothers Union, Melville Branch at Holy Cross Church. Almost to the day 40 years later, we celebrated their anniversaries with a deliciously plentiful afternoon tea for 30 guests from five MU branches. It was very much appreciated that Jan Rose, MU WA President, presented their certificates. The celebration commenced with the MU prayer and another prayer acknowledged their long membership



Both Hazel and Betty are still active members, and have full lives promoting and working in various roles for MU over the years. Betty was Southern Area President, and is still the Melville Branch President.

Wave of Prayer Service at Carine/ Duncraig Branch

More than 20 members gathered at St Nicolas Church on Monday April 15th for their annual Wave of Prayer service, which was led by Michelle Szymanski. The church was decorated with artefacts from Africa, Australia and Sri Lanka. It was a very moving service as different members prayed for each country and an excellent power point presentation about the countries



was displayed on the screen and was compiled by Mary Clews.

Our guest speaker was Rev Frida Lemi, who gave us an insight into the wonderful work carried out by MU members in South Sudan.



A Joyful Morning

Dalkeith MU members showed their love for member Barbara Hugall when they came together on the 28th April to celebrate Barbara's 60 years of membership.

Perth Diocesan MU President Jan Rose was invited to the morning Eucharist to present Barbara with her Badge and Certificate. Barbara has been a Branch Secretary and a good faithful servant of Dalkeith MU.

Rev. Peter Smith paid homage to the work of MU, stating its importance in our communities.

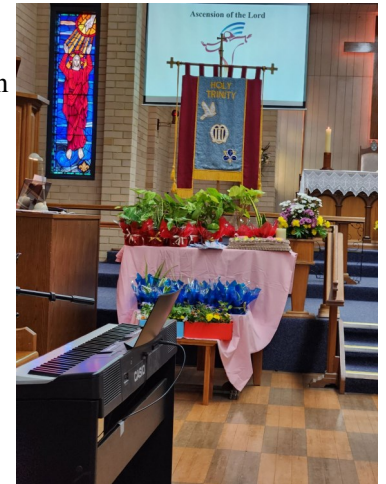
Barbara was supported by her Daughter and Grandson who had driven a distance to be with her. A celebration cake was cut by Barbara with the help of her Grandson. It was a joyful end to a beautiful day.



East Vic Park MU Celebrate 60 years

The Holy Trinity Church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion of this 60 year celebration which was combined with Mother's Day on the 12th May.

The MU Banner took pride of place among the posies, potted plants and cake. A hundred young and old congregation members sang throughout the service to Hymns remembering mothers. Charles Weymiss sang a special song about mothers. MU members gathered around the flowers as the MU prayer was said and the flowers blessed by Rev. Luke Durham. The younger members handed out flowers before the final hymn was sung. It was happy groups who moved to the hall for morning tea and the cutting of the Birthday Cake. God Bless the faithful service of the MU members of East Vic Park.



Prayers are asked for.....

all those caring for a loved one who is ill, and for those who are sick, or lonely that they feel your strength, peace and love..



We continue to pray for our Chaplain Father Des as he recovers from surgery.

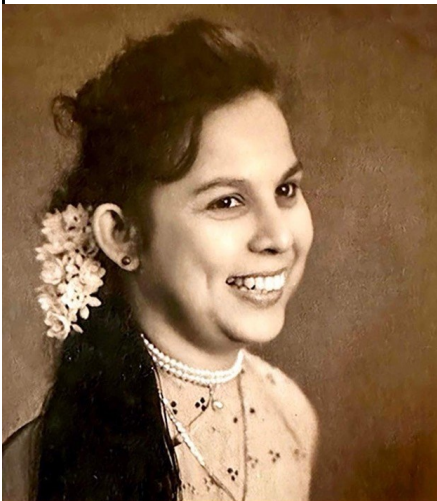
We also pray for Archbishop Kay as she undergoes treatment for injuries after a fall
Father grant them peace, comfort and healing.

We send our love and prayers to all those mourning the death of a loved one.

Father hold them in your loving embrace and comfort them

Vale

It was with much sadness over the past few months we said goodbye to Joyce Lindell, Wimela Gopal, Daphne Pyke, Lilian Garnett and Joan Hampton—all of whom were long time members of our MU Branch. They will be dearly missed.
Phyllis Jarvis Secretary Applecross Branch



Geraldine Adeline de Rosario 27/1/37 - 1/3/24 died in her sleep at Osborne Park Rehab Unit. She had had a severe stroke and was improving but could not walk. She was a very active member of MU at St Hilda's North Perth until it closed but still had joined in other parishes she held many positions on Diocesan Executive and will be remembered and missed by many.

A Rosary will be said on 30 May 2024 at 7pm sharp at Leanne O'Dea, 68 Stirling St Perth

Funeral service 31 May 2.30pm at St Hilda's Anglican Church 15 View St North Perth followed by a Celebration of Life and Wake in the Parish Hall.

Funeral will be livestreamed at www.leanneodea.com.au Geraldine de Rosario

Social Issues and Action

Dear MU Friends,

I am sure that you are all aware that 27 women in Australia so far this year have lost their lives as a result of Family & Domestic Violence. We have seen marches in every capital city in Australia, bringing this to our attention and the AFL have also highlighted this dreadful statistic at the commencement of each AFL game played over a recent weekend. There has been a summit in Canberra amongst our politicians and those that work to support those impacted by FDV.

The statistics tell us that one in six women and one in eighteen men experience violence from a past or present intimate partner or family member.

Children who are exposed to FDV are at an increased risk of experiencing a range of negative outcomes. Our first MU Object calls us to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding, while the fourth and fifth Object calls us to support the protection of children.

So you might ask what can we as members of MU do and how can we change our communities?

Prayer is at the forefront of all we do in MU. Perhaps you can include prayers for victims and their families in your regular prayers, both individually and at your meetings. Maybe you can speak to your parish council about the implementation of a Purple Bench in the grounds of your church to raise awareness. Or invite a speaker from your local Women's Refuge, to seek how your branch may be able offer support or individually take the opportunity to learn more through registering for the FDV Training Workshop at Wollaston Theological College on Saturday 31st August from 9:30am – 12:30pm. This training is specifically for lay people and those who have office bearer's positions in their parishes. There is no cost and information regarding registration is available in the Anglican Messenger for May.

Please Save the Date – Saturday 7th December at 10am when we will come together as MU members across the Diocese, during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence to raise awareness, pray and learn more from each other and our speakers.

The service will be held at St Nicolas Church, cnr of Beach Road & Poynter Drive, Duncraig.

May God guide us all as we live out the vision of Mary Sumner-

**All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the
word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. AMEN**

Love & blessings,
Helen