

Diocese of The Murray, South Australia.

**THE MURRAY
CON-TRIBUTARY
NEWSLETTER**



Transformation - Now!

June 2024

Dear Friends,

I seem to have lots of small articles of interest to write about today so this edition will be a bit like an old fashioned newsreel.

I have recently attended the AMUA Australian Council meeting in Sydney. No doubt you will read a lot about that in future editions of Mia Mia. I had previously met Pamela Abana from the Solomon Islands who is our Zone 3 trustee and also Jeanette Lawrence who is the Regional Development Co-ordinator based in Mary Sumner House. These two ladies had much inspiration and information to share and then on top of that Sheran Harper the World Wide President was present too. No wonder I came home enthused and excited. The whole world wide picture of Mothers Union is amazing.

I thank you for voting me as the President of The Murray and giving me this wonderful experience. I will now have trouble sharing so much with you all. I had one time of sharing after the last exec meeting which a few other members attended too and while Synod was on I had afternoon tea with some Diocesan members from Mt Gambier to share some of the news there too. I also heard of all the outreach and commitment by this group as well.

I read that Mothers Union in Zululand have a new diocesan events and pastoral care facility..... it holds 4000 people!!!!

I recently met with Perez from Maseno South in Kenya and Jackie from Peterborough in U.K. They were both visiting family in Australia and requested time to discuss all things Mothers Union. I learnt a lot from them and gave each of them some local literature and ideas. This opportunity brought the whole 'World Wide' context into a more personal reality.

Some exciting news. Our MU chaplain Daniel and Jasamine are now the proud parents of a daughter Erin. I met Erin last weekend and she sure is cute. Big brother Connor seems so grown up now that there is a new baby in the family.

On a sad note I have heard recently of the death of three of our committed Mothers Union members. Betty Leske, Nell Endersby and Valerie Stewart. We thank God that we had the opportunity to know and learn from these ladies.

AMUA have been advised that we will no longer have royal patronage, Buckingham Palace said that they have cut down drastically on the number of appointments since King Charles took over the throne.

I still have a knitting project in mind so if anyone would like to knit Mary, Joseph and the Donkey please let me know. They will be a great Parish outreach.

A Quote from Sheran Harper.... We have no hidden agendas, just a pure heart for making the love of Jesus Christ visible and known to the 4 corners of God's land.

Jocelyn

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OVESEAS TARGET FUND

The project working with Anglican Overseas Aid to develop church and community disaster resilience in Tonga and Fiji has now finished and our new project for this year is "Building Disaster Resilience for people with Disabilities in Solomon Islands".

NORTHER OUTREACH GRANTS

Australian Council is currently allocating funds for projects in the Northern Territory, Northern Queensland and North West Australia.

It is our financial giving that helps support these programs, and I encourage you to continue to give as generously as you are able to the mission work of Mothers Union

Caroline Earl ONO representative.

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There is a lovely new postcard style 'Thankyou' card available for 60cents. Contact Natalie if you wish to purchase some.

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DIARY DATES

.August 9th....Friday....Mary Sumner Day.... At Christ Church Strathalbyn

Morning cuppa from 10.30am Service at 11am. Father Daniel will conduct our service.

BYO lunch followed by a guest speaker from A C Care in Murray Bridge. Please bring along a donation to go to the work of A C Care in the form of household cleaning or personal cleaning items to be used with their work with the homeless.

This will be followed by a short AGM and Council meeting. It is not a voting year but of course if anyone wants to offer to take on a position now is the time to let me know.

September 23rd.... Monday.... exec meeting at Jocelyn's home at 10.30am

November 18th....Monday.... St Aidans, 14 Homestead drive, St Aberfoyle Park

Morning cuppa 10.30am followed by a service at 11am. This year we have decided to focus on The Wave of Prayer and our Linked Diocese. If any of you have travelled to Lui in South Sudan, Embu in Kenya, Orlu or Awori in Nigeria or Medak in India please let Caroline or myself know so that we can add personal interest to the presentation. More information to follow but mark it in your diary now.