

Dates for your Diary 2023

Sep	13th	Country Festival Wongan Hills
Oct	26th	AGM 10am St Marks Bassendean
Dec	2nd	Prayer Service 10am St Matthews Guildford 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

MU Supplies

For all MU Supplies; stationary, cards, t towels and other supplies.

Please contact Karen Severin Publications Convener

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

Please send your articles and pictures to Denise Elvish

Deadline for next issue 10th November

Through a Child's Eyes

Dear God.....

I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church is that OK? Neil

I think the staples is one of your greatest inventions....Ruth M

In bible times did they really talk that fancy?.....Jennifer

I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying....Elliott

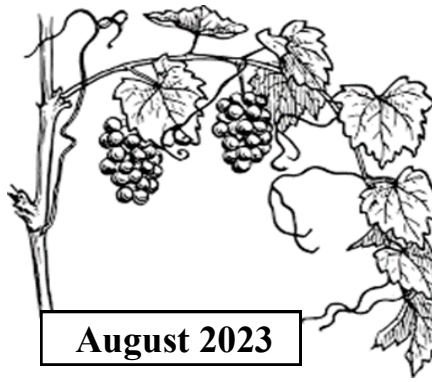
I bet it is hard to love all of every body in the whole world. There only 4 in my family and I can never do it..... Nan

Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter as there is nothing good in there now....Ginny

Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.....Joyce

If you let the dinasor not extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing.....Jonathan

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each as much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.....Larry



Grapevine

Theme for 2023

'Reflecting on the Past - going forward'

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News from the President

History is an important part of any organisation. What a glorious day of celebration at St. Lawrence's Church Dalkeith where 70 members came together for our Perth Diocese 125 years Anniversary and Mary Summer Day. The sun shone brightly on this special day. The Eucharist was led by Rev. Peter Smith, who spoke on the Gospel reading Matthew 15:21-28 he went on to remind us of the work by our founder Mary Summer. The music was uplifting by organist May Thomas. Members later adjourned for lunch which was shared by members who later remarked how well the variety of food. The Dalkeith MU ladies played a great role in setting up the hall for this grand function. It was a special time for life member and former Perth Diocese President MU Joan Shenton when she cut the anniversary cake. Our Guest Speaker Elizabeth Parker Vice-President Anglican Mothers' Union Australia came from Geraldton to be with us and spoke about "Issues Facing Families Today" An interesting talk which resulted in us all to accept the many challenges facing us in communities today. What can we do as a Church to help others? Prayer is so important, GOD will hear our call. As the day came to an end I know that many members departed reflecting on their work for MU and remembering former members who had gone before us.

The Mary Sumner Prayer

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.

Branch Visits

Thank you to all the members of the branches that I have visited this quarter, Mt. Pleasant, Dalkeith, Bassendean Applecross, Lesmurdie, Woodlands/Wembley, Quinn's/Butler and a return visit to Vic Park and Dalkeith. You're gracious welcome has made my visit to each of you special. The most recent visit to Quinn's/Butler I was able to admit two members into MU it was a lovely morning with families and friends. It has been particularly a privilege to recognise the service given by MU in their communities. One memorable occasion was to Mandurah, where I was able to listen to the work that Joyce Wilkinson had achieved over her 60 years as an MU member. I think we can all be immensely proud of our work as a MU member. May our prayers and work continue in our respective communities.

MU Guests

A visit by Bishop David and wife Mary from the Church of the Province of Myanmar Diocese of Mandalay was most enlighten. Bishop David spoke of the history of the church which was set up again in 1970 after civil unrest in 1964 when missionaries were sent packing. Wife Mary spoke of the work of the MU stating that civil war had caused village disruption and it was here that MU members were helping with clothing and food. Service project had been helpful in showing women how to create a business and the Parent Programs had also been important.

At our Council meeting in July our Guest Speaker Ann Taylor a former President of the Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospitals Inc showed the meeting a power point presentation of children helping children to understand the expectations of surgery in hospital. Ann is a member of Applecross MU and Mt Pleasant MU and gives her time willingly to helping children in hospital.

Australian Zoom Meeting

It is always good to meet with other Diocesan Presidents and hear about their news. All Dioceses are focused on the 5 Objectives and the understanding of our founder Mary Sumner.

MU Chaplain

The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO Archbishop of Perth has confirmed the appointment of Reverend Des Smit to be our new Chaplain. We are all looking forward to working with him.

My MU Branch of St. Andrew's Riverton held their second Bible Study at their recent meeting. The focus being Philippians 3:12-16. Are we being saved from the power of sin. A good deal of discussion took place. It was thought that we must keep looking back at our progress and continually ask ourselves are we moving forward with our Christian faith? This Hymn blended in very well with our study "*One more Step along the way I go*" it's chorus is *An it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you.*

How are you travelling?

May we continue to support each other in love and prayer?

Jan

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Do you want to know more about your MU Executive Committee?
Presently MU Executive is looking for two members to take on the roles
of:

Northern Outreach and Overseas

Southern Area President

For further information: email Lois McGrath pthmusec@pthmu.com.au

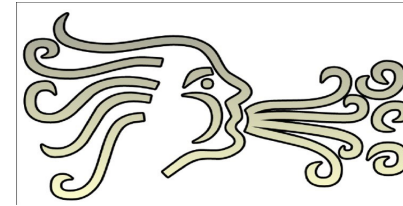
Prayers are asked for.....

all those caring for a loved one who is ill, and for those who are sick, or lonely that they be comforted. 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

May you be wrapped up in God's love. Found deep in his everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now. Amen.



Lord, lift me up for Your blessings today. I pray that you will anoint me with strength and self care today, tomorrow, and always. I pray that You will grace me with patience and wisdom. I pray that You will encourage me throughout the day to take the correct steps to walk proudly, and behave well. I pray all of these things in Your name. Amen.



Lord of Heaven, I rest underneath your mighty wings of love. I dwell within your gentle heart. I know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of Christ I can ask for restoration And trust in your goodness. You are my Lord, my Savior, My healer and my friend. I dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.

A Report on Social Issues and Action

The United Nations' 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence and Abuse is an annual international campaign. It takes place from 25 November until 10 December, annually. Started over 30 years ago, the 16 Days are used by individuals and organisations around the world to call for prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

Mothers' Union is against all forms of violence and abuse. **On Saturday 2nd December, our Diocesan Day of Action**, we will meet together at St Matthew's Church, Guildford at 10am and call specifically for an end to the violence and abuse suffered by 1 in 3 women across the world. By joining together on this day, we can raise awareness of the issues and reignite people's passion for change and for justice. We will use our collective voice to draw attention to those whose voices are often stolen or muted by their circumstances.

We are rightly proud of the work our members do across the world making individuals, families and communities safer and supported. We know that this issue is not one that can be quickly fixed, but let us not lose heart. GBV can affect any person at any time, and statistics demonstrates that women and girls are particularly at risk.

In the words of our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, “ **Every life changed, every woman freed, every person who grasps afresh the importance of speaking out on this issue- these are all reasons to celebrate and continue this important work. We long for a world where people do not live in fear of those who are supposed to love them. Let us continue to strive to make this reality possible- in whatever way we can.**”

For the LORD is a God of justice (Isaiah 30: 18b)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13)

Every blessing,
Helen



16 Days of Activism – some ideas for use in our Branches (25th Nov-10th Dec)

- 1) Global Day – gathering of members in a park with a service of prayers, carrying posters #No more 1 in 3 and a time of silence. (St John's Cathedral, Brisbane) Refer to Mia Mia, Autumn 2023
- 2) Fundraising Brunch, Lunch, or Dinner- with speakers, opportunities for discussion and questions
- 3) Specific prayers in the Grapevine, special intercessions at our MU meetings
- 4) Prayer Tree- during the 16 Days, a prayer tree is placed in the entrance of your church. Prayers to be written during the 16 Days and the prayers offered at the final service on 10th December
- 5) Hanging of a Banner specially made to promote awareness of 16 Days
- 6) Souls of our Shoes – display or walk. Alongside the shoes, real life stories told by survivors, women, men and children are displayed (based on the UK model)
- 7) Literature relating to GBV distributed to our congregations
- 8) One minute silence at 1:03 pm (linking to the 1 in 3 theme)
- 9) Opportunities to raise awareness, to be vigilant in prayer, to inspire and equip others and unite together as one voice to challenge attitudes, beliefs and behaviours- at a Diocesan MU service, to be held on Saturday 2nd December at 10am at St Matthew's, Guildford. Please put this date in your diaries.
- 10) Installation of a Purple Bench- refer to Anglican Messenger – May 2023
- 11) Wearing a badge #No more 1-in-3 or a purple scarf to church or other events



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Elizabeth Parker, AMUA Vice President, (wife of the new Bishop of the North-West) was our Guest Speaker. a very well educated lady, she was a most interesting speaker, well versed on ISSUES FACING FAMILIES TODAY being her subject. Something we are vitally interested to hear about. I found it comforting that if members had a different opinion to share, they were able to express them about the subject. Some expressed very deeply held feelings, which was really good. A younger member spoke up encouraging us to pray for our grandchildren, because that's why she is a member today.

All concerned with arrangements for the day deserve our grateful thanks, not forgetting the gentleman from the parish who was buzzing around making sure the sound was good for us all. Then to top off the proceedings Jan announced that Archbishop Kaye has appointed our new chaplain, so we look forward to our association with him.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY of a most wonderful Celebration Day 2023!

Love to all,
Rosemary
Prayer & Spirituality Convener~



Abba father, I submit this month to you. And I give you all that I am O' Lord.
I surrender my fears, desires, questions, and pain.
Today, I choose to trust you. You are an intentional God.
You don't do things by accident. And you're not playing games with the lives of your precious creation. You are actively working to restore and reunite with every soul. You are that good. You are that loving.

You care for me and I don't have to carry the weight of the world alone.
I rejoice in you Lord because I find rest for my soul as I sit in your presence.
Your love is sweeter than honey and I crave it daily. I am blessed because I get to live my days with you on this earth. And you constantly restore my weary soul because your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
You are so good God and I trust you to handle every and anything.
Thank you for being you. Thank you for being God.
Amen.

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MARY SUMNER DAY 2023
125th ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHERS' UNION CELEBRATION

What a magnificent day we had at St. Lawrence's, Dalkeith as we Praised God in Perth!!!

Dear fellow members! What a magnificent day that was! it will live in my heart forever! as many may know, I had a significant Birthday quite soon after and for me that was the start of my birthday celebrations! I was completely blown away by the magnificent day we enjoyed together! I could write reams about my thoughts covering that day, but will restrict my comments to the highlights for me.

As I sat in that beautiful Church and absorbed the atmosphere of it (I was early, so there were not many around) I was overcome by the sunshine streaming through those beautiful stained-glass windows, beautifully coloured patchwork of clear glass, allowing God's sunlight to stream through and give us light! The more traditional windows were above - so still there - and able to be seen! A real sense of God's love and care for us as people, overwhelmed me! The Order of Service was stunning, and it was easy to read the small print! Mary Sumner's face on the cover with her signature, with the shortened form of "Affectionately Yours" I had never seen before although the photo was a familiar one, was lovely. All the hymns were familiar and singable (pitch perfect for me) and great to have all the spoken words printed in full. I was also really touched by the administration of the Holy Wine, in individual glasses. I have never experienced that in an Anglican church before, and I loved it!!!

The real time information at the rear of the Order of Service was so interesting, and the note that as a young mother Mary was overwhelmed by the responsibility of her first new baby, I related to emphatically, And the real life photograph of that original church in Cullenswood was most interesting. When we went to Tasmania, a few years ago for a Conference, the little Church wasn't able to be visited, but others from here, have said they have been able to squeeze into it in earlier years!! The Banners from the early church were brought to the Conference to be seen by us all!

In the area we had lunch was another great for me! For the very first time since Covid, we were able to share food from the fabulous display members had brought for sharing!!! Savoury both hot, cold and gluten free, were labelled, desserts, fresh fruits, and cakes were set out in a different area of the room. Some were obviously from members own back gardens (with skin still on). Plenty for all!!
The magnificent Birthday Cake was symbolically cut by our esteemed life member Joan Shenton and shared by all who were able to eat it, with gluten-free especially decorated cup cakes, for those who could not, so everyone was catered for! Hot drinks were available from the willing workers in the kitchen, so self-collected. The room was absolutely buzzing, with tables of people from all branches chatting together, enjoying the day. The MU "Shop" was present at a small table, so anyone needing things were able to find what they needed.