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MU Prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who gave marriage to be a source of blessing, we thank you for family life, with all its joys and sorrows. May we know your presence and peace in our homes. Fill them with your love and use them to your glory. Bless all who are married and every parent and child. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit that we may truly love and serve you. Bless the members of the Mothers' Union throughout the world, unite us in prayer and worship, in love and service that, strengthened by your grace, we may seek to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Midday Prayers - form 1

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, our heavenly Father, we ask you to bless the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world, and especially for each diocese for which we pray today * _____

Bless our members in their lives and in their homes that they, being strengthened in love to you and to each other, may serve you faithfully, to your glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessed Saviour, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us; save us and help us we beseech you O Lord. Amen

Midday Prayers form 2

Jesus, Lord of life, by the power of your word and through the actions of love, call us to be your disciples.

Give us strength to be different, to stand up for justice and peace and be signs of your reconciling love for all.

God of grace, enable your servants to carry out your mission on earth through the work of Mothers' Union worldwide. Today we pray for the people and work of(see Wave of Prayer).

We pray for all members. May you be with them in every part of their lives, encouraging and leading them, sheltering and strengthening them so they may work to your praise and glory. Amen

Midday Prayers form 2 (cont)

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to work for the renewal of family life; inspire us to follow her example and respond to your call to new adventures, new possibilities and new visions for the work of Mothers' Union around the world. May we always see the world through the eyes of Christ, speak to those we meet with the words of Christ, and take with us on our journey the peace of Christ. Amen

MU Prayer (alternative version)

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen

A Prayer for Marriage and Family Life

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you ordained marriage and family life, modelled on the relationship of Christ and his Church. We grieve as we see marriage devalued in the life of our nation. Please draw our people back to yourself and your word.

Grant that young people will be prepared to live in purity and that they will commit themselves to one another through public promises.

Grant that they will show each other the love which endures.

Grant that parents will nurture their children in all godliness and that children will honour parents. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon husbands, wives and children so that they know love and security.

Grant that we, and our whole community, will strengthen and support marriage and family life, to the good of our people and the glory of your name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Mission 2020

Our Heavenly Father, fill our lives with the fruit of your Spirit so that we may walk in joyful obedience, share your love by word and deed, and see Christ honoured in every community as Lord and Saviour. Amen

Prayer points for the next edition will need to be provided by 15 October 2019 to prayerdiary@musydney.org.au or post to: MU Office, Shop 39, Town Hall Arcade, Sydney Square, Sydney NSW 2000 (form is to be found inside back cover).

President's Letter

Dear MU Friends,

Ecclesiastes 3 v1 says *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens* and for some of us this current time and season of working for MU Sydney in a particular way is coming to an end.

However, I have seen over the years that God doesn't have a retirement plan for his people while they are still here on earth. So if you are finishing this role in MU, look to see the new opportunities God is giving you to serve him. Sometimes they are different from the things we've been doing and so we don't see them at first. They may be within MU or elsewhere, but I can guarantee that if you look for them you will find them, as long as you're prepared to serve in whatever way God calls you to minister for him.

He doesn't always call us to the ministries that we expect, or even the ones we are particularly good at. When we are at the end of our own human resources we have to cling tightly to God, and that may be his aim for us. At times we may wonder why God is moving us in a particular direction, but we can be sure that God's ways and God's timing are always right.

For those of you continuing on in your current position, or stepping into a new position in MU, I encourage you press on with joy and hope. Hope that is placed not in the temporary ups and downs of daily life, but in the sure certainty that God will carry out his plans for this world.

Don't be discouraged when Christians are attacked because of other people's perception of the Christian faith, but hold firm to the truth of the Gospel, knowing that God has called us out of darkness, into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9). Let's keep taking every opportunity God gives us to share that news with a world that desperately needs it.

It has been my great privilege to serve as President of MU Sydney and I want to thank all of you for your continual encouragement and support and most of all, for your prayers. I will continue to pray for all MU Sydney members and ask that God will use our organisation to *share Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and Christian family life* in whatever way he chooses.

Keep praying!

With my love and prayers,

Wendy

September

Sunday 1 September 2019

MU Sydney Patron, Mrs Dianne Davies – Thank God for the freedom we have to hear God's word regularly read and faithfully explained in our churches. Pray for our rectors as they prepare their sermons and for us as we listen, understand and grow more like Christ so that we might bring honour to him as we serve our church families with joy and grace.

MU Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison – We pray today for members who are unwell now and unable to participate in Christian service and everyday activities; may they be encouraged by our prayers. Also, if we are able to visit, phone or write to them, we can share MU activities and God's love and care for them. We ask this in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday 2 September 2019

PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY – Name Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MU MEMBERS – We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that MU members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Wendy Mayer, President – Pray that Wendy will depend on God for words, wisdom and strength as she carries out a busy month with the Wollongong Seminar, the final Area Days and speaking at branches.

Tuesday 3 September 2019

St Faith's, Narrabeen – We thank you, Lord, for the good number of people who came to our Area Meeting in June on such a very rainy day. We ask you Lord that you will work in their hearts and lives as we try to find ways to encourage some of our younger ladies in our church to join MU. I am going to invite the wife of one of our younger ministers to this meeting to see if she may have some ideas on ways that our group could move forward. Please pray that she may have some ideas that we can take on to interest her group of church friends.

St John's, Keiraville – We give thanks for the faithfulness of our members. We pray for Judith Barrett as she joins us for the third Bible Study and shares it with us.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – We thank you Father for our members who knit and sew for new mothers and babies in hospital. We pray that mothers will accept and read the small gospel of Luke offered to them.

Wednesday 4 September 2019

Carlingford Anglican Church – Thank you Lord that we have the privilege of meeting together with our faithful sisters in Christ here at Parramatta for our Overseas and Northern Outreach program. Thank you that we can worship you and uphold each other in Christian love and prayer.

St Thomas', Enfield – We pray today for Wendy Mayer, our MU Diocesan President as she visits our branch and leads us in a closer, individual look at *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*. We pray for wisdom and insight in the time we spend together.

Figtree Anglican – Pray with us for the continued protection of our frail and elderly congregation members from colds and flu. Pray for interest in the Marriage Course to start 7 October, being led by our Seniors' Minister, Peter Clark, that old and new relationships can be strengthened both inside and outside our usual church family.

St John's, Parramatta – We Give thanks for our members and friends who support us, whether as speakers or visitors. Pray that as we meet we will be encouraged and built up in Jesus.

Thursday 5 September 2019

Wollongong Seminar: 'BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE - TRUSTING GOD WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE' – We thank God for the opportunity to share the Seminar held in February in Wollongong at Fairy Meadow Anglican. We pray for our speakers Sarah Condie, Kirsty Bucknell and Simone Boswell; for safety in travel and clarity as they speak. May we be assured of your gracious love and care no matter how rocky the circumstances.

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Pray for our older members that they will recover from any winter ills and enjoy the warmer weather. Pray that our meetings will enable them to enjoy Christian fellowship.

St James', Berala – Give thanks for the newborn babies in the parish and pray for the young families as they seek to bring their children up in Christian homes.

St Jude's, Bowral – We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all His blessings to our Church community and especially that the Holy Spirit will guide our Ministry team in all they teach. We further give thanks for our MU members who give very generously for the work of the Diocese in showing love to others.

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President – Please pray for the MU repeat seminar, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, which will be held at Fairy Meadow Anglican on Thursday 5 September at 10am to 1pm. Pray that this will be a time of learning and encouragement. Pray for safety as people travel.

Friday 6 September 2019

Pauline Burdon, Senior Vice President/Vice President Southern Region – Thank God for the Area Days; for the opportunity to meet up and share time together, and for the strength and encouragement from God's word.

MU Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Give thanks that we have two young women, Jess Peters and Chloe Flynn, so we will be splitting the MU funding in 2020 between them. They will be doing their training next year at Year 13 and will be a great blessing for the young women of the church.

June Hickey, Secretary and Life Vice President – Give thanks for June as she directs the efforts of all the volunteers who help with the shop and administrative duties in the Office. Praise God for all those who help with this ministry.

Saturday 7 September 2019

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Praise God for the faithful group of women coming to meetings and learning from God's word. Pray that many members will come to the Sudanese Seminar on 21 September at the Blacktown Anglican Church. Pray for the speakers Mrs Christine Jensen and Mrs Beth Braga.

MU in Myanmar – Pray for Marilyn Bennett and Rachel Htwe as they travel around the country teaching members different ways it is possible to have an income from activities such as soap making, sewing, cooking, making mosquito repellent and many more.

Ann Cunningham, Social Issues and Action, *Families Equip* coordinator – Court work: Give praise for the new volunteers who have joined the court work. Please provide further volunteers to fill any current gaps.

Sunday 8 September 2019

Karen Watt, Education Department and Treasurer – Please pray for the writing, final preparation and printing of the Bible Studies for 2020. May I have wisdom in communicating God's Word to our members.

RHEMA Riverside and Hunters Hill Education and Ministry Association – Give thanks for Tania Piper's appointment as the new Scripture teacher at Riverside Girls High and Hunters Hill High Schools. Please pray that the opportunity to teach Scripture in schools would continue and that the students would accept Christ and grow in their knowledge of Him

Robin Ray, AMUA Australia Education – Pray that our members across Australia will open their hearts and minds to God's work through Mothers' Union.

Monday 9 September 2019

Mary Clark, Overseas and Northern Outreach – Praise God that the current MU Sydney Project in Musoma, Tanzania is progressing well and that Archbishop Glenn Davies was able to officially open part of the renovation of the MU Training Centre Hostel in May. The need for support from members in Sydney continues.

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot – We are thankful for the approval of Kairos Short Course. This will be held 10-13th September. Please pray for the preparation of this, not only for the Kairos team but between the Chaplaincy and the Governor and staff at Dillwynia. Please pray for the inmates who most need this course to be approved and granted permission from their work areas to attend.

Tuesday 10 September 2019

Area Day: North Shore/Normanhurst – We pray that as we gather to reflect on the topic of *Consider it Pure Joy, Walking in Hope*, we will have the deep assurance of the goodness and kindness of our Heavenly Father. May it be a time of rich fellowship and encouragement.

St Alban's, Epping – We thank God for the MU members at St Stephen's Normanhurst who will be hosting our Upper North Shore/Ryde Mission Area Day. The theme is *Consider it Pure Joy, Walking in Hope*. As we come together may it be a time to reflect and enjoy fellowship with members from other groups. We will also hear more about MULOA.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills – Pray for those attending Area Day at Normanhurst; for safe travel and an open heart for the Word of God.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea – We give thanks for the opportunity to come freely to God's word today. May we find encouragement for our daily walk with Him as we consider the final Bible Study.

St Alban's, Corrimal – Pray for our minister, Dave Esdale, his wife, Carol, and their four children, that God will bless them and use them for His glory as they minister to our parish.

St Philip's Caringbah – Please pray for health, strength and encouragement for all our members, and for our wonderful ministry team.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – As we host the branches in our area at Area Day this year, we pray for Jan Donohoo and Ann Cunningham as they speak to and encourage us from your Word. We thank you Lord, that we have this opportunity to meet and pray together as we enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Kay Landahl, Area President, North Shore – We ask dear Lord that you be with the members from Epping, Lane Cove, Pennant Hills and Normanhurst as they meet together for a time of fellowship at the Northern Region Area Day in September. We pray for Jan Donohoo and Ann Cunningham as they share with us and reflect on the topic *Consider it Pure Joy - Walking in Hope*. May all those attending be encouraged by their words and reflect on the outcomes of the MULOA discussions.

Wednesday 11 September 2019

St John's, Camden – Prayer for our members as we travel to Koorong, Penrith for our annual outing. We give thanks for the availability of good Christian literature that helps us understand God's work and what it means for us today.

Jannali Anglican – We pray for CMS and all who are called to be missionaries. We ask that support for them and their families be on-going. Especially, we pray for Miriam Bradshaw, who speaks to us today, following her training in Melbourne. We pray for all called to this work, whether at home or abroad, that they may faithfully teach God's Word, and continue safely in His keeping.

St Stephen's, Mittagong – Lord, we are thankful that we have many opportunities to increase our knowledge of you. We pray for Karen Watt as she guides us through study 4 of the MU Bible Studies and for others, also, as they go through the studies.

Thursday 12 September 2019

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – Join with me in praying for people living in drought affected areas of our wide brown land. As Armidale bishop, Rick Lewers, reminded us at the NSW MU State conference, we can always pray for people dependent on good weather for their livelihood, whether it is for relief from drought, bush fire or flood. Pray to our sovereign Lord for his mercy to be shown, remembering Christians who testify to their trust in Him. Pray for mothers of young children and teenagers, that especially Christian mums will know God's peace and strengthening and will remember to give thanks for their privilege.

Mary Davidson OAM, Area President, Liverpool – Pray for the older members as they need the support of younger people particularly with transport. Pray for those feeling isolated; may we have open hearts to care for them.

Friday 13 September 2019

Christine Jensen OAM, Immediate Past President, Members' Coordinator – Please pray for those women who we have contact with from our February Seminars that we will be able to encourage and support them in their marriages and family life. Please pray for the planning for the Seminar to be held in February 2020.

Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Rev Robert Denham – Give thanks for the opportunities that come for so many people to meet and chat with a chaplain. Parents from all over NSW, from the Pacific Islands, and even from Perth, bring their children here for help. Pray that as we listen and chat the people are helped and that God uses the bridges we build for his purposes and glory.

Saturday 14 September 2019

Belmore Sudanese – Praise God for Nora, the leader of the branch, and Monica Biel who assists her. Pray that the members will attend the Sudanese Seminar on 15 September at the Blacktown Anglican Church and for the speakers Mrs Christine Jensen and Mrs Beth Braga.

Barbara Thomas, Area President, St George/Sutherland – We pray for all Prison Chaplains. Lord, grant them Your wisdom and perception as they minister in Your name, bringing forgiveness and acceptance found in Your gospel. We pray many will respond in faith and hope. Amen.

Sunday 15 September 2019

Glenda McSorley, Vice President Northern Region and Area President Lower North Shore – Pray for me as I seek to balance my Christian and secular life. Pray for those with whom I connect in the local community, that through my words and actions they might see the love of the Lord. Give thanks for relationships built up over many years and for new opportunities under God.

Helen Cooney, MU Sydney Life Vice-President – Loving Father, we pray and give thanks for the opportunities which have been given to us each day, in the busy Sydney Town Hall Arcade. We pray for those who, on a regular basis during the year, visit the shop and we pray for continued opportunities to speak, when circumstances arise, about you and your love for them.

Monday 16 September 2019

Jan Boyley, Hospital Visiting – Pray that we will get good feedback on the possibility of visiting in the Maternity unit of the new Northern Beaches Hospital. Pray for the Anglican Chaplain in her negotiations with Administration.

MU Representative to ACW (Australian Church Women NSW Unit Inc), Mrs Glenda McSorley – We give praise and thanks for this faithful cohort of women from across the state and their leader, Mrs Peg McEntee as they meet each month. We give thanks for their unity in the Lord Jesus and their willingness to serve, and the fellowship they enjoy as they meet to look at God's word, pray, lobby, and support ministry to women and families across our nation and the Pacific.

Tuesday 17 September 2019

Area Day: Liverpool/Sadleir – Heavenly Father, we pray that you will bless our meeting today as we look at what the Bible teaches on our topic *Consider it Pure Joy, Walking in Hope* and then think about MU Sydney *Looking to the Future*. May it be a time of rich fellowship and encouragement.

St Mark's, Sadleir – Please pray for our Liverpool Area Day where we will be discussing *Consider it Pure Joy, Walking in Hope*. Pray too that other church members and friends will attend and enjoy fellowship with us.

Wednesday 18 September 2019

St Paul's, Bankstown – Dear Heavenly Father, we come to you today to ask your guidance to all who work in the Children's Courts. May the Magistrates and Solicitors be wise in their decisions and help those children who find themselves in trouble to gain a better way with their lives and families in Jesus name. Amen.

St John's, Dee Why – We thank God for the work of the Overseas and Northern Outreach Department of MU. Please, Lord, bless Mary as she speaks to us today and give her safe travelling.

St John's, Moss Vale – We value your prayers for our Guest Speaker today, Mr John Cronshaw. As he teaches, may we be built up in our knowledge, strengthened in our faith and encouraged to persevere in our service to the Lord.

Toongabbie Anglican – Please pray for Rachael Stabback as she spends time with us today giving us an update as she serves the Lord at Toongabbie in the role of MTS worker. And we give thanks that she is making good connections between school and church ministries which she is involved in.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – We give thanks for those who serve in and through the various ministries of MU. Whether it be Hospital Visiting in Bowral Maternity Ward, Court Work at Moss Vale Court, or making items for the Town Hall Market Day Stall and the MU Shop, or raising funds to support the Jitegemee Tailoring Centre and Hostel, and Bible Teaching in Myanmar.

Thursday 19 September 2019

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – Pray for branch members and friends as we gather at Glenda's for a time of prayer, devotion and *A Spring Morning Tea*. Give thanks for the fellowship we enjoy.

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – As we join with the Playtime mothers and children for a Teddy Bears' Picnic, pray that we will be able to interact meaningfully with the mothers, many of whom are not connected to the church.

Friday 20 September 2019

MU Executive Meeting – Pray for Executive members as they meet today but also as they speak at branches. May they be wise in the decisions they make as they seek to serve the Lord through MU Sydney.

Barbara Thomas, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – Give thanks for the wonderful sewers and packers who work hard to get our special little gowns made and packed.

Saturday 21 September 2019

Blacktown Sudanese – Pray for the Sudanese Seminar being held today at the Anglican church at Blacktown, and that the members from the three Sudanese groups will come. Pray for Beverley Ovens as she coordinates the day and for the speakers, Christine Jensen and Beth Braga. May they be understood as they are translated into Dinka and Arabic, and may the Lord bless and encourage the women who attend.

MU Worker, Canterbury Sam Begg – Pray for Bounce, our weekly kids club, that we will continue to make new connections with the community through it and that the kids who come along will hear and understand the Gospel.

Sunday 22 September 2019

Julia Williams, Ruth Cunningham and Linda Wheeler, Office Secretaries, and MU Office and Shop Ministry – We give you thanks and praise God, for the relationships that continue to grow with volunteers and members as well as with shoppers and arcade retailers. Help us to be a reflection of Christ's love and compassion in all of our encounters.

Australian Defence Forces Chaplaincy – Pray for opportunities as the chaplains reach out to men and women who face personal trauma and see shocking events. May they have the right words to say and be able to bring the comfort of the Gospel.

Monday 23 September 2019

Margaret Winters, Area President, Warringah – Thank God for Wendy and Christine. Their presentations at our Area Day of *Consider it Pure Joy* and MULOAs were very thought provoking and we ask God's guidance as we seek the best way forward.

Nowra Anglican College – Please pray for our students' Mental Health and Wellbeing (especially after the suicide of one of our Year 8 students last term).

Tuesday 24 September 2019

Dapto Anglican – Please pray and thank God for our faithful group of people who serve in our Dapto schools each week. Pray for wisdom as they present Jesus but also as they come in contact with hurting and struggling children.

Nungalinga Bible College, Ben van Gelderen, Principal – Gracious Lord, we pray for the wise use of new funding to help preserve and maintain Indigenous Languages via incorporation into Nungalinga courses.

Wednesday 25 September 2019

All Branch Officers and Speakers – Give thanks and praise for all speakers who have shared at branch meetings, Area Days and the Seminars during the year. Thank God for their gifts and willingness to share God's Word and their wisdom in how it impacts our lives.

Christine Brain, AMUA Australia Overseas and Northern Outreach – As it's the AMUA election year, pray for someone willing to take up the portfolio of Overseas and Northern Outreach.

Julie Kerslake, Prayer Diary Editor – Pray for those members who are enjoying using this new Prayer Diary in their daily prayer time.

Thursday 26 September 2019

Mowll Village Group – We thank you, Heavenly Father for good health and safety; and pray for strength and guidance to be able to do the work you have called us all to do in your name.

St Mark's, West Wollongong – Pray for our Service, short meeting and lunch today, and for our Speaker, Ann South from St. Thomas', Cranebrook. Give thanks for members who visit the new mothers at Wollongong Public and Private Hospitals, and for the opportunity to speak about Jesus.

Life Members of Council, Pam Goodhew, Gillian Garforth, Shirley Wilson – Give thanks for the faithful service of these godly women, for their mentoring of others and their lives of example. Pray for their health and well being.

Friday 27 September 2019

Suzanne Reimer, Area President, Western Region – Please all pray the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:11. *Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.*

Refugees – Heavenly Father, we pray for those coming to our country, escaping the tragedies of war. May they find refuge and peace in Australia and may they be welcomed and in your kindness be introduced to Jesus the great shepherd of the lost.

MU Worker Kingsford - Margaret Hodgkinson – Thank God for the recent Fair Trade event held at Holy Trinity Kingsford where we were able to demonstrate to our visitors our concern for the poor and marginalised. Thank God for all who were invited from the local community as well as those who have come to know us through Playtime. Please pray that all who attended would want to know more about Jesus who welcomes all who call on His name in their need.

Saturday 28 September 2019

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Katherine Hilton – Please pray that the Chaplaincy Department continues to get on, respect each other as made in God's image and likeness and work together despite our many dissimilarities. Pray that new members fit in and that we work through differences of opinion well.

Christine Jensen, AMUA Australia Vice President Junior and Social Issues and Action – Pray for the Lord's guidance as we are faced with the challenges to Religion, and Christianity in particular. May we not be afraid of sharing Christian responses in our conversations with family and friends.

Sunday 29 September 2019

St Thomas', Auburn – Pray for Petua, the President, and that the branch will have good communication with each other.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Pray for Amy He, the President, who since March has been in China with her sick mother. Praise God for the members who come.

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley – Give thanks for the opportunities to speak on Gospel partnership under the theme of *Men and Women Contending for the Gospel*.

Monday 30 September 2019

Moore College Hospital Visitors – Give thanks for a new MU visitor this year.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Armidale – Give thanks for an encouraging response to the State Conference held in May. Pray that we will continue to be able to encourage marriage and Christian family life across the Diocese.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Riverina – Give thanks for the commitment of small groups of AMUA members across this large diocese. Pray that they will not become discouraged but continue to reach out to their communities with the love of Jesus.

October

Tuesday 1 October 2019

St Faith's, Narrabeen – We ask you, Lord, that our members may be well enough to attend our meeting and to join in our study of Bible Study No 4 and that we are able to learn from this study and find that we gain confidence in praying when we are with others and sharing our needs. Lord God, please bless our small group and make us more comfortable praying out loud in our groups.

St John's, Keiraville – We pray for traveling mercies for Wendy Mayer as she joins us this month. May her words encourage and sustain us, and prepare our hearts and minds to listen carefully to her message.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – We pray for improved health for many of our members who have been unwell, and ask that the Lord will be their strength and encouragement.

Wednesday 2 October 2019

St Thomas', Enfield – Today we welcome Jireh Jang, one of our student ministers at St Thomas', to his first visit to MU. Jireh will speak to us on the 4th MU Bible Study. As we study God's Word today, we pray that we will be encouraged to reflect his love, not only in our church and in our families but also in the community around us.

Figtree Anglican – We give thanks for the Kids Day held on Monday when so many non-church children came and enjoyed the fun and games. We thank you that Simone Boswell has been such an influence in our church and the MU family. We ask God's blessing on our Women's Ministry outreaches and all the connections made through Bible studies and over many cups of coffee.

St John's, Parramatta – Pray for our members who cope with illness and less mobility. Help them to show love in their lives and to be encouraged in meeting together.

Thursday 3 October 2019

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Pray for our ministry team; Rich, Peter and Josh and their families, as they lead us in the various ministries we are involved in. Also pray for our Kid's Club and Youth Fellowship and that more young families will join our church.

St James', Berala – Pray for wisdom as the parish seeks to reach out with another congregation.

St Jude's, Bowral – We give thanks for our very special Guest Speaker, Rev Jan Donohoo, as she guides us through our Bible Study 4, *The Prayers of Jesus*. May we enjoy fellowship with each other and our hearts be open to the words we hear.

Friday 4 October 2019

Carlingford Anglican Church – Thank you Lord for the beauty of this physical world. Thank you that it was created for us to point us to your glory and power, God, creator of this world.

Court Convenors and Volunteers, Ann Cunningham, Prue Feather and Diana Reid– We pray for Ann, Prue and Diana as the coordinators of this vital ministry of outreach. Pray for those who volunteer that they will have the right words to say when the moment calls for it and be an example of the love of Christ to the people they serve.

Saturday 5 October 2019

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Pray for Martha Orok, the leader of the branch, and Rhodda who assists her. Pray for unity in the branch and a focus on God's word and guidance. Praise God for all the years Suzanne Reimer taught alongside the members.

MU Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM – May we members remember always that our desire is *to win the homes of the nation for Christ*. Give us courage and boldness to be your ambassadors in every situation every day.

Susan Skowronski, AMUA Australia Mia Mia Editor – Pray for Susan as editor of Mia Mia as she sources articles that will be encouraging to members.

Sunday 6 October 2019

Pauline Burdon, Senior Vice President/Vice President Southern Region – Thank God for the Worldwide Mothers' Union taking his word and his love to so many throughout the world, changing lives and transforming communities. Thank God for the Mothers' Union 24/7 Wave of Prayer – may we be faithful in our daily prayers for our members worldwide.

MU in Myanmar – Praise God for the members of Mothers' Union who are so devoted to Bible teaching and studying the Bible. Pray that they will continue to grow in their love for the Lord Jesus and God's word.

Tricia Howard, (National Council of Women) – Please pray for the schoolgirl recipients of the Dame Marie Bashir Peace Awards as they continue to work for peace and harmony in their communities.

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June Hickey, Secretary and Life Vice President – Pray that June will be blessed by all she does for MU as she is such a blessing to all MU Sydney members through the work she faithfully carries out.

Tuesday 8 October 2019

St Alban's, Epping – As we are led through the 4th Bible Study, *Prayer for the Future Church*, we ask your blessing on Suzanne Reimer as she leads us. May our members be encouraged by this study.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills – Please pray for our Tri-Annual General Meeting today, that our members will be willing to take on the tasks of leadership for the coming three years.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea – We look forward to joining with Jannali branch tomorrow to hear Jo-Anne Elvery speak about her work at Berala with refugee families and asylum seekers so we can have a better understanding of the challenges they face settling into safe lives in Australia. We give thanks for this ministry.

St Alban's, Corrimal – Pray for people we come in contact with through the weekly outreach activities of our church.

St Philip's Caringbah – Father, we thank you for all your great mercies and especially for sending your Son to be our Saviour.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – Today we share our fourth Bible Study together and we pray that we may be mutually encouraged by it. Please bless Iris George as she prepares and brings us this study.

Wednesday 9 October 2019

St John's, Camden – Give thanks for our Guest Speaker as we visit The Oaks and meet with the ladies there.

Jannali Anglican – Once again we welcome members of Sutherland MU to fellowship with us, and to hear from Jo Ann Elvery, about her work with refugees. We pray that the world may become a safe and secure place for all people to live, and that God's rule be established.

St Stephen's, Mittagong – Loving Lord and Father, how grateful we are for the way you have created us in your image. Help us, Lord, to discover and use our unique ways and abilities in growing your kingdom. We pray for Glenda McSorley as she joins us today to look at the topic of *Talents and Interests*.

Thursday 10 October 2019

Karen Watt, Education Department and Treasurer – Please pray for the writing, final preparation and printing of the Bible Studies for 2020. May I have wisdom in communicating God's Word to our members.

Christine Jensen OAM, Immediate Past President, Members' Coordinator – Gracious Lord, we bring before you those members who are no longer able to attend meetings that they will continue to be encouraged in their faith and trust in you. May they know that you uphold them in every circumstance of life.

Prayer points for the next edition will need to be provided by 15 October 2019 to prayerdiary@musydney.org.au or post to: MU Office, Shop 39, Town Hall Arcade, 464 Kent St, Sydney NSW 2000 (form is to be found inside back cover).

Friday 11 October 2019

MU Sydney Patron, Mrs Dianne Davies – Please pray for the Sydney Diocesan Synod which meets this month, that members will listen well to each other and all their discussions and undertakings will promote the gospel both here and further afield. The HSC exams also start this month so please pray for students and their families leading up to this milestone that they may be calm under pressure and know God's peace and guidance as they undertake each exam.

MU Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Pray that God would continue to encourage Chloe and Jess to prioritise time in His word through their HSC.

Saturday 12 October 2019

Belmore Sudanese – Praise God for the faithful members who come to the meetings and just love reading and learning God's word. Pray for Helen Cooney and Beverley Ovens who assist the members.

Ann Cunningham, Social Issues and Action, *Families Equip* coordinator – Court work: Give thanks that we are able to share the compassion of Christ to all those at the courts. Please provide opportunities to share the gospel through everyday conversations.

Sunday 13 October 2019

Mary Clark, Overseas and Northern Outreach – We give thanks that, through AMUA we are able to support clergy and their families in remote parts of northern Australia to keep in touch, attend conferences and participate in training opportunities.

Elizabeth McEwen, Area President, Bankstown/Inner West – Heavenly Father, we thank you for all faithful MU members, but particularly for the ladies from Enfield and Bankstown Branches. We pray for your blessings for those who can no longer attend our meetings. We pray that we may have opportunities to mentor young mothers in our congregations.

Monday 14 October 2019

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President – Please thank God for the life and ministry of Stephen Semenchuck who went to be with the Lord after a very short illness. Pray for Leigh-anne and family as they come to grips with life without Stephen, as well as the grieving church family.

Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplains, Stuart Adamson and Bronwyn Kyngdon – Pray that an appropriately trained, gifted and wise person would be provided to be ward chaplain in Newborn Intensive Care.

Tuesday 15 October 2019

St Mark's, Sadleir – We thank you God for Wendy coming to talk to us today. May our hearts and minds be open to God's word and teaching. We praise you for MU and all that it means to us.

Barbara Thomas, Area President, St George/Sutherland – Lord God, give us the gift of faith to be renewed and shared with others, and let love be our aim every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday 16 October 2019

St Paul's, Bankstown – We pray today for all those folk affected by drought, fire and floods which our country has been subjected to. Give them faith and hope to regain their lives and know you are always watching over them regardless of their desperate despair at this time. God, bless and keep them in your loving care.

St John's, Dee Why – As we look at the prayers of Jesus today, we pray that our hearts are open to see how very much He loves each one of us and that we are enabled to share this with everyone we meet.

St John's, Moss Vale – We meet today, not only for our AGM, but as an opportunity to show our appreciation for one another and the giftedness with which the Lord has endowed us. We value your prayers for this time, when we can encourage one another in our Christian faith.

Toongabbie Anglican – Please pray for Glenda McSorley as she leads us through the fourth Bible Study, *The Prayers of Jesus*. We ask you Lord to open our hearts and minds as we go through this study today.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – As the end of the year approaches, there will be some who will relinquish a roll of leadership or responsibility. We give thanks for their service, and may they know our appreciation. We pray for those who will step into these roles. We ask that God will give them a steady confidence, to trust Him to assist them in every aspect of their new position.

Thursday 17 October 2019

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – Give praise and thanks for Karen and the Bible studies we have been challenged and encouraged by this year. Pray for Glenda as together, we look at the last study.

Kay Landahl, Area President, North Shore – Loving Lord, we thank you for the members of MU Sydney Executive who, for the last three to six years, have served so faithfully under the guidance of President Wendy Mayer. They have worked tirelessly, promoting the work and outreach of Mothers' Union here in Sydney Diocese and around the world. We pray for those stepping down from the Executive and for the newly elected Executive members who will serve for the next three years. May they feel the loving strength and guidance which comes only from our Lord.

Friday 18 October 2019

MU Executive Meeting – Pray for the Executive as they meet today that they may work well together and be directed in all decision making by our Lord.

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot – We are thankful for Bethany Downes, Student Minister, who assists with Chapel each Sunday. Please pray for her final semester at Moore College and that she will continue to develop her skills within Prison Chaplaincy. Bethany has a heart for prison ministry. Pray that God will guide her and open doors in this area in the near future.

Saturday 19 October 2019

Blacktown Sudanese – Praise God for Christine Jensen coming each month to do the Bible teaching. Pray that the women would continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God's word.

Wendy Mayer, President – Praise God for the encouragement of MU members as Wendy shares with them through her MU Sydney duties.

Sunday 20 October 2019

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – Please thank God for those willing to serve in positions of leadership and responsibility, especially within MU at branch level and on Sydney Executive. Ask for wisdom and initiative for our new president and Executive. Thank God for the hard work and commitment shown by our outgoing president, Wendy Mayer, and Secretary, June Hickey. We all have benefitted from their leadership, thoroughness and service. Pray that MU members who are grandmothers or aunts will support children within their family by praying for them and telling of God's work in their own lives, especially His faithfulness to His promises.

Barbara Thomas, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – May we show Christ's love as we deliver goods lovingly made by our members to hospitals around Sydney.

Monday 21 October 2019

Glenda McSorley, Vice President Northern Region and Area President Lower North Shore – Give thanks and praise for the freedom we have to read and share God's word. Pray for the members and friends at MU Toongabbie as I draw the Bible studies together with study 4. Give thanks for our members' growth and encouragement as together we have studied His word.

MU Worker, Canterbury Sam Begg – Pray for our Kids Church, that new kids will settle in and build friendships quickly and that all the kids will grow in their love for God and not just the knowledge of him.

Tuesday 22 October 2019

Dapto Anglican – Today we will be planning our program for 2020; please pray that we will do this in a way that honours God.

Nowra Anglican College – Pray that the Lord will give students hearts and minds that are open and positive towards the gospel.

MU Worker Kingsford - Margaret Hodgkinson – As Playtime resumes after the school holiday break, please pray that our program will attract new people and that we will be able to gently share the love of Jesus with the children and their carers. Please also pray that those who have attended in the past might reconnect with us. Ask God to bless our conversations with those who attend so that we can build genuine relationships.

Wednesday 23 October 2019

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – Today we will share in a study on *Contentment*. Pray that we will continue to grow in our understanding of God's word.

Nungalinga Bible College, Ben van Gelderen, Principal – Pray that Indigenous, trainee teachers will complete their formal 'skill-set' training by the end of the year.

Thursday 24 October 2019

St Mark's, West Wollongong – Pray for our Service, short meeting and lunch today, and for our Speaker, Joan Tasker, President, MU Wollongong Mission Area, as she encourages members in their walk with the Lord.

Marriage and Family Life – Father, we do pray for marriages in our community which are often under great stress due to life's circumstances. We pray for Christian marriages that they truly model what marriage means.

Friday 25 October 2019

Jan Boyley, Hospital Visiting – Pray for Barbara Thomas as she caretakes the Hospital Deliveries to Neo Natal and Intensive Care Units. Pray that we will have sufficient stock to fill orders and people willing to sew to keep our supplies up.

Fairy Meadow Hospital Visitors – Praise God for the Fairy Meadow Hospital Visitors who continue to minister to the new parents in Wollongong Hospital. May they have the right words to say and be able to share the love of Jesus with the new mothers.

Saturday 26 October 2019

Julia Williams, Ruth Cunningham and Linda Wheeler, Office Secretaries, and MU Office and Shop Ministry – We give you thanks Lord for the fellowship we enjoy together and for the many opportunities we have to show your love to shop visitors and to each other. Help us to work and grow together so that you would be glorified.

Rev Anne Kennedy AMUA President – Loving God, we pray for the successful implementation of the new Global Framework of Mothers' Union. As Provincial Presidents return from the Worldwide Council Meeting and MULOA gathering may they inspire and encourage their members in over 30 provinces around the world. Help us to find ways to help people restore relationships with God, with each other, with the stigmatised and with the environment. Through learning and sharing, and living out our faith, help us to provide a listening ear in safe spaces and enable us to help equip people to use personal skills and local resources. Give us opportunities to partner with like-minded groups to advocate and campaign for disempowered people, walking alongside them for the long term. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 27 October 2019

St Thomas', Auburn – Pray for the branch to be outward looking for those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Nina does the translation of the Bible teaching. Pray that she will grow in her faith and knowledge of the Bible.

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley – Please pray for those women considering or preparing for ordination.

Monday 28 October 2019

Margaret Winters, Area President, Warringah – Thank God for Wendy and Christine. Their presentations at our Area Day of *Consider it Pure Joy* and MULOA were very thought provoking and we ask God's guidance as we seek the best way forward.

Marilyn Robey, AMUA Australia Secretary – Pray that Marilyn will have patience and understanding of issues that arise.

Tuesday 29 October 2019

Suzanne Reimer, Area President, Western Region – We pray for our members who are unwell, housebound or feeling lonely. Father, make us aware of their needs and give them your love and comfort.

Rev Lesley McLean, AMUA Australia Prayer and Spirituality – Pray for wisdom and discernment for Lesley as she nurtures members.

Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie – Please thank God for the many opportunities we have to meet and speak with Muslim women, and ask that we will be bold in speaking gospel truth into their lives.

Wednesday 30 October 2019

Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo – Father, we thank you for all your guidance and blessings to our MU ministry. We pray that you will guide the worldwide, Australian and diocesan executives in these changing times, so that families are blessed and your name is glorified. Please continue to raise up people to serve you at all levels of MU so that our ministry may continue to thrive.

Dioceses in NSW, Diocese of Bathurst: West Wyalong, Orange and Bathurst Groups – Heavenly Father, creator of all the world, You know each of the members of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Bathurst, our needs for each day, the challenges we face and our desires to reach out to help others. May we faithfully live out Mary Sumner's personal prayer to be strengthened, guided and filled by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thursday 31 October 2019

Mowll Village Group – We pray for the Rev Paul Weaver, visiting us today and sharing his spiritual journey on the Camino Walk in Northern Spain.

Julie Kerslake, Prayer Diary Editor – Give thanks for those contributing prayer points for the January to April 2020 Prayer Diary who are able to submit them in good time.

November

Friday 1 November

Carlingford Anglican Church – Thank you Lord for your love, mercy, patience and perseverance with us especially when difficulty exposes the weakness of our resolve and limits our strength.

Glenda McSorley, Vice President Northern Region and Area President Lower North Shore – Pray for the members and friends at MU Enfield as I speak at the Pre Christmas breakfast on Saturday 2 November. Pray that I might be clear and encouraging. Give thanks for the opportunity to consider the real reason for the season.

25 November - 2 December. Please pray for family and friends travelling from around the world to a family wedding in Bali.

AMUA Council Meeting, 9-13 November, Christine Jensen, Wendy Mayer and Glenda McSorley – Pray for grace and wisdom for Christine, Wendy and Glenda as they participate in the AMUA Council Meeting.

Saturday 2 November

St Thomas', Enfield – We pray for our outreach Pre-Christmas Breakfast, which we will be sharing with Glenda McSorley. We pray for the women who we have invited, that they will come along and join us as we begin to prepare for this busy time of the year. Give us a willingness to enter into this time with loving and caring hearts, sharing with our families the true meaning of Christmas in the joy of the gift of your Son to the world.

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Praise God that the members are faithful in their prayer life and that God will sustain them during this time of uncertainty and fighting in the Sudan as all of them still have many relatives there.

Ann Cunningham, Social Issues and Action, Families Equip coordinator – Parenting courses: Give thanks for the upcoming seminars and parenting courses. Please pray that as a result families will be strengthened.

Sunday 3 November

Pauline Burdon, Senior Vice President/Vice President Southern Region – Thank God for all in Mothers' Union leadership roles and for their commitment and willingness to serve. Pray for courage in others to step forward into such roles to ensure the continuity of Mothers' Union.

MU Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison – Almighty God, we give you grateful thanks for Wendy (President), June (Secretary), Karen (Treasurer) and the members of Executive for their faithful service as the year comes to an end. Now we pray also for the incoming President and members as they prepare to take office next year. May they seek your guidance as they prepare for their MU service. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 4 November

PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY – Name Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MU MEMBERS – We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that MU members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Wendy Mayer, President – Please pray for Wendy as she prepares the talk for the MU Sydney Advent service at the end of this month.

Tuesday 5 November

St Faith's, Narrabeen – We ask you Lord God, to bless our group and we pray that as we meet for the last time this year that we remember why you sent your son, Jesus, to this earth. May we be encouraged to bring your message of salvation to those who have turned away from you as we prepare to celebrate a new beginning at Christmas.

St John's, Keiraville – We praise you Lord for the opportunity to meet together this month. We give thanks for the faithful service of all of our members, and we pray for their health and for traveling mercies. We pray that God will speak to our hearts as we work through the service of the five objects and fellowship together.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – We thank God for the Bible Studies we have had this year and for the teachers who have guided us through these studies. We pray for wisdom as we think about our plans for next year.

Wednesday 6 November

Wednesday 6th November - Figtree Anglican – We thank God for the opportunity that our Prayer Notes and Family First gives us to pray for our world-wide sisterhood of MU. We praise Him that the poor and weak countries where MU grows so amazingly reminds us of how wealthy we are and so rich in freedoms that we search our hearts to check on our use of what God has blessed us with. Pray for a great response through the Gingerbread House Evening on 26 November that new ladies want to hear the gospel and be part of Christ's family.

St John's, Parramatta – We thank you, Father, for all the teachers of your word whose faithfulness has brought many people to know and love you. *'For the word of God, is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.'* Hebrews 4:12.

June Hickey, Secretary and Life Vice President – Pray for June as she prepares for the end of year functions and for the handover to the new MU Sydney Executive team.

Thursday 7 November

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Pray for Brittany and Josh as they take over as the new leaders of the playgroup with their pre-school children. Pray that as they meet with non-Christian parents, they will be able to introduce them to Jesus.

St James', Berala – Pray for members who have been recently widowed and who face hard times within their families.

St Jude's, Bowral – We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the work of Ann Cunningham in our Diocese as we welcome her to speak about important issues facing us as Christian women.

Christine Jensen OAM, Immediate Past President, Members' Coordinator – Heavenly Father, we bring before you the many families in our community where there are difficulties of many kinds. Please overrule these circumstances and help churches to reach out with the good news of the saving work of the Lord Jesus.

Friday 8 November

Karen Watt, Education Department and Treasurer – Please pray for the writing, final preparation and printing of the Bible Studies for 2020. May I have wisdom in communicating God’s Word to our members.

Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie – Please ask that God will bring more Christian women to join me.

Denise Lay, AMUA Australia Promotion and Development – Pray for Denise as she seeks to encourage AMUA members to reach out in the communities in which they live.

Saturday 9 November

Belmore Sudanese – Praise for members who do attend the meetings as some of them are now attending only a few times a year. Pray that these women will be more regular in coming and sharing with the women.

MU in Myanmar – Pray for the Mothers’ Union in Kuchin State, where there is intermittent fighting. Praise God the branches are growing with young mothers travelling to meetings in very difficult circumstances. Pray for safety that no harm will come to them.

Sunday 10 November

MU Sydney Patron, Mrs Dianne Davies – Give thanks for the many women who attended our 2-day Sydney Anglican Ministry Wives Conference in August and for the deepening friendships that were formed while there. Please pray for continuing opportunities to connect and encourage each other especially when distance prevents us meeting up regularly.

RHEMA Riverside and Hunters Hill Education and Ministry Association – Heavenly Father, we pray that more students would opt-in to SRE classes and that the LITE Christian lunchtime group would grow. May Tania have the power of Christ and the enabling of the Holy Spirit to faithfully teach the Word of God.

Monday 11 November

Mary Clark, Overseas and Northern Outreach – Let us pray that through the information we receive via *Families Worldwide* and our participation in the *Wave of Prayer*, we will continue in prayerful concern for our Mothers’ Union sisters throughout the world.

MU Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Pray that God would be preparing Chloe and Jess for a year of study and growth in Christian Service.

Tuesday 12 November

St Alban's, Epping – May we all enjoy hearing about Margaret Foster's travels to the Flinders Ranges and Alice Springs where she attended a retreat with ABM in the East MacDonald Ranges.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills – Please pray for the leader of our final Bible Study of *The Prayers of Jesus* today, that our hearts will be open to the love of Jesus.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea – Pray for our members as we conclude our year with Holy Communion. We are thankful for the blessings we have received through fellowship and worship through 2019. May we continue to pray for each other until we meet again in 2020.

St Alban's, Corrimal – We pray that God will continue to bless our small MU group as we support each other in times of need.

St Philip's Caringbah – Father, as we enjoy our Christmas celebration today, we ask you to be with us and help us always to remember the real meaning of Christmas. May we be emboldened and encouraged to share the good news with our family members, especially those who do not yet know Jesus.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – We welcome Dianne Davies as our Guest Speaker today and pray for her as she speaks and encourages us with a message from your Word. We pray that this may be an opportunity for us to invite friends, who are not members of MU, to join us and hear Dianne.

Wednesday 13 November

St John's, Camden – Pray for our AGM today, and also as we meet with the Playtime Group for an advent service. Give thanks for the opportunity this gives to reach out to the younger families and support them in raising the 'next generation'.

Jannali Anglican – We give thanks for the executive of MU Sydney. We pray for strength for each member in their various roles, and particularly for Christine Jensen as she comes to talk to us today.

St Stephen's, Mittagong – We give thanks, Lord, that we live in a country with easy access to your word. Pray for safety, today, as we travel to Sydney for a visit to Koorong. Also, for good fellowship and the opportunity to find books to encourage and strengthen us in our Christian walk and perhaps some gifts to encourage others in theirs.

Thursday 14 November

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President – As the year comes to an end I want to thank God for the MU members in small branches especially for the faithful dedication of their Presidents and office bearers. They prayerfully care for and support each other. May God bless you abundantly.

Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Rev Robert Denham – As the days get warmer and children and youth are attracted to the water, pray for vigilance by carers and parents so that less children drown. Pray also for the paramedics and hospital emergency staff who face the traumas associated with trying to help those in trouble. Pray that the hearts of those who help can avoid the hardness and lack of caring resulting from compassion fatigue. Ask God to give the chaplains the wisdom and insight needed as they chat with and pray for the staff.

Friday 15 November

MU Executive Meeting – Pray for the Executive as they meet today. May the Lord guide them as they work together to make decisions.

Barbara Thomas, Area President, St George/Sutherland – Our world today is full of aggression, hatred and great suffering. Heavenly Father, help us to look to Jesus, to remember Your precious promises and bless those MU members throughout the world who seek to bring peace and comfort and reconciliation in Your name. Amen.

Saturday 16 November

Blacktown Sudanese – Pray that the members would be outward looking and pray for those who have lost their way since coming to Australia from the Sudan.

Mary Davidson OAM, Area President, Liverpool – Give thanks for the encouragement we receive in our church and may we be faithful in serving the Lord Jesus.

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot – Please pray for the ongoing protection over Chapel. May it continue to be a safe and welcoming environment where the inmates feel loved and cared for. Pray for the Chaplaincy team that they are attentive to conversations and continually respond with compassion and empathy. May Jesus be known through our words and actions.

Sunday 17 November

Jan Boyley, Hospital Visiting – Pray for all MU members visiting the Hospitals, that they will be welcomed to continue this ministry. Pray that we will get more opportunities to visit in some of the other Hospitals around Sydney and that we will have people prepared to visit.

Kay Landahl, Area President, North Shore – We pray for members and their families in our Area, that they may know the peace and comfort of God's love. As members across our Area, Diocese and indeed our country grow older and at times frail, we pray that we may be aware of their needs and reach out to those who are ill or suffering or in need of a helping hand. May we share God's love for others in our care and actions to members and to the wider community; a light shining in the darkness.

Monday 18 November

Julia Williams, Ruth Cunningham and Linda Wheeler, Office Secretaries, and MU Office and Shop Ministry – Father God, please give us your wisdom, discernment and continued blessings for our interactions with shop visitors. May we be bold to use the opportunities you provide daily to bring you glory Lord.

Life Members of Council, Pam Goodhew, Gillian Garforth, Shirley Wilson – Give thanks for the faithful service of these godly women, for their mentoring of others and their lives of example. Pray for their health and well being.

Tuesday 19 November

St Mark's, Sadleir – We give thanks to God for Dave Morgan who is taking a Communion Service for us today before we have our Break-Up Luncheon. As we conclude our year, may we be grateful to God for the opportunities MU has given us this year and the privilege of prayer.

Helen Cooney, MU Sydney Life Vice-President - Almighty God, we pray for our MU members who are growing frailer, making it more difficult for them to be actively involved physically in serving you. We thank you for their faithful loving example over many years, and the witness they continue to show to us through their prayer ministry.

Wednesday 20 November

St Paul's, Bankstown – We ask your help for all those who are making decisions regarding our wonderful country. May all the Members of Parliament, especially the new members, settle in well and blend into their new surroundings. Please keep them safe in your loving care, and sure that they are deciding on the right things.

St John's, Dee Why – This is our final meeting for the year and we will have lunch at Dee Why RSL. We thank God for our fellowship this year and ask Him to show us the way forward in the years to come.

St John's, Moss Vale – As this is our final meeting for the year, we value your prayers as we invite others from the Parish, and those who have assisted us over the year, to join us in a Service of Holy Communion. This will be taken by the Reverend Jerryl Lowe, and he will preach on some themes in the Parable of The Prodigal Son. We follow this by joining together for lunch.

Toongabbie Anglican – We pray for Katie Smith as she joins us today to share with us *Looking Forward to Advent*. We give thanks that Katie is here to share with us this very special time of the year and to encourage us to reflect on the birth of Jesus and your great love for us.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – Please pray for the 'end of year activities' which the branches incorporate into their yearly programs. By these activities, they seek opportunities to introduce the teaching and values of MU, in all aspects of marriage and family life. Camden - an Advent Service, combining with the 'Playtime Group'. Bowral - an Advent Service, when they invite other members of the community. Mittagong - a 'Carols, Candles and Finger Food' night. Moss Vale - joining with the Parish program of Christmas Pudding Making.

Thursday 21 November

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – Give praise and thanks for another year of MU in Lane Cove. We continue to encourage, support and care for each other as a group and we rejoice in the opportunity to gather together for our end of year luncheon.

Barbara Thomas, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – Give thanks for the wonderful sewers and packers who work hard to get our special little gowns made and packed.

MU Worker Kingsford, Margaret Hodgkinson – Praise God for the growth we have enjoyed this year at Holy Trinity Kingsford. Thank God for the ongoing support of MU Sydney and our church community who have made Playtime possible over the last two years. Please pray for wisdom as we plan how best to continue this ministry into the future, so that we can continue to build quality connections with the local community and introduce many more people into God's Kingdom through Jesus.

Friday 22 November

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – Please pray for smooth preparations for our annual Advent service to be held at St Philip's Church Hill on Friday 29 November. Ask God for a refreshed understanding of the privilege and uniqueness of the incarnation, which was for the benefit of all humankind, including us. Pray for those who are grieving their loss of someone special to them. Ask that God will bring true comfort.

Australian Defence Forces Chaplaincy – Pray for those who bear the heavy burden of leading Defence; may their public duties be marked by times of refreshment and balance; for wisdom and courage in decision making.

Saturday 23 November

Margaret Winters, Area President, Warringah – I thank God for the presidents of our two small branches – the two Sandras. They both work so hard and love the Lord so much that they are a blessing and example to us all.

MU Worker, Canterbury Sam Begg – We will be taking the older primary kids on a weekend camp called Square 1, pray that it will be an encouraging time for them.

Sunday 24 November

St Thomas', Auburn – Praise God for the women meeting together as they come from many different backgrounds and from many different countries, that they will have good communication with each other.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Pray that the members will have a burden to reach to other Chinese women who are not Christians.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Grafton – Give thanks for the Mini Conference held on 10th August in Kempsey with Wendy Mayer and Christine Jensen speaking on *Forgiveness*. Pray that it will have been a time of encouragement and strengthening in our walk with the Lord especially to MU members in the southern end of the diocese.

Monday 25 November

Suzanne Reimer, Area President, Western Region – Father, we thank you for the fellowship we have with family, friends and our church groups.

Nowra Anglican College – Pray that the Year 12 students will focus and have a good finish as they complete Trials, Practical HSC assessments, the end of their formal classes (at the end of 3rd Term) and the completion of their HSC in Term 4.

Tuesday 26 November

Dapto Anglican – Today we will enjoy having the fourth Bible Study at our Advent service and Holy Communion. We thank God for the life and witness of Stephen, our senior minister, who went to be with the Lord in May after a very short illness. Stephen was always at our Advent service and celebrated communion with us.

All Branch Officers and Speakers – Give thanks and praise for all speakers who have shared at branch meetings, Area Days and the Seminars during the year. Thank God for their gifts and willingness to share God's Word and their wisdom in how it impacts our lives.

Wednesday 27 November

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – Today will be a time of singing hymns and sharing. Pray that we will be an encouragement to one another in our walk with the Lord.

Nungalinya Bible College, Ben van Gelderen, Principal – We pray for safety, good relationships and enrolments in the remote Indigenous community visits in November.

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley – I value your prayers for the gatherings of women who are serving in churches, that women will be encouraged in their service of God.

Thursday 28 November

Mowll Village Group – We give you thanks, Lord, for our village chaplains who care for us spiritually. Today, Josh will lead us with a reflection for Advent and on the deeper meaning of Christmas.

St Mark's, West Wollongong – Pray for our Christmas Communion Service, short meeting and lunch today, and for Speaker, Wendy Mayer, President, MU Sydney Executive. Pray for members visiting the Wollongong Public and Private Hospitals in December.

Homeless – Pray for those who are homeless that they might find the love of Jesus through the work of God's people. We especially pray for the ministry of the Cathedral and St Philip's York Street as they reach out to the homeless in our city through bi monthly lunches.

Friday 29 November

Advent Service – As we gather for the Advent Service today at St Philip's Church Hill with Wendy Mayer as our speaker, we give thanks for Wendy's leadership over the past six years. Pray that as we think again of the first and second comings of the Lord Jesus our faith will be strengthened and enriched.

Moore College Hospital Visitors – Pray for new visitors from among the Moore College community to join the Hospital Visiting team.

Refugees – Heavenly Father, we pray for those coming to our country, escaping the tragedies of war. May they find refuge and peace in Australia and may they be welcomed and in your kindness be introduced to Jesus the great shepherd of the lost.

Saturday 30 November

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Katherine Hilton – Pray that the Christians in the Department would honour Jesus above all else and grow in their relationship with God and each other. Pray that they would listen well and that God would use them to encourage Christians to plant seeds so people will search for God and find him.

Julie Kerlake, Prayer Diary Editor – Pray for our office staff who handle the printing and distribution of this Prayer Diary that it will be helpful to all who use it to pray regularly for Mothers' Union and all its associated causes.

December

Sunday 1 December 2019

Pauline Burdon, Senior Vice President/Vice President Southern Region – Thank God for opportunities to serve him in Mothers' Union. Pray for the continuity and flourishing of Mothers' Union throughout the world.

Monday 2 December 2019

PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTER AND FAMILY – Name Father, we pray for our rector and staff, for good health, strength and wisdom as they minister to the diverse groups of parishioners. Pray that work and family life will enable our ministers to find time for relaxation and rest in the Lord.

PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MU MEMBERS – We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that MU members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

June Hickey, Secretary and Life Vice President – Praise God for all June has done as MU Sydney Secretary over the past six years and pray that she will have a well-deserved rest with her family as they celebrate Christmas and the holiday period.

Tuesday 3 December 2019

St Alban's, Epping – As we come to the end of another year, we thank God for the fellowship we have enjoyed as a group and for what we have learnt from our Bible studies. Be with us all as we travel through Advent to Christmas. We think not only of the birth of Christ but also of others less fortunate than ourselves. May we enjoy lunch together today.

St Faith's, Narrabeen – Give thanks for this past year for all the Lord's blessings and the way he has sustained us. Pray for the families at St Faith's that they will have wisdom in parenting their children and persevere in teaching their children the truths of God's word.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills – Pray that our members will be witnesses for Jesus among strangers, not only as we celebrate His birth at our outing today but throughout this month and the years to come.

St John's, Keiraville – We thank you Lord for all that you have done in our lives this year. Please give us grace to keep our hearts and minds fixed on you. We pray for the Anglicare staff as they join us for a luncheon and to receive gifts for their clients which have been donated by members and congregation.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – We praise you, Lord, for your presence and strength in our lives and thank you for all the blessings over the past year. We earnestly pray that you would help us to keep our focus on Jesus in the busyness of our lives leading up to Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus.

Wednesday 4 December 2019

St Thomas', Enfield – Today we give thanks for the opportunity to have a Christmas meal together as MU friends, and to give thanks for the ministry we have had this year through our MU outreach in the Enfield parish and community in sharing the Gospel message of God's love and saving grace.

Figtree Anglican – We are thankful for those who minister to us and the older segment of our congregation through visiting, prayer, outings and a wonderful lunch provided by Wayne and his Team on Monday. Thanks to Pam and Harry, Peter and Elizabeth and Peter and Heather and others who are so supportive of our frail and elderly members. We ask for fine weather and another great Team of volunteers to run our Carol Night for the local community on 14th that a mighty crowd will respond to hear the gospel, enjoy all items and entertainment and want to follow up our invitation to Christmas Services.

St John's, Parramatta – As we meet together may we enjoy the fellowship and common purpose we share as MU members, giving thanks for the many blessings of the year.

Christine Jensen OAM, Immediate Past President, Members'

Coordinator – Gracious Father, this Christmas time may your Holy Spirit strengthen our faith and trust in you and may we remember those precious words said to Mary *You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.* Matthew 1:21.

Thursday 5 December 2019

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Pray for the involvement of the Kids' Club children at *Carols on the Lawn* on Christmas Eve. Pray that their families will come along and respond to the gospel message and understand the true meaning of Christmas.

St James', Berala – Give thanks for all that the Lord has provided and pray for refugee families so far from their families as we approach Christmas.

Court Coordinators and Volunteers, Ann Cunningham, Prue Feather and Diana Reid– Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to serve at the Children's and Family Courts across Sydney. May the volunteers be godly examples to those they come in contact with at the courts.

St Jude's, Bowral – It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, worship and praise in our final official meeting together for our Advent Service. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father that we are able to celebrate freely in our country as sisters in Christ and especially with our special Guest Speaker, Mrs Jan Livingstone.

Friday 6 December 2019

Town Hall Market Day Stall – Give thanks that the management supports us in holding the Stall and also for the support of the other businesses in the Arcade.

Carlingford Anglican Church – Thank you God that you know each day what we are facing, and for the grace we'll need each day to live your way.

Narelle Blunt, AMUA Australia Publications Manager – Give thanks for Narelle's commitment to providing good Christian books as well as AMUA literature. Pray for someone to take on this responsibility at the end of the year when Narelle completes her term.

Saturday 7 December 2019

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Praise God for the members growing in the understanding of God's word and reading his word. Pray that all Sudanese parents living in Australia will have good communication with their children.

MU Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM – Lord, we ask that you would give us servant hearts. Equip us and encourage us as we seek to serve, both in our churches and our communities. May we constantly be looking for opportunities *to share Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life.*

Sunday 8 December 2019

Karen Watt, Education Department and Treasurer – Pray that the 2020 studies will encourage members in their walk with the Lord.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Canberra/Goulburn – Please pray for good health for Joan Eberlé as President, and her husband Alan, and a vision for the future of MU here connecting with parishes in Canberra and Goulburn and their families; for wisdom as our diocesan members work towards growing our membership and our profile within our diocese. We thank God for the four new members admitted in March. Please pray for our new Bishop, Mark, and his wife Monica as they settle in through *hearing, seeing and touching* all that they meet in their ministry with us.

Ann Cunningham, Social Issues and Action, Families Equip coordinator – Family life: Please pray that God’s good design for marriages and families will be evident in our churches. Pray that parents will diligently teach their children the truth of the Bible and the love of God.

Kay Landahl, Area President, North Shore – As we approach Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Lord, we pray for Christians around the world. In many different ways people all over the world will be celebrating Christmas and rejoicing in the birth of our Saviour. Others will be grateful for the few days off work over the Christmas holiday time. We pray for them and our world that they may know Jesus, “the reason for the season”. May MU members around the world know the love, peace and joy of the God’s love this Christmas.

Monday 9 December 2019

MU Sydney Patron, Mrs Dianne Davies – May God give us grateful hearts this Christmas season for all the spiritual and material gifts we have received from our Lord’s hand. Help us to be generous in our love to our own families and to those we know who are lonely or far away from their own loved ones. May we reflect Christ’s love in our homes and not let the busyness of this time be an excuse for selfishness or impatience.

MU Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Pray that the Lord would use Chloe and Jess powerfully to make disciples of the young women in our church.

Tuesday 10 December 2019

St John’s Sutherland – Pray for the families at St John’s that the parents will be faithful in teaching and encouraging their children to know and love Jesus. May they have wisdom as they face the challenges of parenting.

St Alban’s, Corrimal – We give thanks to God for the freedom we have in our country to meet together as a body of believers to worship Him.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – Loving Lord, we thank you for the past year and the friendship and fellowship we have as MU members with each other. Please bless all our members as we join in a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols together today. We pray for members and their families of branches worldwide that they may know your love and blessings as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour this Christmas.

St Philip's, Caringbah – Father, we ask for safety for MU members all over the world, and their families, as they get together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We pray especially for those Christians in countries where the church is persecuted and they are not safe.

Wednesday 11 December 2019

St John's, Camden – Please pray for our members as they continue to support the work of MU in our branch, for another year of health and willingness to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jannali Anglican – As the busy time of Christmas approaches, give us a renewed sense of your love and presence, and opportunities to tell others of Jesus, His life and how He has bought salvation and eternal life for us.

Thursday 12 December 2019

Mary Clark, Overseas and Northern Outreach – Give thanks that the Indigenous Training Fund administered by AMUA is able to assist folk from remote communities in NT to attend courses which increase their Bible knowledge and ministry skills and thus benefit their home communities.

Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplains, Stuart Adamson and Bronwyn Kyngdon – Pray that the Lord would raise up appropriate people to get training and become chaplaincy volunteers in all four hospitals at Randwick.

Friday 13 December 2019

MU Executive Meeting – Give thanks for the members of Executive who have served faithfully during the past three years. We especially give thanks for Wendy Mayer our President and June Hickey the Secretary who have served tirelessly over the past six years in leading MU Sydney.

Elizabeth McEwen, Area President, Bankstown/Inner West – Lord, help us to remember that *your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path* and that *when my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watches over my way*. Keep us walking close to you.

Saturday 14 December 2019

Belmore Sudanese – Pray that the members will be more outward looking, as many Sudanese women who are Christians have stopped attending church in Australia.

Barbara Thomas, Area President, St George/Sutherland – Lord, give us an open heart to find You everywhere, to see the beauty of your creation in each flower, and to know that Your presence is reflected in even the smallest act of love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Tricia Howard, National Council of Women – Give thanks that the National Council of Women and like organisations are freely able to function in Australia, where in other countries women are not as free to meet together.

Sunday 15 December 2019

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President – Glory be to God for the great salvation he has sent to us and to all mankind, bringing joy to the world. Amen.

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot – I am thankful for the provision of training in Positive Lifestyle Program (PLP) and Season for Growth (Grief and loss program). Please pray that I am able to manage my time well to facilitate these programs alongside my other duties. I am thankful for the Dillwynia staff for supporting such programs and the freedom to run them.

Monday 16 December 2019

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – As we prepare for Christmas, pray that we will be prepared for the return of the Lord Jesus, in all His splendour and glory. Pray for renewed commitment to telling our family, friends and neighbours of the reason we celebrate Christmas and our Hope in the promises of God. Remember to praise the Lord for all His kindnesses to us.

Barbara Thomas, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – May we show Christ's love as we deliver goods lovingly made by our members to hospitals around Sydney.

Tuesday 17 December 2019

St Mark's, Sadleir – Thank God for the production of our 'Christmas Experience', produced at our church by the youth. This Christmas, may we all remember the love of Jesus and His birthday.

Wendy Mayer, President – Praise God for his faithfulness and blessing to Wendy and to all MU Sydney members during this term of office. May we all continue to look expectantly to his leading of MU in the future.

Wednesday 18 December 2019

St Paul's, Bankstown – Today, let us remember that the year is ending. *Do not fear, for I am with you: Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Isaiah 41:10.

St John's, Dee Why – As we all celebrate the joy of Christmas, we ask God to be with our Rector and family, Steven and Sandra, as they reach out to so many at this time of the year – please God strengthen and sustain them through all the busyness.

St John's, Moss Vale – As we conclude the year, may we give time to reflect on all the blessings which the Lord has given to us, as members of MU. We pray that we will look for opportunities to share our faith and the 'joy' it brings, when we serve our Lord.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – The BCP Collect for the First Sunday in Advent, shows us the comprehensive significance of the Advent Season. I commend it to you. 'Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.' Amen.

Toongabbie Anglican – We give thanks for the Lord's mercies and answered prayers during this past year. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas time may many people be challenged. We especially pray for the Carols Night and services at Toongabbie that the Lord will answer our prayers and bring many people to know him.

Thursday 19 December 2019

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – Pray for the families of our MU members as we move towards Christmas celebrations. We particularly remember those we know who do not know the Lord Jesus and pray that this year they might respond to the Gospel.

MU Worker, Canterbury Sam Begg – Pray for the end of the year, and the transition into the new one will go smoothly for the different kids' ministries at St Paul's, especially, as I may not be able to continue to work there as I have the past few years. So pray that regardless of who is leading the ministries, that they will continue to run and that the kids will continue to grow in their faith. Thanks again for all your prayers! They mean more than you know!

Suzanne Reimer, Area President, Western Region – Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son. As Christmas approaches, we sing with the angels; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests.

Friday 20 December 2019

Glenda McSorley, Vice President Northern Region and Area President Lower North Shore – Give praise and thanks for opportunities presented with the Christmas stall and festive gift wrapping. Give me and all those involved the right words as we briefly connect with Sydney workers. Thank you for open doors.

MU in Myanmar – Beverley Ovens and Christine Brain will fly to Myanmar on 28 December to speak at two Mothers' Union Conferences, and two other small meetings. Pray for safety and clarity as we teach God's word. Beverley is teaching from Matthew Chapters 10, 11 and 12 and Christine is teaching from Ruth. They return to Australia on 10 January 2020.

St Stephen's, Mittagong – Praise the Lord for sending his Son into the world! As we celebrate this, through our *Carols, Candles and Finger-food* night, pray that all who share in this evening will find great joy and peace. We especially pray that this will be a great outreach opportunity for our families, friends and community.

Saturday 21 December 2019

Blacktown Sudanese – Pray for Achol Amach as she leads the branch and that the members will support her, and that good communication between branch members will continue.

Nowra Anglican College – We value your prayers in recruiting a Director of Pastoral Care at the College.

MU Worker Kingsford - Margaret Hodgkinson – Thank God for the enthusiastic and talented group of people at Holy Trinity Kingsford who are able to present a fresh, entertaining look at Christmas. Please pray that our contacts at Playtime and many other people in our local area would come to our Christmas events and hear about the saving grace of Jesus. Please pray that those who come would respond in faith to our Lord Jesus this Christmas.

Sunday 22 December 2019

Jan Boyley, Hospital Visiting – Give thanks for all who sew and knit to keep our stocks up for Hospital Visiting ministry so that we can continue to show Christ's love to mothers and their new babies.

Marriage and Family Life – Gracious Lord, give wisdom to parents in raising children in this technological age. Help them to guide their children so that they understand the good and the bad of the internet.

Monday 23 December 2019

Nungalinga Bible College, Ben van Gelderen, Principal – Heavenly Father, we pray that graduating students will continue to share their faith and love over the Christmas period.

Fairy Meadow Hospital Visitors – Praise God for the Fairy Meadow Hospital Visitors who continue to minister to the new parents in Wollongong Hospital. May they have the right words to say and be able to share the love of Jesus with the new mothers.

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – Some of our members will continue to visit mothers in the maternity unit at Katoomba Hospital, and serve morning tea at the Children's Court at Parramatta.

Tuesday 24 December 2019

Dapto Anglican – May we as Christian women exhibit in our lives that 'Jesus is the reason for the season' of Christmas, and may this truth be a great witness to our families as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Elizabeth Harris, AMUA Vice President Senior – Give thanks for opportunities to walk with Jesus and do his work.

Wednesday 25 December 2019

Christmas Day – ‘But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’ **Luke 2:10-11.**

May the good news of the birth of our Saviour fill our hearts with joy and thanksgiving. May we be encouraged once again to preach the gospel of salvation to all the world.

Thursday 26 December 2019

Mowll Village Group – Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of your Son, come to live among us. Enable us to share this joy with family and friends this Christmas.

St Mark’s, West Wollongong – Pray for a time of relaxation for all MU members, safe travel for them and/or families and for the opportunity to share Jesus with family members who have not accepted Him as their Saviour and Lord, and encourage those who have.

Friday 27 December 2019

Julia Williams, Ruth Cunningham and Linda Wheeler, Office Secretaries, and MU Office and Shop Ministry – We give thanks and praise almighty Lord for your loving gift to us in your Son, Jesus. We pray that in this busy time leading into Christmas we remember and share this Good News with others.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Newcastle – Please pray for guidance for Newcastle MU Executive as we listen, observe, act and implement new initiatives for MU in our diocese.

Saturday 28 December 2019

Margaret Winters, Area President, Warringah – I thank God for the presidents of our two small branches – the two Sandras. They both work so hard and love the Lord so much that they are a blessing and example to us all.

Annette Bailey, AMUA Australia Treasurer – Give thanks for the constant gifts of God’s mercy. Pray that Annette will continue to make wise and faithful decisions for the finances of AMUA.

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley – Pray for strength and perseverance in all things and ongoing faithfulness in God's service.

Sunday 29 December 2019

St Thomas', Auburn – Praise for this special opportunity we have to share God's word, and for the women to be encouraged in their Christian lives.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Praise God for David Zhang, the Senior Minister, and the wonderful support he gives to the branch.

Monday 30 December 2019

Rev Cannon Libbie Crossman, AMUA Australia Immediate Past President, Trustee Zone C, Worldwide Mothers Union – Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of Mothers Union Worldwide to the Church. May we all, as members, be faithful to you as we reach out in love and peace to bring healing and wholeness and knowledge of you to all with whom we have contact. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo – I continue to pray for Emily Carpenter, our chaplain at the Northern Beaches Hospital. We thank you for the relationships that have developed and pray that the hospital will allow pastoral care and MU volunteers to visit patients in the hospital so that patients can know our Lord Jesus and his love for them.

Julie Kerlake, Prayer Diary Editor – Pray for those members who find the Prayer Diary helpful in their daily prayer time.

Tuesday 31 December 2019

NEW YEAR'S EVE – Gracious Lord, we thank you for this past year for the many blessings you have bestowed on us at MU Sydney. We give thanks for the members who have served you faithfully and been faithful in prayer for marriages and family life in our community. We long that your name be honoured not only here in Australia but throughout the world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Wave of Prayer

On Thursdays pray for the work of MU Worldwide
focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

September

31 August - 2 September: Harare in Zimbabwe, Machakos in Kenya, Ogori-Magongo in Nigeria, Ekiti in Nigeria, Southwark in England, Phulbani in India

3-5 September: Khartoum in Sudan, Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, Bari in Nigeria, Ilesa in Nigeria, Gloucester in England, Dugapur in India

7-9 September: Pacong in South Sudan, Southern Nyanza in Kenya, Kutigi in Nigeria, Ijesha North in Nigeria, Bristol in England, Karnataka Central in India

10-12 September: Pretoria in South Africa, North Mbale in Uganda, Oke-Osun in Nigeria, Exeter in England, Barbados in Barbados

14-16 September: Mthathain South Africa, Namirembe in Uganda, Pankshin in Nigeria, Sabongidda-Ora in Nigeria, Dublin and Glendalough in All Ireland, Central Solomons in Solomon Islands

17-19 September: Buye in Burundi, Sebei in Uganda, Abakaliki in Nigeria, Ekiti-Oke in Nigeria, Southwell & Nottingham in England, Belize in Belize

21-23 September: Rumbek in South Sudan, Soroti in Uganda, Aba Ngwa North in Nigeria, Oyo in Nigeria, Peterborough in England, North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba in Islands of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba

24-26 September: Makamba in Burundi, North Karamoja in Uganda, Lokoja in Nigeria, Sapele in Nigeria, Truro in England, Tirunelveli in India

28-30 September: Katanga in DR Congo, Rwenzori in Uganda, Mbaise in Nigeria, Egba in Nigeria, Meath & Kildare in All Ireland, Tiruchirappalli Thanjavur in India

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October

1-3 October: Nzara in South Sudan, North Kigezi in Uganda, Kivu in Rwanda, Damataru in Nigeria, Auckland in New Zealand, Vanuatu and New Caledonia in Vanuatu

5-7 October: Mbhashe in South Africa, Kitgum in Uganda, Ukwa in Nigeria, Ilesa South-West in Nigeria, Tasmania in Australia, Central Melanesia in Solomon Islands

8-10 October: Ethiopia in Ethiopia, Zanzibar in Tanzania, Awgu/Aninri in Nigeria, Freetown in Sierra Leone, Monmouth in Wales, Malaita in Solomon Islands

12-14 October: Ezo in South Sudan, Thika in Kenya, Jos in Nigeria, Akoko in Nigeria, Europe - Various countries in Europe, União de Mulheres Episcopais Anglicanas do Brasil (UMEAB) in Brazil

15-17 October: Terekeka in South Sudan, Nairobi in Kenya, Maiduguri in Nigeria, Osun North in Nigeria, Edinburgh in Scotland, Calcutta in India

19-21 October: High Veld in South Africa, Nambale in Kenya, Niger-Delta in Nigeria, Guinea in Guinea, Blackburn in England, Bhopal in India

22-24 October: Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa, Kitui in Kenya, Kano in Nigeria, Kwara in Nigeria, Armidale in Australia, Myitkyina in Myanmar

26-28 October: Malakal in South Sudan, All Saints Cathedral in Kenya, Kontagora in Nigeria, Osun North East in Nigeria, Glasgow & Galloway in Scotland, Pune in India

29-31 October: Luapula in Zambia, Nakuru in Kenya, South Rwenzori in Uganda, Ibadan-North in Nigeria, Connor in All Ireland, Pusan in South Korea

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November

2-4 November: Lebombo in Mozambique, Makueni in Kenya, Newala in Tanzania, Niger-Delta North in Nigeria, Riverina in Australia, North East India in India

5-7 November: Antananarivo in Madagascar, Taita Taveta in Kenya, Ikara in Nigeria, Ife in Nigeria, Argyll & The Isles in Scotland.

9-11 November: Kadugli & Nuba Mountains in Sudan, Kinkiizi in Uganda, Amichi in Nigeria, Igbomina West in Nigeria, Ottawa in Canada

12-14 November: Ukhahlamba in South Africa, Maseno West in Kenya, Oji River in Nigeria, Dunkwa-on-Offin in Ghana, Guildford in England, Coimbatore in India

16-18 November: Iraq (Cyprus & The Gulf) in Iraq, Katakwa in Kenya, Kafanchan in Nigeria, Asaba in Nigeria. Lincoln in England, Trinidad & Tobago in Trinidad & Tobago

19-21 November: Muyinga in Burundi, Lake Rukwa in Tanzania, Okrika in Nigeria, St Asaph in Wales, Bendigo in Australia, Gujarat in India

23-25 November: Southern Malawi in Malawi, Northern Uganda in Uganda, Lafia in Nigeria, Ilaje in Nigeria, Thoothukudi-Nazareth in India

26-28 November: Zululand in South Africa, Lodwar in Kenya, Isiala Ngwa South in Nigeria, Accra in Ghana, Bangor in Wales, Colombo in Sri Lanka

30 November - 2 December: Mpumalanga in South Africa, Central Buganda in Uganda, Zonkwa in Nigeria, Bo in Sierra Leone, Newcastle in England, Barrackpore in India

Wave of Prayer

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December

3-5 December: Akot in South Sudan, South West Tanganyika in Tanzania, Aba in Nigeria, Irele-Ese Odo in Nigeria, Coventry in England, Cuttack in India

7-9 December: Namibia in Namibia, Mount Kenya South in Kenya, Northern Izon in Nigeria, Ijebu North in Nigeria, Durham in England

10-12 December: Lusaka in Zambia, Shyogwe in Rwanda, Sokoto in Nigeria, Ikka in Nigeria, Ely in England, Karimnagar in India

14-16 December: Fianarantsoa in Madagascar, Central Tanganyika in Tanzania, Calabar in Nigeria, Igbomina in Nigeria, Derry & Raphoe in All Ireland, Banks & Torres in Vanuatu

17-19 December: Lui in South Sudan, Embu in Kenya, Orlu in Nigeria, Awori in Nigeria, The Murray in Australia. Medak in India

21-23 December: Archbishops, Bishops and all clergy in the Anglican Communion

24-26 December: Refugees, internally displaced families and those living in a climate of fear

28-30 December: All involved with the responsibility of caring for and supporting family life

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