

MU SYDNEY PRAYER DIARY



*September
to
December 2020*

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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, modeled 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 (15th October 2020) to prayerdiary@musydney.org.au or post to: MU Office, Shop 39, Town Hall Square, 464 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 (form is to be found inside back cover). If you send your prayer points by email please put your branch in the subject line.

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am a creature of habit. As I write, it is Sunday and I have been up early to attend church, online, at my 'normal time', gathering but not gathering, singing unfamiliar hymns, hearing the voices of members I don't know very well from other congregations, praying and sharing the Bible. I am also wearing my slippers!

If there is a word for today it is 'different'. Everything is different and as the restrictions slowly reverse and our new 'different' becomes normal we adapt. I give Thanks and Praise for the ongoing encouragement from the Executive and Members.

I am hopeful that by the time this diary begins we will have the shop and office open, perhaps on restricted hours but open. Ruth and Julia and Linda have been very patient waiting but I think are looking forward to sharing Mothers Union Sydney with the Town Hall community again.

If there is one thing the COVID-19 crisis had shown, it is that we aren't in control. My prayer has been that, as faithful people, we would rely on our Sovereign God more and that we would be bold for him as we move to our new normal. Prayer has been a wonderful resource during these times.

I trust you might be encouraged as we pray together using this diary.
Philippians 4:4-7

And a special thank you to Julie Kerslake. For many years Julie has worked on the collation and layout of our prayer diary and this is her last edition. We thank Julie for the many volunteer hours given and her faithful part in our prayer ministry.

Love and Prayers,
With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenda". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom left of the page, below the closing text.

Prayer for use during time of the Coronavirus Crisis

I am sure we continue to feel very unsettled and even anxious about the spread of the virus. We need to be reminded that the Lord is still in charge and we have the great privilege of praying to him.

Lord God and Heavenly Father,

We praise you for your sovereign care of your world. We recognise all things are upheld and sustained by your powerful and loving hand.

So we come before you now and commit to you the global spread of the Coronavirus. Events like this remind us of our own limited control even of our own lives, so we ask for you to act mercifully in this situation. Please halt the spread of the virus. Protect those who are especially vulnerable; heal those who are sick; prevent any further death. Give wisdom to those who lead and govern that they may take every necessary step for the good of those whom they serve. Calm the hearts of those who are anxious and please grant your comfort to those who are isolated, or who have lost loved ones from the virus. Exercise your sovereign power in your great love and bring an end to this sickness, we pray.

And we pray for your people in this time. Please enable us to continue meeting together. Please strengthen us to be salt and light in the world. May our lives be characterised by peace and not by panic; by faith rather than fear; by self-sacrifice and service rather than self-seeking; by the proclamation of the gospel to a world that desperately needs the good news of Christ. May our lives be a witness to the firm foundation of Jesus and his life-giving words.

Rescue our world from this sickness. Even more so, be rescuing people from the terrible sickness of sin.

In the name of the Lord Jesus, we pray, Amen.

September 2020

Tuesday 1 September 2020

St John's, Keiraville – We give thanks for our minister John Reed and his assistant John Thew. We give thanks for the Zoom facility keeping us in touch through this pandemic period.

St Faith's, Narrabeen – We thank our Lord for all the wonderful people at our church who have been cooking meals and delivering them to parishioners who were not able to get out during these past months. Please thank our Lord that we are able to tune in to modified church services online in the morning and evenings and also able to see our link missionaries on zoom as well.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – We pray to the Lord, for all essential workers, that God will protect their health as they put themselves at risk in service to others. For those most susceptible to the Coronavirus, we pray that God will protect them from illness and surround them with the peace of knowing that they are loved and cared for beyond measure. We pray for the sick, that they may experience God's healing power in body, mind, and spirit, and be surrounded by the love and support of others, and for all the faithful, that they may be inspired by Christ's example to be agents of love and service to those in need during this pandemic.

Wednesday 2 September 2020

Figtree Anglican – We pray for our ministry team Ian, Greg, Langdon and Shane and musicians creating services and sermons "online" that they will be constantly refreshed, and for our nominators seeking our new rector and to allow Ian to finish well after he stayed on to lead us through the COVID-19 shutdown.

St John's, Parramatta – Pray that the members will be able to continue supporting each other through phone calls for as long as needed.

Christine Brain, AMUA Australia Mia Mia Editor – I would appreciate prayer that I would be faithful to Jesus in the way I approach the job of Mia Mia editor, sensitive to the needs of our members and others who will read the magazine and creative in my approach. Also, I would love it if people might pray that Mia Mia be a means of many people coming to know Jesus better and love him more.

Thursday 3 September 2020

St James', Berala – Please join with us as we give thanks for the birth of three babies to families in our congregation recently and two more expected. We give thanks for each child and pray for their parents as they seek to raise them in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. The number of children has really grown, please pray that God will raise up leaders for the task of leading and mentoring all our young people as they grow.

St Jude's, Bowral – Give thanks to God for the dedication and skill of our ministry team at St Jude's for providing our Sunday Services online. May God continue to bless them in developing new ways of communicating with our church family.

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Give thanks for the Zoom services our ministry team has held during the time we were unable to meet face to face, and also for the newsletters and service sheets sent to parishioners who are not on the internet. Thanks also for MU Sydney and Helen Cooney keeping us in touch with devotionals, Prayer Diaries and Mia Mia.

Friday 4 September 2020

Carlingford Anglican Church – Lord we thank you for the days you give us, each with its own blessings. Some have sunshine, some rain, some have great things to see and do. Thank you that you have put these things in our life to act as signposts that point to you and to your glory.

Kara Hartley, Archdeacon for Women's Ministry – Please pray for various talks I'll be giving in the second half of the year. While restrictions are loosening it is still unclear if all these events will go ahead or if I'll be recording them or doing them live.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Armidale – Please pray for our two branches, Armidale Cathedral and Inverell, as they return to physical meetings and resume their meetings and ministries. Pray for wisdom about projects that were put on hold during coronavirus: Marriage enrichment in Narrabri and Families Equip seminars in Quirindi and Glen Innes and how soon should we re-schedule them. Please pray for wisdom about new avenues of service in our Diocese.

Saturday 5 September 2020

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Praise God the women are doing well. Beverley Ovens has been in contact with the members by phone each month. Continue to pray for the leader, Martha Arok, as she continues the talks on evangelism. There will be no Bible teaching seminar this year at Blacktown Anglican Church.

Vacant positions – Gracious Lord, we pray for those unfilled positions on Executive: for **Hospital Visiting, Overseas and Northern Outreach** and **Social Issues and Action**. Please raise up the right people to take on these responsibilities so that we can further the ministry of MU Sydney.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Newcastle – Please pray for families in the Newcastle Diocese coping with the trauma of the past year with drought and COVID-19. May they be resilient and persevere and find the true meaning and purpose of life.

Sunday 6 September 2020

Mrs Dianne Davies, MU Sydney Patron – In Proverbs we are reminded that we may make plans, but God directs the path. I am thankful to God for teaching me in fresh ways during these last months that God is sovereign and in control of every situation. As we continue to make plans, despite the uncertainty of the future, may we be sustained by his word and encouraged to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Overseas and Northern Outreach – We give thanks that through Mary Sumner House and the Wave of Prayer we are able to keep in touch with our MU sisters throughout the world and so unite in prayer, remembering each other's needs and praying for their activities.

MU Representative to ACW (Australian Church Women NSW Unit Inc), Mrs Glenda McSorley – Give Praise and thanks for this cohort of faithful women from across our state as they serve our Father God.

Monday 7 September 2020

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.

Tuesday 8 September 2020

St Philip's, Caringbah – Thank you Father that you have put us in a family of MU in this place, by your Spirit give us love for each other, especially for those who cannot get to meetings. May we keep in touch by phone.

Corrimal – We pray that God will use our streamed services to make his name known in this current situation, and that we can invite people to join us as we worship Him a little differently at this unusual time and place.

St Alban's, Epping – Loving Father we pray for those who are feeling overwhelmed by their work, especially doctors, nurses, health care workers, the police and parliamentarians. Give them the strength they need and safety at all times.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – This was to be our Area Day at St Alban's Epping. As this has been cancelled, perhaps an outing in a park for a get together would be a good idea. Mark this in your diary! We are all learning this new journey and are so filled with hope and the love of the Lord Jesus that nothing can separate us from His love. What's that old hymn? "New every morning is His love, His waking and surprising proof, Through sleep and darkness safely brought, Restored to life and health and thought."

St Mark's, Pennant Hills – Please pray for all the members of our Area as this was to be our Area Day. Grant them good health and fond memories of previous Area Days, and for next year's gathering in 2021.

St John's, Sutherland/GyMEA – We give thanks for good health and for the loving care of family and friends during the winter months. We praise our loving Father for the gift of Spring, for the beauty around us and for hope for the future after the ravages of drought, fire and the pandemic.

Wednesday 9 September 2020

St John's, Camden – As the restrictions are lifted please pray that all our congregations will feel comfortable and safe returning to the normal church activities. Also, that we would continue to care for the vulnerable and marginalised in our parish and community.

Jannali Anglican – We give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the 100th Birthday of May Stubbs, still living in her own home. Small groups visited her there during the day with gifts and a specially made cake. We praise God for May's steadfastness in faith and her long service to MU.

St Stephen's, Mittagong – Lord, we give thanks that we have you to lean on during changing circumstances in our lives. We pray that we will always remember that, through your Word, we can find courage, strength, guidance and wisdom as we deal with these changes. We pray too, Lord, for fundraising ideas, as we support our various missions.

Thursday 10 September 2020

February Seminar – As we plan the February seminar for 2021, pray for decisions to be made. Pray for wisdom for the speakers as they prepare and the many arrangements that need to be made. Give thanks for the support of the Dean and the Cathedral staff.

Glenda McSorley, President – Give praise and thanks for the opportunity I have to work with the wise and prayerful women who are our Sydney Diocesan Executive. Give thanks for their fellowship and care, concern for our members and the organisation, as together we serve our Father God.

Julia Williams, Ruth Cunningham and Linda Wheeler, Office Secretaries, and MU Office and Shop Ministry – We pray and give thanks for the opportunities we have been given each day in the Town Hall Arcade. We pray for those who visit the shop and pray for continued opportunities to speak when opportunities arise.

Friday 11 September 2020

MU Council – Pray for wisdom for the Executive as they make a decision for when to hold the Council Meeting, following the cancellation in August.

Christine Jensen OAM, Diocesan Members' Coordinator – Gracious Lord, we seek your wisdom in planning the February seminar in 2021 following the many uncertainties this year. We long for opportunities to encourage and support Christian marriage and family life in our city and to see women, men and children come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus. In all this may your name be honoured and glorified. Amen

Kimberly Rispin, Community Officer – Heavenly Father, in this peculiar year, please give Kimberly wisdom and guidance in her role promoting Mothers Union Sydney. Please help her to figure out how to best serve you in this ministry and how to best reach out to the next generation of potential Mothers Union Members.

Saturday 12 September 2020

Belmore Sudanese – Praise God for the Leader, Nora, as she cares for the members, and Helen Cooney as she encourages the women with reading the Bible in English. Pray for Elizabeth Mayen whose son died of a car accident. She took him back to Sudan to bury him in March. The same week Monica Biel's husband died in Kenya and she went back to the Sudan to bury him. Please pray for their return to Australia and God's hand to be upon them in their loss and grief.

St Thomas', Enfield – Children's Ministry - Dear Lord, we give you thanks for our children's ministry team. We pray for wisdom as the leaders carry out this important work. We pray that they are always guided by your Spirit as they communicate their heart for your Word to the children they teach. We pray that you will continue to work in and through them as they convey the Christian message to the children in our church, and also as they pursue the building up of God focused relationships with families. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Sunday 13 September 2020

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary – Give thanks that through these difficult days, God has watched over us, strengthening us with His love, to reach out and care for others.

MU Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Please pray for Jess and Chloe that they will have motivation and a good work ethic in second semester of year 13.

Monday 14 September 2020

Wendy Mayer, Treasurer and Immediate Past President – Give thanks for the many ways God supported us during the COVID-19 shutdown: for financial assistance and for spiritual comfort and enabling to continue to do the things we can, and to plan positively for the future.

Barbara Thomas, Assistant to the Southern Region Vice President – Heavenly Father, we pray for your wisdom and guidance for Helen Cooney as she seeks to provide for members' changing circumstances in the branches under her care.

Tuesday 15 September 2020

St Mark's, Sadleir – Today was to be our Area Day at our Sadleir Branch and at the date of writing we are uncertain if we are still able to hold this meeting due to the COVID-19 virus. We thank God that our members have so far not been affected by this virus.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – We give thanks for the Ministers in our four Parishes in the Highlands, and for the support and encouragement they give to their MU members. Please pray that they and our members will be encouraged, whatever our circumstances, by our Lord's teaching in *Matthew 6:25-34* "Do not worry", where He emphasises God's providential care for His creation, and His kindness to those who put their trust in Him.

Wednesday 16 September 2020

St Paul's, Bankstown – Dear Heavenly Father, even when we are few in number we are blessed by being together. Keep us focused on what we are saying and doing in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

St John's, Dee Why – Thank you Father for being stronger than any virus. Thank you that the streamed services have reached more people than would normally attend church.

St John's, Moss Vale – Give thanks and praise for God's mercy to us and His world through these strange times, and every moment of every day. May we have the opportunity of having Mrs Jan Livingstone OAM, speak to us on "Contentment". *Micah 6:8*

Toongabbie Anglican – We bring before our Heavenly Father the situation in which we are in and the impact it has had on our MU members, our Church family and those in our community. We thank God for the modern technology which allows us to share in our Church Services and Growth Groups. We pray and thank God for our Ministry Team who work diligently to enable the various ministries to be brought to us. We pray that many people would be introduced to Jesus over this time.

Thursday 17 September 2020

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – As we gather, pray with thankfulness for the way our members kept connected and prayed for each other and for the joy in reunion under God.

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – Give thanks for the links that have been established with young mothers through the gift bags for new babies and the annual Teddy Bears Picnic with Playtime. Pray that these links may continue and be built on whether or not the picnic is able to go ahead today.

Friday 18 September 2020

MU Executive – Gracious Father, bless the work of the Executive. We pray you will continue to guide them and give them wisdom as they seek to further the ministry of Mothers Union Sydney.

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources Coordinator – Please pray for wisdom in developing more courses for the parenting program to encourage parents in understanding their children and nurture them in their faith in the Lord Jesus.

Moore College Hospital Visitors – Pray for wisdom to know the best time for re-starting MU Hospital visiting at RPA.

Saturday 19 September 2020

Blacktown Sudanese – Achol Amach is the leader. Pray for her in this role that she will grow in the love and knowledge of God's word and that the members will continue to attend the meetings each month.

All Branch Officers and Speakers – Give thanks for the leaders of our branches as they have endeavoured to encourage members during the challenges of this year when we haven't been able to meet. Pray as we gather again in our regular meetings that we will give thanks for the privilege of meeting.

Sunday 20 September 2020

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President – Dear loving Heavenly Father, we pray for our MU sisters around the world during this time. Especially we pray for those living in countries with poor or very limited medical facilities, and in places where there is constant poverty and political unrest often with a corrupt government. Please Lord, hear our prayer for our sisters as they continue with their ministries of serving women and children. Amen

Fairy Meadow Hospital Visitors – Give thanks to God for MU members from Fairy Meadow as they continue the ministry of Hospital Visiting.

Monday 21 September 2020

Kay Landahl, Vice President Northern Region – With all our MU Area Days being cancelled due to COVID-19, we pray for our members in the Northern Area who are disappointed to miss the time of worship and fellowship together this month. We pray that members are keeping well and not feeling too isolated during these difficult times. May our loving Lord be close to all our members.

Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplains, Bronwyn Kyngdon and David Anthonisz – Please pray as the hospital adjusts to lifting of restrictions, and as we look to having volunteers back that their return to the hospital will be as smooth as possible.

Tuesday 22 September 2020

Dapto Anglican – Dear Lord, as we approach this special September, we celebrate our 100 year anniversary of MU here in Dapto. We give thanks and pray for your blessings and your guidance as we enter the next 100 years.

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot – As we have adjusted to change due to COVID-19, praise God for the core group of women who regularly meet for Bible study and prayer group. Give thanks for their desire to meet and the hunger they have to continue to learn. Pray that we will be able to meet again in Chapel soon and the women will have the desire to attend.

Wednesday 23 September 2020

Helen Cooney, Vice President Southern Region, Life Vice President

– As we approach the end of the school year we pray for young people facing their final examinations. Despite the difficulties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic that may have affected their preparation, we pray that they will continue each day to know your loving care and presence. Give them calm hearts and minds as they remember that their future is in your hands.

Nowra Anglican College – Pray for energy for staff and students in what has been a challenging year and pray for the community at NAC to be marked by faith, hope and love.

Thursday 24 September 2020

Mowll Village Group – Lord, we praise you for the blessings of good health in our village community in recent months. Thank you for your mercy and the care given by Anglicare.

St Mark's, West Wollongong – Pray for our Service, short meeting and lunch today, and for our Speakers, Kaitlyn Dixon (our Children's Minister) and Megan Ho (our Children's Ministry Trainee) as they inform us how they have been able to contact and minister to our children during the time of COVID-19 and what is planned for 2021.

Friday 25 September 2020

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – Our Father God, we thank you for CMS missionary Karen Flanagan serving with her husband Kevin, in Mpanda Tanzania as she is involved with and supportive of Mothers' Union. Please help her when there are obstacles and stresses to be wise as well as encouraging to the diocesan MU leaders, so that members will keep growing in godliness in their ministries to women in Lake Rukua diocese. Amen. Please ask for clarity and wisdom for me as I prepare for a possible MU Advent service, scheduled for November.

Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo – We thank you Lord for answered prayer so that the Volunteer Coordinator is in negotiations to bring volunteers into Northern Beaches Hospital. Please guide Emily Carpenter the Anglicare Chaplain and Lynette Johnson the Pastoral Care Coordinator and MU member as they negotiate entry of Christian volunteers into the hospital.

Saturday 26 September 2020

Prue Feather, Court Work Coordinator – We pray that the court work will resume soon. Give thanks for the support of the administration of the courts and their concern for our wellbeing. May we continue to have opportunities to serve in this small way.

MU Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM – We thank you for the fellowship we share because we trust in you for every aspect of life. Grant us the courage to sow the seeds of the gospel continually in the lives of those around us, regardless of their response.

Sunday 27 September 2020

St Thomas', Auburn – Praise God the Assistant Minister Choi is leading the group. Pray that as they study Mark's gospel they will become more outward looking in telling others about Jesus.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Praise God for the President, Amy He, and members as they support and encourage each other in their Christian lives. Pray for Nina who translates the Bible studies, that she will grow in her walk with Jesus.

Monday 28 September 2020

Diane Gold, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – At present we are unaware when we will be able to go back into the Hospitals, so it looks like this is all on hold for the present. Pray that this will resume soon.

Refugees – Heavenly Father, we are saddened for those who have had to flee their homes. We ask that that they might find love and compassion and might hear of the true peace that comes through knowing the Lord Jesus. Pray for Anglicare as they assist refugees settle, learn English and seek work. May the love of Christ be seen in all they do.

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Marriage and Family Life – Heavenly Father, we pray that you will sustain marriage in our society. We pray for those families in distress and ask for perseverance and forgiveness in their relationships. When marriages are broken by domestic violence may the victims receive support and help, especially in our churches.

Elaine Longford, AMUA Vice President – Pray as Elaine combines her role as President of AMUA Melbourne and Vice President of AMUA.

Wednesday 30 September 2020

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

Dr Robin Ray, AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach – Pray for Robin as she encourages members to reach out and support our ministry to Overseas and Northern Outreach.

October 2020

Thursday 1 October 2020

St James', Berala – As a parish we have a ministry to refugees that is becoming more well known, and so we are often asked for additional support from people in difficult situations. Please give thanks for the generous response to a recent appeal so we are able to help in some practical ways as we try to care for these people and introduce them to Jesus. Please pray for wisdom for the leadership team as they allocate time, energy and resources.

St Jude's, Bowral – We pray for Christine Jensen as she prepares as our Guest Speaker and that she will honour God in all her words. Pray that the minds and hearts of our members will be open for greater understanding of what our Lord is trying to teach us.

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Pray for our nominators, that they will be able to meet potential candidates for the position of senior minister in our parish and that we won't be too long without someone in that position. Please also pray for those ministering to us during this time.

Friday 2 October 2020

Carlingford Anglican Church – Lord thank you that you care so much about us that you give us the things we need, not the things we want.

Kara Hartley, Archdeacon for Women's Ministry – Give thanks for the way the women around the diocese have continued to serve during these uncertain times. I've been really encouraged by their creativity, perseverance and faithfulness.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Riverina – Please continue to pray for the many needs in this huge diocese as they continue to suffer the effects of the drought and water availability.

Saturday 3 October 2020

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Praise God for the support of Samuel John the ordained Sudanese Assistant Minister, and for his support of the branch. Pray for the members to grow in the knowledge and love of God's word.

Vacant positions – Gracious Lord, we pray for those unfilled positions on Executive: for **Hospital Visiting, Overseas and Northern Outreach** and **Social Issues and Action**. Please raise up the right people to take on these responsibilities so that we can further the ministry of MU Sydney.

Sunday 4 October 2020

Mrs Dianne Davies, MU Sydney Patron – As I write these prayer points, it is uncertain whether the Diocesan Synod will be able to gather together this month. Please pray for wisdom as decisions are made regarding how to manage holding Synod should COVID-19 restrictions still be in force.

Julia Williams, Ruth Cunningham and Linda Wheeler, Office Secretaries, and MU Office and Shop Ministry – We give you thanks and praise 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 our encounters.

MU Representative to NCW (National Council of Women), Mrs Tricia Graham – Pray for the NCW Executive as they work through the economic effect COVID-19 lockdown is having on NCW's meetings and functions.

Monday 5 October 2020

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.

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Tuesday 6 October 2020

St John's, Keiraville – We pray for our members as we grow in our Christian walk. We give thanks for the leadership of our president Roslyn. During this period of isolation, we pray for the lonely and those who are suffering hardship.

St Faith's, Narrabeen – Pray for members who are not well that they will know God's comfort and strength, and trust in him.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – Our merciful Father we come before you, asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. We pray that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

Wednesday 7 October 2020

St Thomas', Enfield – Older church members – Father, we bring before you the senior, aged and vulnerable members of our church family, those who are experiencing loss of vigour, health and independence and those who care for them. Reassure them that by your Word and through continued faith in your son Jesus Christ. You have promised to always be near, always faithful, and that there is a purpose to each day. We also ask Lord, that you bless their family members so that as they provide ongoing support and encouragement, they will do so with love, patience and wise decision-making. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Figtree Anglican – We give thanks for the way God has kept us connected with streamed services, the people who delivered many DVDs, those who have kept the church freezer filled with give-away meals and the pastoral care team staying in touch with the frail and elderly in our parish.

St John's, Parramatta – Pray for wisdom for members deciding when they will be able to safely meet again in person.

Thursday 8 October 2020

Glenda McSorley, President – Give praise and thanks that in this different and difficult year I might be a good steward of my time in my family, Church, Mothers Union and the community.

Overseas and Northern Outreach – We particularly pray for MU Groups in North West Australia, the Northern Territory and North Queensland as they reach out to isolated communities. May our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island sisters know the comfort of the gospel.

Friday 9 October 2020

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary – Praise the Lord for the development of technology which has allowed MU members and branches to stay connected and support each other.

Suzanne Reimer, Area President, Western Region – At this time we remember that our hope is in Him. *Psalm 27:1* reminds us, “The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid.” Amen.

Saturday 10 October 2020

Belmore Sudanese – Pray for the members as they love and support each other by prayer and practical assistance. Pray that Elizabeth and Monica will continue to trust God in their grief and loss.

Kimberly Rispin, Community Officer – Dear Lord, please guide Kimberly and the other Mothers Union members that are serving as Administrators and Moderators of the new Christian Parenting Australia Facebook Private Group. May many young Christian parents hear about this group, join and also become contributing members of the group so that it may grow in numbers and continue to be a supportive and safe community for Christian parents to talk about real-life parenting. We give thanks and praise you Lord for the growth in numbers of young parents that have already joined this group.

Sunday 11 October 2020

Wendy Mayer, Treasurer and Immediate Past President – Pray for wisdom as we assess what meetings we can hold between now and the end of the year, keeping a balance between the emotional and physical health of our members.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – We pray for those in leadership positions, whether in our local branches, or those who serve on the Executive for Sydney Diocese. May they be responsive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, as the BCP Collect says “a right judgment in all things” in their planning for the coming year, so that MU might continue to “Share Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life.”

Monday 12 October 2020

Christine Jensen OAM, Diocesan Members' Coordinator – Heavenly Father, thank you that you are always with us and we are never alone. Thank you that you have upheld us in this past year. Help us to do the good works you have prepared for us to walk in, to the glory of your name.

MU Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Pray that Jess and Chloe will have good time management for study in Year 13 and their ministries at church.

Tuesday 13 October 2020

St Philip's, Caringbah – Lord Jesus, You have said that in the world we will have trouble, but take heart the victory is mine: I have conquered the world. Please keep us thinking of Your victory.

St Alban's, Corrimal – We pray for those preparing for their year 12 exams in this difficult time. May they know you are there for them and lean on you for strength and a positive attitude towards their studies.

St Alban's, Epping – We thank you Lord that our group has been caring for each other in various ways and showing love to others. We thank you too that even though we have been unable to meet as a group, we have recently met in small groups for coffee or a sandwich. It has been lovely to see smiling faces.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – Our last Bible study from our dear Iris George is "Mary, Jesus' Mother" the last study for the year. Thank you, Karen, for this ministry which we all enjoy and participate in together. "Because HE lives I can face tomorrow, Because HE lives all fear is gone, Because I KNOW HE holds the future, And life is worth the living, just because HE LIVES."

St Mark's, Pennant Hills – Open our hearts to God's word as we look into our final Study for the year. Be with our leader as she takes us into the life of "Mary, Jesus' Mother".

St John's, Sutherland/GyMEA – We pray for parents and children that their homes may reflect God's love in a world that is often chaotic and confronting. May students preparing for HSC or UNI exams find ways to cope with stress as they study in a year of challenges.

Wednesday 14 October 2020

St John's, Camden – We pray for safe travel for our speaker and members as we travel to The Oaks for our meeting today.

Jannali Anglican – Thank you, heavenly Father, for the many acts of kindness experienced by and also given to others by MU members in their neighbourhood and church families, showing Christ's love and His presence to others who may not know Him.

St Stephen's, Mittagong – Loving Lord and Father, how grateful we are for the people you put in leadership roles. Give them wisdom, Lord. We especially think of our ministers and leaders in our church family. Help us to know how best to encourage, support and work with them as we take the gospel to those in our community who do not yet know you.

Thursday 15 October 2020

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – Pray for our members and the influence they have in their families and amongst their friends. Give us boldness to share our faith with those who do not know the Lord. Give us opportunity and courage to share the Good News.

Diane Gold, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – Pray that we might be able to reconnect with the Hospitals in the next few months and be able to collect the goods to be delivered.

Friday 16 October 2020

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources Coordinator – Give thanks for the Christian Parenting Australia Facebook page and the number of people who have joined. Pray for opportunities to discuss the impact of the gospel in family life.

Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie – Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. Please pray that those I have been ringing and having more open conversations with than usual will want to keep talking about faith and that they will move closer to Jesus.

MU Executive – Pray for the Executive members as they meet today. May they be wise in the decisions they make as they seek to serve the Lord through Mothers Union Sydney.

Saturday 17 October 2020

Blacktown Sudanese – Pray for Mama Freda who is an elderly and frail member that her family will be able to find suitable accommodation for them to live in.

MU in Myanmar – Pray for the MU members in Myanmar during this year of uncertainty. Keep them free from the virus and strengthen their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus.

Sunday 18 October 2020

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President – Dear loving Father, we pray that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. *Philippians 1:9-10a*

Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Rev Robert Denham – On top of the normal concerns and heartaches associated with a sick child, many parents coming to the hospital are also concerned that their child and they themselves may catch COVID-19. Pray for safety, and for an ease of their fears. Give thanks for the Chaplains, who do take time to listen to the fears of the parents, and ask the Lord to give them wise words.

Monday 19 October 2020

Kay Landahl, Vice President Northern Region – We give thanks for clergy and staff who have been so faithful and diligent in keeping in touch with members of their church communities through personal contact, online and zoom services, Bible studies and meetings. May we, as members, reach out to those in need and who find it difficult to use the technology required to watch these services.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Katherine Hilton – Thank God for the visits of MU and other volunteers and pray that they have been able to start visiting again.

Tuesday 20 October 2020

St Mark's, Sadleir – Today our members are looking forward to Helen Cooney coming to visit us and we are studying the last Bible Study for this year. We thank God for his faithfulness and pray for our minister David Morgan and his wife Priya and their family.

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.

Wednesday 21 October 2020

St Paul's, Bankstown – Our Heavenly Father, we bring before you our MU members here at Bankstown. Keep us faithful to our vision of encouraging Christ's teaching on marriage and Christian family life. We bring before you Executive as they make decisions on our behalf.

St John's, Dee Why – Thank you Lord that you work all things together for good, even our current circumstances.

St John's, Moss Vale – As we conduct our AGM, trusting in your presence always, through the dark valleys, as well as on the mountain tops, may we also have time to share and give praise, Father, for your lifelong guarding and guiding. God is good, all the time!

Toongabbie Anglican – We pray that the COVID-19 virus would be brought under control across the world and give thanks to God that our country has had a minimal number of cases. We pray for those who have mental health issues arising from isolation. We thank God for the Christianity Explored courses being run in our Parish, that it will bring assurance of God's love and protection to those who believe in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thursday 22 October 2020

St Mark's, West Wollongong – Pray for our service, short meeting and lunch today, and for our Speaker, Wendy Mayer, Past President and Treasurer, MU Sydney Executive. Pray that she will be able to encourage our members as we continue to work towards sharing Christ's love.

Nungalinga Bible College – Pray that remote communities continue to experience joyful fellowship and evangelism opportunities.

Friday 23 October 2020

Helen Cooney, Vice President Southern Region, Life Vice President

We give thanks for the faithfulness of MU members in the Sydney Diocese during the past months when it has not been possible to meet together. We are grateful that our members have continued to serve God through MU with examples of loving service, friendship and caring in their church and community.

Life Member of Council, Pam Goodhew – May the Lord continue to uphold Pam as she serves alongside her husband Archbishop Goodhew. Thank God for their faithful service.

Saturday 24 October 2020

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – Heavenly Father, we do give thanks for Christine Brain as she has the role of editor of Mia Mia and seeks to include articles that support AMUA's aim and objects. We pray that all members will bring honour to the name of the Lord Jesus and the gospel of grace, by living out trust and obedience in all we do and say. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

MU Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison – We pray for MU members and/or their relatives who have been affected over the past eight months by famine, fires or floods. Some need rebuilding, relocating and are experiencing hardships. The loss of income to them and those in business is devastating. We particularly remember those who have lost loved ones or friends. The Lord Jesus promise He would never leave or forsake us, is a great promise; A line from an old hymn by Francis Lyte, “....O Thou who changest not abide with me”

Sunday 25 October 2020

St Thomas', Auburn – Pray that the members would love and care for each other and grow in the knowledge of God's word and be open to sharing the good news of Jesus.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Praise God for the faithful members coming each month. Pray for Beverley Ovens who is doing the teaching from St Mark's gospel.

Monday 26 October 2020

Prue Feather, Court Work Coordinator – Give thanks for the work of the court conveners and volunteers. Please give the volunteers a heart for those they are ministering to each time they serve morning tea and for opportunities to share the compassion of Christ.

Life Vice President June Hickey – Give thanks for June's continuing support and help with the administration of Mothers Union Sydney. Pray that her property will be restored following the fires and floods earlier this year.

Tuesday 27 October 2020

Dapto Anglican – After the sudden death of our dear senior minister last year, we give you thanks and praise for our newly appointed minister and his wife David and Marianne Rietveld. We welcome them to St Luke's Dapto. We are indeed blessed by you our Lord.

Homeless – We bring before you dear Lord those who for some reason have no home and wander the streets of our city and suburbs to find rest. We pray for the many agencies who seek to care for them; Anglicare, Mission Australia, and also for the churches in our city, particularly for St Philip's Church Hill, as they provide a monthly lunch for any who come. May they know their true home is in heaven with you.

Wednesday 28 October 2020

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – Pray that we might encourage each other in our walk with the Lord as we meet for a time of sharing and planning for next year. Give thanks that we were able to keep meeting with Zoom and enjoy hearing speakers and so be encouraged.

Christine Jensen OAM, AMUA Australia Vice President – Pray for opportunities to reach out to members via social media which will inform and encourage them in Mothers' Union.

Thursday 29 October 2020

Mowll Village Group – Heavenly Father, we praise you for our Chaplain Jan's ministry to our MU members. Enable us to be attentive today as Jan teaches from one of the Bible studies.

Susan Skowronski, AMUA Australia Social Issues and Action – Pray that as Susan focuses on Social Issues and Action she will encourage members to be active in supporting Christian values in society.

Friday 30 October 2020

Council Meeting - Pray that the Council meeting planned for today can go ahead either as Council members meeting together or electronically. Pray for Glenda as she chairs the meeting and that the Council will make wise decisions for the future of Mothers' Union Sydney. Give thanks that we have been blessed financially as an organisation and pray for wisdom and discernment as we use these financial benefits.

Rev Lesley McLean, AMUA Australia Prayer and Spirituality – Pray for Lesley as she offers spiritual guidance and encouragement to all members and especially the Prayer and Spirituality diocesan coordinators.

Saturday 31 October 2020

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

MU Dioceses in NSW, Diocese of Bathurst – Dear Lord, thank you for the many blessings you give to us. Strengthen us in Mothers' Union to reach out, in your name, to all families we meet in our everyday life. We pray for our Bishop, Mark Calder, and his wife Susan – we ask for safety in travelling and strength as they visit parishes across this vast Diocese of Bathurst. Lord, strengthen us for the work you have given to us to do.

November 2020

Sunday 1 November 2020

Mrs Dianne Davies, MU Sydney Patron – Please pray for HSC students as they sit their exams after such a disruptive and difficult year for them. May they be calm and confident in their final preparation aiding recall of memory during the examinations. Pray also for the parents of HSC students that they may not transfer their own anxiety but provide a loving support for their children during this time.

Kara Hartley, Archdeacon for Women's Ministry – As I write, it is still uncertain what we will be able to do over the Christmas period. Pray for patience as many try and work out what's possible.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Canberra/Goulburn – We give thanks and feel gratitude to our Lord for the good governance of our Territory and the strong leadership of Bishop Mark Short here in Canberra and Goulburn Diocese. Pray that our members will embrace our second object: to encourage parents to bring their children up in the faith and life of the Church, as we plan, pray and serve both within our parish and in the wider community.

Monday 2 November 2020

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.

Tuesday 3 November 2020

St John's, Keiraville – We give thanks for the gift of your Son, Lord. We pray for the families in our church and for the ministry to the children. We give you thanks for the prayer diary which is so helpful in our daily prayer time.

St Faith's, Narrabeen – Give thanks for our ministry team at Narrabeen, for their faithful teaching of God's word and for the care they give to members.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – We pray to the Lord, that God will give us the grace to know his presence in our everyday lives, and to know him as our constant companion in times of loneliness, our gladness in times of suffering, and our sure hope in times of uncertainty. We pray for the neighbouring parish Penshurst as they seek a new minister.

Wednesday 4 November 2020

Figtree Anglican – We thank God for the links that MU has had through prayer with our sisters across the Sydney Diocese, that we can make a difference by upholding marriage and family life and pray against domestic violence to enrich our communities.

St John's, Parramatta – Pray for two members who have some dementia and have found the change in conditions due to COVID-19 very unsettling as they don't understand the reason for the changes.

MU Representative to ACW (Australian Church Women NSW Unit Inc), Mrs Glenda McSorley – Give praise for our meetings, for fellowship enjoyed, and the strong biblical focus. Thank God as we support women and families in their communities together with the funding of scholarships, in Theological Education of women across our Nation and the Asia/Pacific.

Thursday 5 November 2020

Thursday November 5 - St James', Berala – Our new afternoon church service, Berala Lighthouse, had only just begun when we were not able to meet together. Please pray for the team as they try to maintain new relationships and begin again in some way as restrictions for meetings are eased.

St Jude's, Bowral – We give thanks to God that we will be able to share in our Christmas Morning Tea with our Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Lowe. May God bless her preparation and build us up in our understanding of her message.

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Thank God for those who take Scripture classes in our local schools. Please pray that all classes in these five schools will continue to be covered, and that the children for whom this may be their only opportunity to hear about Jesus will respond positively.

Friday 6 November 2020

Carlingford Anglican Church – Amidst all the duties and busyness of each day Lord God, we pray that we will know the peace and inner rest that affirms that you are in control of our lives.

Vacant positions – Gracious Lord, we pray for those unfilled positions on Executive: for **Hospital Visiting, Overseas and Northern Outreach** and **Social Issues and Action**. Please raise up the right people to take on these responsibilities so that we can further the ministry of MU Sydney.

Saturday 7 November 2020

St Thomas', Enfield – COVID-19 Pandemic - Loving God, the current pandemic has caused many to fear, and even to despair. But although there has been enormous disruption to our daily lives, we know that through faith in your Son we are secure, despite the many challenges and uncertainties ahead. We pray for those who have suffered the debilitating effects of this disease and for the families of those who have lost their lives. We give you thanks for the efforts of all frontline health care workers during this crisis and we look forward to a future where we are once again free to meet together as a Christian community under your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Pray for the members, in their walk with Jesus as they have their daily prayer and Bible readings with friends, that they may they love and encourage each other.

Sunday 8 November 2020

MU Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Please pray that Jess and Chloe will keep Bible reading and prayer as a priority for the rest of the year. Pray that they will be able to encourage young people to stand for Christ in their daily lives.

Monday 9 November 2020

Glenda McSorley, President – Give praise and thanks that in spite of the stresses of this past year we can begin to gather again. Pray that we will be able meet together at the Advent Service later this month.

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 will be glorified.

Tuesday 10 November 2020

St Philip's, Caringbah – Day by day inwardly renew us by your Spirit and enable us to speak with joy of your work within us to those with whom we have contact.

St Alban's, Corrimal – We pray for opportunities to reach out and stay connected with older members of our church and community, and to support them in whatever way we can, knowing that for many, isolation is so difficult for them.

St Alban's, Epping – We thank you for our clergy and our pastoral care team and all they have done to keep us together. Thank you that we have been able to see some of our group in our Zoom Church each Sunday. We pray for those who do not have access to this form of communication and have missed out. Thank you that they have things like Songs of Praise on the TV that they can watch and join in with.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – We look forward to Felicity Stead speaking to us. Felicity is a busy lady, but we can claim some of her time to speak about her journey. Felicity is also our Office Secretary and has endeared herself to us all with her willingness to help out and go the extra mile. We shall be in prayer that all will be well to enjoy this special morning. Oh, for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road, that leads me to the LAMB.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills – As we come to our AGM today, pray that our executive and members will continue to share Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea – Today is our final meeting. We join together for a short service and lunch, rejoicing in the opportunity to thank God for his steadfast love and the gift of life everlasting.

Wednesday 11 November 2020

St John's, Camden – We pray that as we have our election today that you will raise up members who are willing to take on these responsible positions.

Jannali Anglican – As we near the end of this year which brought challenges and hardships to so many, we remember and celebrate the truth in *Deuteronomy 31:8* "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you, he will never leave you or forsake you."

St Stephen's, Mittagong – Heavenly Father, what an exciting time, as we look to Christmas and the celebration of your birth! We pray for opportunities to reach out to those with a superficial view of Christmas, and the wisdom and ability to lead them to a deeper, more meaningful view. The 'stuff' of this world will not last, but you will Lord...

Thursday 12 November 2020

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary – We thank God for the revival of Australia's altruistic spirit where we as a people, and in God's name, care for each other.

Overseas and Northern Outreach – We pray for MU members in branches around Australia, especially in remote areas, that they will uphold the aims of MU and encourage families in their congregations and communities.

Friday 13 November 2020

Wendy Mayer, Treasurer and Immediate Past President – Pray that we will trust God to provide for the future of Mothers' Union Sydney, as he has faithfully provided for us in the past. Pray that he will enable us to take the opportunities he opens for us to serve him, even when they are different from the ways we operated in the past.

Kimberly Rispin, Community Officer – Gracious Father, please show Kimberly the best ways to reach out to young families that do not yet know about Mothers Union. Please give her the words she needs when making church visits now and in the future. Please give her opportunities to meet with church leaders to help them learn about Mothers Union Sydney, who we are, what our ministries actually are, and how we can best serve their church family.

Saturday 14 November 2020

Belmore Sudanese – Pray for members who are unable to come because of the weather and looking after grandchildren, that they will know God is with them and we are praying for them.

Barbara Thomas, Assistant to the Southern Region Vice President – We give thanks, O Lord, for the continuing faithful service and commitment of branch members over many years. We pray for those who have recently become members, that they will be encouraged and inspired by those they meet and as they learn more about the worldwide involvement of MU.

Sunday 15 November 2020

Christine Jensen OAM, Diocesan Members' Coordinator – We give thanks for the opportunities to connect with families through our Facebook pages, the website, emails and the parenting seminars. Pray for wisdom in discerning how to communicate effectively and to encourage a deeper dependence on the Lord's provision in the challenges of family life.

Moore College Hospital Visitors – Pray that we will have some new visitors join the team from College student wives.

Monday 16 November 2020

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources Coordinator – Pray for families who are struggling at this time with financial worries and job losses. May we reach out to them as we connect with churches and through social media.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – Please pray for the end of year activities in our four branches, as are permissible, as we seek to invite others to join us. Through these opportunities and events may they hear the Word of God, faithfully proclaimed, and be better informed of the teaching and values of MU. In being better informed, may they consider becoming an MU member.

Tuesday 17 November 2020

St Mark's, Sadleir – Today is our last meeting for the year and our Minister, David Morgan, is taking a communion service for the members, following with a breakup luncheon. Thank God for the fellowship we share in Jesus' name.

All Branch Officers and Speakers – We thank you Lord for the encouragement we have received from Branch leaders and Executive during the times when we couldn't meet. Continue to uphold them as they serve you.

Wednesday 18 November 2020

St Paul's, Bankstown – Dear Heavenly Father, today is our meeting day and we long to do what you would have us do. Keep us faithful and mindful of your presence in our daily lives.

St John's, Dee Why – As things get back to “normal”, please Heavenly Father let the new normal be the way You would have it be.

St John's, Moss Vale – Merciful God, may our Holy Communion be a glorious remembrance of "Amazing Love, how can it be! That Thou my God, should'st die for me!"

Toongabbie Anglican – We pray for all missionaries who are overseas and unable to return home at this time, that they will be protected by God's great love and our prayers. As summer is approaching, we pray for those who would be in danger from bushfires and for the members of the RFS that they will be safe from danger.

Thursday 19 November 2020

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – This is our last official meeting for the year and the end of a very different year. A year that marked 85 years of Mothers' Union in Lane Cove. Give praise and thanks for the many faithful women who have served our Father God here and beyond over the years and pray for insight as we move forward.

Mowll Village Group – Lord, enable our members to be a bold witness to you, “always prepared to give the reason for the hope that we have, with gentleness”. *1 Peter 3:15*

Friday 20 November 2020

MU Executive – Pray for wisdom for Glenda as she leads the Executive and guides us in planning the way forward for Mothers’ Union Sydney so that the Lord is honoured, and marriage and Christian family life is supported.

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President –We thank you Lord that “the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit “. Amen. *Romans 14:17*

Fairy Meadow Hospital Visitors – Give thanks to God for MU members from Fairy Meadow as they continue the ministry of Hospital Visiting.

Saturday 21 November 2020

Blacktown Sudanese – Praise God for Christine Jensen and Bev Ovens working together teaching God’s word, encouraging the members in their Christian lives. Pray for the members to grow in God’s word.

Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children’s Hospital Chaplains, Bronwyn Kyngdon and David Anthonisz – Pray we will continue to be bold in visiting and speaking to patients of God's love for them.

Sunday 22 November 2020

Kay Landahl, Vice President Northern Region – Our loving God, we thank you that in you we have hope and that you are always in control and know all our needs. We pray that the spread of the coronavirus will cease around the world, and help us remember that you are always faithful to those who love you. “...the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.” *Psalms 117:2b*.

Dillwynia Women’s Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot – Pray for the Chaplains as they minister to the women that they continue to speak of God's goodness and grace.

Monday 23 November 2020

Helen Cooney, Vice President Southern Region, Life Vice President – As we think again about resuming our meetings and think of the future of MU in our parish and in our diocese, we pray for wisdom and guidance in our planning. Help us to learn from the past and from our experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, and modify our programs where necessary so that women of all ages may become involved in MU, and grow in their Christian lives, especially in relation to marriage and family life.

Nowra Anglican College – Pray for the leadership of the school that they continue to lead like Jesus as they serve the school community.

Tuesday 24 November 2020

Dapto Anglican – Father God we bring our children's ministry before you. In these strange and changing times we ask for your love and guidance for our children. We pray for patience for them as they seek to learn your word in these difficult times.

Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo – We pray for our MU executive to have wisdom and guidance in organising meetings, the MU shop and church services to comply with the new government rules to protect us from the COVID-19 virus.

Diane Gold, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – Please pray for all the staff who care for these special little babies.

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – Today we will consider, "What Does Contentment Look Like?" Pray that we will be encouraged in our walk with the Lord, whatever the circumstances of our lives.

MU Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM – Thank you Lord for the opportunities for service you give us through MU. Strengthen us and give us wisdom as we promote the biblical view of marriage and family life in our communities.

Thursday 26 November 2020

St Mark's, West Wollongong – Pray for our Speaker, Glenda McSorley, President, MU Sydney Executive, as she shares in our Christmas Service and lunch. Thank the Lord for modern technology and that we have been able to have our virtual meetings online. Thank the Lord for folk who plan to join our Branch in 2021.

Refugees – Heavenly Father, we are saddened for those who have had to flee their homes. We ask that that they might find love and compassion and might hear of the true peace that comes through knowing the Lord Jesus. Pray for Anglicare as they assist refugees settle, learn English and seek work. May the love of Christ be seen in all they do.

Friday 27 November 2020

Advent Service – Heavenly Father, we thank you that we can meet for the Advent Service today. We pray for our speaker and that this time together will bring honour and glory to you as we reflect on your precious gift to us of your Son, the Lord Jesus.

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – We give you thanks sovereign Lord for the churches of our city where the gospel is proclaimed with sincerity and in truth. We pray for the ministry staff, especially at St Andrew's Cathedral, with Kanishka Raffel leading, and St Philip's Church Hill, with Justin Moffatt as senior minister. We thank you for the welcome and hospitality we as MU Sydney have received from these men and staff, when we plan and hold our Festival service and the Advent service. Please protect them from the schemes of the evil one, help them keep in step with the Spirit and show sacrificial love and care for their own wives and children. We pray in the name of Jesus, AMEN.

Lyn Middleton AMUA Australia Secretary – Pray for Lyn as she takes up this responsibility as well as caring for AMUA in the Riverina.

Saturday 28 November 2020

Prue Feather, Court Work Coordinator – Pray for those who administer the Family and Children's Courts and the magistrates and judiciary as they evaluate the cases. May they be just and merciful in all their dealings.

Sunday 29 November 2020

St Thomas', Auburn – Pray for unity in the group, that the Holy Spirit will guide them into encouraging each other and praying for each other.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Pray that more women will come to be part of the of the Bible study group. Pray for Nina as she translates the studies, that she will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God's word.

Denise Lay, AMUA Australia Promotion and Development – Give thanks for Denise's enthusiasm to encourage members as they promote AMUA in their dioceses.

Monday 30 November 2020

Rev Anne Kennedy AMUA President – Pray that we won't be discouraged with all that is going on around us, both in the pandemic situation, and in the ongoing apathy towards anything to do with Church. Give thanks that we in AMUA and MU worldwide are doing our best to bring the Gospel to people who don't know the love of God and the grace of Jesus Christ and the enlivening of the Holy Spirit. I give thanks for your members for their constant prayer for all things MU!

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 2020

Tuesday 1 December 2020

St John's, Keiraville – We give thanks Lord and praise for the gift of your son Jesus Christ, as this year draws to a close may we always remember to share the good news with our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for those serving in our branches and on executive.

St Faith's, Narrabeen – Pray for the Christmas outreach and services that God's Spirit will stir the hearts of those who come to know the true meaning of Christmas.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale – Grant us Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday 2 December 2020

St Thomas', Enfield – Scripture (SRE) Teachers - Lord we thank you for our Scripture teachers and we pray that they will continue to guide the children and young people they meet in our schools, in the knowledge of your Word and your plan of Salvation. Reassure them of the important role they play in helping young people to read the Bible, to understand the Scriptures for themselves, and to develop a firm Christian foundation in their lives. As a new year approaches, encourage and guide all Scripture teachers in their preparations and as they prayerfully deliver each lesson. May their efforts continue to help children everywhere to know you and worship you as Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Figtree Anglican – We cry out to God today that there will be abundant opportunities to celebrate Christmas outreaches and services this month, that the holidays can be safely enjoyed and that there will be more people than ever before celebrating the birth of Christ around the world.

St John's, Parramatta – Pray for God's blessing on each member and their families as they celebrate our Saviour's birth.

Thursday 3 December 2020

St James', Berala – Give thanks for the opportunities we have to reach out to the community at this time to share the good news of the birth of the Lord Jesus. Please pray for our minister Michael as he encourages members of the church in their Christian lives and points people to Jesus.

St Jude's, Bowral – We give thanks to our Heavenly Father as we come together in our final meeting in the year for our Advent Service. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, worship and praise as sisters in Christ, and especially with our special Guest Speaker, Mrs Dorothy Piper.

St Andrew's, Cronulla – Pray that we will be able to hold our annual Carols on the Lawn on Christmas Eve. Pray that families will come along and respond to the gospel message and understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Mowll Village Group – As we hopefully plan to meet today, we pray for a time of joyful fellowship and an eager anticipation of the arrival of your Son as the promised Messiah.

Friday 4 December 2020

Town Hall Market Day Stall – Pray that the Market Stall today can go ahead and be an opportunity for Mothers Union Sydney to connect with those who travel into the city each day. Give thanks for those members who have donated goods and for many people in the Arcade who support us and for this means of raising funds for the MU Workers.

Carlingford Anglican Church – Lord we know that you have a plan for our lives and we know that what we do and say will influence others in so many ways and leave a lasting impact on the generations that follow; Lord we pray for the courage and strength of the Holy Spirit to show us how to live fruitful lives for you each and every day.

Kara Hartley, Archdeacon for Women's Ministry – Give thanks for God's kindness and sustaining over the COVID period. Pray for my own energy and perseverance until the end of the year.

Saturday 5 December 2020

Oakhurst Sudanese Group – Praise God for the members who attend regularly that they will encourage other members to follow Jesus, trust in God's grace, mercy and forgiveness.

Vacant positions – Gracious Lord, we pray for those unfilled positions on Executive: for **Hospital Visiting, Overseas and Northern Outreach and Social Issues and Action**. Please raise up the right people to take on these responsibilities so that we can further the ministry of MU Sydney.

Rob Kennedy, AMUA Australia Publications Manager – Give thanks for Rob Kennedy, Anne's husband, as he takes on the distribution of MU publications.

Sunday 6 December 2020

Mrs Dianne Davies, MU Sydney Patron – Please pray for our clergy families as they continue to encourage their congregations after a very disruptive year and deal with the pressures of multiple smaller church services as they abide by all the health regulations in place. Despite their weariness, may they remain resilient, strengthened by God's promises, as Advent leads to the joy of Christmas.

Suzanne Reimer, Area President, Western Region – We know our hope is in our Lord. *Isaiah 40:31* reminds us, "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint." Amen.

Rev Cannon Libbie Crossman, AMUA Australia Immediate Past President, Trustee Zone C, Worldwide Mothers Union – We give thanks to God for the generous donations of so many of our members. We also give thanks to God for the amazing staff at Mary Sumner House who have all taken a 20% pay cut. Also give thanks that Zone C has managed the COVID-19 situation incredibly well. In Solomon Islands there have been no cases, and PNG has had only a couple test positive in early April.

Monday 7 December 2020

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.

Tuesday 8 December 2020

St Philip's, Caringbah – Thank you Father, for Eric, Peter, Mike and Elise and their families as they have led us through this tumultuous year for the building up of your family here, may they know your presence and power within them.

St Alban's, Corrimal – We pray that as we approach our Christmas celebrations, we will rejoice in the fact that God is in control, and Jesus our salvation. Help us to encourage family and friends during this joyful season of remembering and celebrating Jesus birth.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst – As we celebrate Nine Lessons and Carol Service we give praise for our great God and thanks for answers to prayer. Pray for Karen who will lead this service. Joy to the World, the Lord has come, Let earth receive her KING, Let every heart prepare HIM room and heaven and nature sing. OUR GOD REIGNS!

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea – As we prepare for Christmas, may we share the joy of God's gracious gift of Jesus with family, friends and the wider community. May we reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves with generosity and love.

St Alban's, Epping – We pray that we will be able to celebrate Christmas with some normality and share the gifts of love, joy, hope and peace.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills - Pray that our country and the world are finally coming out of the Coronavirus pandemic and that those who have suffered will be strengthened both physically and mentally during 2021 and will find peace in Christ.

Wednesday 9 December 2020

St John's, Camden – We pray that God would bless all our members as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas and pray for peace throughout our troubled world.

Jannali Anglican – Let us take time during the joyful celebrations of Christmas to pray for those in prisons, separated from family including children, and also to pray for prison chaplains who seek to bring a message of hope to all who turn to Him.

MU Dioceses in NSW, Grafton – Praying for the North Coast where keeping contact with members is hard and many in the community are unemployed. Pray that our MU members and all Christians will reach out in care for each other and look forward to the day when we can meet safely. Pray that visitors will return to our region and with them employment. Pray that these days will be a time for people to seek the Lord and turn to him.

Thursday 10 December 2020

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 Worker at Park Rail Anglican – Jess and Chloe give thanks for the continued support and prayer and ask that they will know how best to serve the Lord in the future.

Marilyn Robey, AMUA Australia Treasurer – Pray for Marilyn overseeing the AMUA finances. Give thanks for generous support which members across Australia gave to the MSH appeal.

Friday 11 December 2020

MU Executive – Thank God for all that's been achieved this year with all its challenges. Pray for wisdom in planning for the year ahead and for the February Seminar in 2021.

Glenda McSorley, President – Give praise and thanks that during this different and difficult year we have been able to continue on as an organisation through God's provision for us. And while this year is not what I expected in my first year of leadership I have been so encouraged by our members' commitment to our living Lord and Mothers Union near and far. As we look forward, ever forward as we celebrate, pray that many will turn to the Lord this Christmas.

Kimberly Rispin, Community Officer – Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of this year, please give Kimberly more opportunities to promote Mothers Union Sydney. Please give her and the Executive Committee your guidance on how best to make plans for 2021 and to figure out how to engage young families to support and participate with Mothers Union Sydney.

Saturday 12 December 2020

Belmore Sudanese – Pray members will love and support those who have lost loved ones. Pray for those who will miss family members because they cannot leave the Sudan that they will be conscious of God's presence with them.

Overseas and Northern Outreach – Pray for the allocation of the Indigenous Women's Training Fund. May it be used to support as many Aboriginal women as possible, as they train for ministry amongst their communities. We pray for safety as they travel, and the welfare of their families while the women are absent.

Sunday 13 December 2020

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary – Give thanks that in changed circumstances we can still approach the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ with love and hope.

Elizabeth Lowe, Area President, Southern Highlands – In this busy time of the year, may we take time to praise God for our Anglican Church Year and that through this season of Trinity we have been reminded how we can better practice our Christian faith. Let us also take the opportunity, in quietness, to reflect on the great events of our Christian faith.

Monday 14 December 2020

Christmas Wrapping – Pray that if this is possible this year that as members wrap presents they will have opportunities to share the real meaning of Christmas.

Wendy Mayer, Treasurer and Immediate Past President – Pray that I will be aware of any end of year financial issues. Thank God for the work Benkorp has done this year to help us claim all grants and entitlements, and pray for them and me as we prepare the accounts for the auditor.

Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie – Please pray for more women to join me - as helpers through the week, and also for trainees full time.

Tuesday 15 December 2020

St Mark's, Sadleir – Please pray for opportunities to share the good news of the birth of Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. Pray for our Christmas services and outreach events that many from our community will attend and come to know the Lord Jesus.

Helen Cooney, Vice President Southern Region, Life Vice President

– We pray, Lord, that you will guide us in the days leading up to Christmas. We ask that you will refresh our minds as we think again of your love in sending your Son as a baby into the world. Help us to reflect this love as we share this special time with our family and friends.

Wednesday 16 December 2020

St Paul's, Bankstown – Our Heavenly Father, please forgive us when we forget you in the busyness of our daily lives. Help us not to neglect you, and to remind each other of your promises. In Jesus' name. Amen

St John's, Dee Why – Whatever the circumstances, we rejoice that Jesus came into the world to save sinners and to fill our lives with joy and love.

St John's, Moss Vale – In the midst of Advent and Christmas celebrations, may we shine with God's grace and love, to our family, friends, and our community!

Toongabbie Anglican – We pray that the plans being made for the usual Christmas outreach into our community will hopefully be able to go ahead and that many people will praise and thank our Heavenly Father for all he has done for us.

Thursday 17 December 2020

St Andrew's, Lane Cove – Give praise and thanks for the freedom to share the Good News this Advent and Christmas time. Pray for those who do not know the Lord, that after this year of COVID-19, they might turn to God and life. Pray for all planned gatherings and activities, that people will hear the saving news of Jesus as we celebrate.

Jan Donohoo, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality – We praise and thank you, Heavenly Father, for your faithfulness to your promises, as we recognise, again, the wonder of the incarnation - God becoming a man and living a fully human life and then dying for our sake, to bring us back to you. What a great kindness to us, please help us to be faithful to our promises to love and serve you, whatever our circumstances. We pray all this in the name of, and for the honour of, the Lord Jesus, our Saviour and friend. AMEN.

Friday 18 December 2020

St Stephen's, Mittagong – Over Summer and the Christmas Season, Lord we pray for safety. With summer bringing the danger of fires, Lord we pray for good preparation and for protection. For those who find Christmas to be a difficult time, Lord we pray that they will be comforted.

Prue Feather, Court Work Coordinator – As we plan for 2021 pray that members will continue to volunteer to serve in the morning tea service we provide. May they have opportunities to share the love of Christ.

Saturday 19 December 2020

Blacktown Sudanese – Pray that members will be bold in sharing their faith with others who do not know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Sunday 20 December 2020

Christine Jensen OAM, Diocesan Members' Coordinator – As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, may his name be honoured and glorified. Pray as we meet this Christmas time we may be able to share the hope of Christmas that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” *1 Timothy 1:15*

MU in Myanmar – Pray that members will be sustained in these times of many challenges and that there will still be opportunities to have an income. We pray for Marilyn Bennett and Rachel Htwe as they encourage the women.

Monday 21 December 2020

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources Coordinator – Pray for Christian families today that they will be wise and discerning in a very secular society. Please help them to use the Bible as their guide and not society and cultural values. Help each Mothers' Union member to support and encourage those families with whom they come in contact, through prayer and friendship.

Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Rev Robert Denham – During the pandemic, other diseases and conditions have not been locked down. Hospital staff have been asked to not only do their normal duties, but many have also had to face people with possible or confirmed cases of COVID-19. Some of them have also had to inform parents that their child's treatments have been postponed. Stress levels have been raised for many months, and this always leads to fraying in relationships in the hospital and at home. Pray for our hospital staff to be blessed by God with the fruit of the Spirit, as they are vital for healthy relationships. Pray also for patience, mercy and protection for the parents and children.

Tuesday 22 December 2020

Dapto Anglican – As we near the end of this turbulent year, we pray for people who have lost loved ones from all over the world. We pray for peace in the world as we enter 2021. Lord, we give you thanks that we live in this country of ours that we are indeed blessed by you. Amen

Diane Gold, Hospital Deliveries Coordinator – Pray for those who sew and knit that our stock will be replenished soon.

Wednesday 23 December 2020

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls – Give thanks that we will maintain fellowship with other members as we take part in services and as we meet informally. Pray that the hospital visiting and the serving of tea and coffee at the Children's Court will be able to continue.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Katherine Hilton – Pray for Royal Prince Alfred Hospital that it would be a welcoming place for all Chaplains and Christian visitors and for the unity of the Chaplaincy team. Thank God for a new Christian prayer meeting started in the hospital.

Thursday 24 December 2020

Christmas Eve – “While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” *Luke 2:6-7*

St Mark's, West Wollongong – Thank the Lord for the way our church staff has adapted to the COVID-19 situation. Pray for safe travelling for members and family during the holiday season.

Friday 25 December 2020

Christmas Day – Heavenly Father, your Son was born in Bethlehem in a manger on that wondrous night. May the wonder and glory of Jesus' birth enrich our hearts and minds this day, and in the year ahead. "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." *Luke 2:14*

Saturday 26 December 2020

Australian Defence Forces Chaplaincy – Pray for opportunities for the chaplains to share the gospel, for hearts and minds to be open as they do so, and for Christ to speak through them as they meet with and counsel members of the ADF and their families.

Sunday 27 December 2020

St Thomas', Auburn – Pray that members of the branch will continue to attend and serve each other, and to be a witness to others who do not know Jesus.

St Thomas' Auburn Mandarin – Pray for 2021 that the branch will be able and willing to outreach into the community, and have a special speaker, to share the gospel with the guests.

Monday 28 December 2020

Joan Tasker, Vice President Wollongong Region and Wollongong Area President – We thank you dear Lord for our Branch Presidents, for the many and varied ways they are seeking to give, and have given, encouragement and pastoral care to their Branch Members through 2020. May they be aware of your presence and leading and be encouraged today. Amen

Nungalinya Bible College – Pray for potential new courses in 2021, including a "Family Wellbeing" and an "Art Industry" course, that funding and trainers can be secured.

Tuesday 29 December 2020

Kay Landahl, Vice President Northern Region – Rejoice the Lord is King! Around the world as Christians rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus may we feel blessed that we are able to celebrate this joyous time with family members, MU members and our church communities. We give thanks to our God who has been our “refuge and strength” during the pandemic this year. May God richly bless you and give you His peace.

Life Member of Council, Pam Goodhew – Give thanks for the continuing support and encouragement of Archbishop Harry and Mrs Pam Goodhew. May they be blessed in their family life.

Wednesday 30 December 2020

Life Vice President June Hickey – Give thanks for our members and for all we share together. May our branches be encouraged as they meet together again.

Julie Kerlake, Prayer Diary Editor – I would like to thank all those I have had contact with over the past three and a half years that I have been putting the Prayer Diary together. It has been a joy and a blessing.

Thursday 31 December 2020

New Year's Eve – Almighty God, this past year has reminded us to trust you as the one who is in charge of all things and that we depend on you. We thank you that you have sustained our nation through fire, flood and COVID-19. We bring before you those who have faced sadness, illness and disappointments and pray that they will know your comfort and the hope of the gospel. “May your name be honoured, your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” 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 2020

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 2020

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 2020

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 2020

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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