

Wendy's Writings

May 2023



*Growing in love
for one another*

*"Byddwch lawen. Cadwch y ffydd. Gwnewch y Pethau
Bychain,"*
"Be joyful. Keep the faith. Do the little things."

Dear members and friends,

The above words, in Welsh and English, have been inscribed on the back of the processional cross used for the coronation of King Charles III on May 6th. Reported to be taken from St David's final sermon in Welsh, these simple words could well be the motto for Mothers Union. I encourage you to reflect on them and consider how they might apply to your life.



I am delighted to be able to inform our members and friends that Priscilla Broadbent, a member of Busselton Branch has offered to edit our diocesan magazine, the Mustard Tree. I have already sent an email out to executive members and branch contacts for articles to be sent to Priscilla by May 14th for inclusion in our winter edition.

At the April meeting of the Mandurah Branch I was able to present Robin Cross and Val McClements with their 25 year certificates and badges.

Plans are being put in place to present awards to other members around our diocese and I will share more photos and information when I can.

Branches should now be finalising the collection of annual fees from members and friends. Please ensure that once you have confirmed your 2023 membership that you send an updated list with address details for members and friends to our acting treasurer Diane Hill.

Plans for our 2023 Friendship Day in Collie on Friday 30th June are progressing. We will gather at All Saint's Church in Venn Street, Collie at 9.15am where we will enjoy morning tea, a talk on the history of this unique church with its life-size sanctuary mural, and then commence our formal programme with a service from our prayer and worship book. Executive looks forward to welcoming members and friends to Collie for a day of fellowship and learning.

I have recently returned from Brisbane where I attended an AMUA executive meeting. We spent time together contemplating where we believe Mothers Union to be now, and the vision that we have for the future. Over several sessions we also took time to review the current AMUA Handbook with the intent of making it more relevant to the structure and operation of our branches and dioceses. More work needs to be done so it is not yet at a stage where our work can be shared with you all.

On the day of the King's coronation I am travelling to Perth to attend a High Tea being hosted by the Carine Duncraig branch to raise funds for Overseas and Northern Outreach. I will be sharing with them information similar to what I presented at our Lady Day, outlining the projects that are funded both here in Australia and overseas and the benefits that the projects bring to the local communities.

On May 15th I will be travelling back to Queensland, this time to attend their provincial conference which is being held in Mackay in the Diocese of North Queensland. In my capacity as AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator I will be giving five presentations to members from the three Queensland dioceses and the Northern Territory. I ask for your prayers for me as I undertake this journey.

Ian and I will be away from the diocese from 22nd May. We will return in time for me to attend our next diocesan executive meeting and our Friendship Day at the end of June. Throughout our travels I will stay in touch as I am able through email and I anticipate sharing my June newsletter with you from somewhere in South Australia.

I hope you have all received the 'May Midday Prayers' recently circulated by Anne Busch, our Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator. Don't forget the dates for prayer for our diocese as a part of the Wave of Prayer is 21-23 May. The names of our link dioceses can be found in the Prayer Diary.

If you would like to contribute prayers for the 2024 Prayer Diary, it is not too late. I need to forward our contributions to Mary Sumner House by the end of May. The theme for our prayers is 'Serving our Communities'. Guidelines for the prayers were provided with my April newsletter.

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Supporting family life
Advocating for social justice*