

Prayer Diary

July — December 2023



President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I have been looking at Romans; always finding something new to pull me up, to inform and to encourage me to draw closer to our Lord God.

Moving into the second half of the year, I am holding onto the hope we have as a Christ-centred and prayer-based group. The fellowship we enjoy through the Area Days is a great blessing and I look forward to meeting many of you.

As we bring before God, our longing *for the nation's homes to be won for Christ*, I trust that you might find encouragement in the shared prayers in this diary which underpin our ministry and each other. To pray is such a privilege, to know that God hears and responds is truly awesome. So, let us hold onto the hope we have in Jesus as we look forward and pray.

From Romans 15:13, we read: 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' NIV

As we pray together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, elegant loop at the end.

How to Use This Diary

Mothers Union Sydney is a ministry that is Christ-centred and prayer-based. Partner with us as we bring before the Lord the needs of the Mothers Union community both locally and globally.

Daily Noon Prayers

1

Core Prayers – Mothers Union Prayer

Start (or end) each time of intercession with the Mothers Union Prayer, setting our hearts and minds on God and His work before focusing on individual needs. (The Marriage & Life, and Mission prayers may also be added) *pp3–5*

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Core Prayers – Midday Prayers

Pray a form of Midday Prayers. *pp3–4* During these, refer to these two parts: Prayer Points by Date and Wave of Prayer.

Prayer Points for the Next Prayer Diary: Jan-Jun 2024

Submit by: Thursday 31st August 2023

Email: prayerdiary@musydney.org.au

(Please put your branch in the subject line, and put the date of your branch meeting beside each prayer point.)

Core Prayers

Mothers Union 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 [*refer to Prayer Points by Date and Wave of Prayer: January p21, February p35, March p45, April p63, May p77, June p92*].

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 *[refer to Prayer Points by Date and Wave of Prayer: January p21, February p35, March p45, April p63, May p77, June p92]*.

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.

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.

Mothers Union 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 marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A Prayer for Marriage and Family Life

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

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

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

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

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

A Prayer for Mission 2023

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.

July

Prayer Points By Date

Saturday 1 July

Blacktown Sudanese — Pray that Sudanese Mothers Union members will be committed to attending the monthly Mothers Union meetings and that all who attend will be greatly blessed.

Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron — Please pray for the Archbishop speaking to ministers at the Northern and the South-West Regional Conferences that all would be encouraged and persevere in ministry with joy and faithfulness.

Sunday 2 July

Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President — Heavenly Father, I give you praise and thanks for the Executive of Mothers Union Sydney as we serve you together. Lead us in wisdom as we choose the next Parish Partnership Workers 2024-2026. Amen.

Kimberly Rispin, Community Relations Officer — Loving Father, I give thanks for all you provide and I pray for discernment in how I continue to use my one day per week with Mothers Union Sydney wisely for your glory. Pray for our son's marriage in August. Pray that he and his wife might continue to be led by Jesus in their relationship and that their marriage will glorify God. Pray also for safe travels for those coming from overseas and Western NSW.

Monday 3 July

1st Monday 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.

1st Monday PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS —

We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Tuesday 4 July

St John's, Keiraville — After a long period of delays we give thanks that our new church hall has opened and is being used. We are excited that Mothers Union is now able to meet there each month. May God show us new possibilities and new visions for ministry with this new facility.

St Faith's, Narrabeen — Pray for Sandra Burgess to speak about and invite congregation members to the Area Day at St John's Dee Why in July.

Wednesday 5 July

St Thomas', Enfield — Loving Lord, as we continue to celebrate 175 years at St. Thomas' this year, we give you thanks and praise for all the faithful who have come before us and worshipped in this place. We pray going forward, that by your Spirit, our church family will continue to grow in faith with patience, love and humility. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Figtree Anglican — Thank God with us for our Rector Robin Kinstead and his family and for the ministry staff at our church. Pray as they teach God's Word and encourage our church family that we shine as 'lights in the world' to the glory of God. Philippians 2: 15

Thursday 6 July

St James', Berala — We give thanks for the young families in our congregation. Pray for the expectant mothers; and that these mums and dads will have wisdom, patience and perseverance as they aim to bring their children up in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

St Jude's, Bowral — Thank you for the volunteers for our church holiday club 'Big Day In'. Please pray that many children will attend, have fun and hear the great news of Jesus.

St Andrew's, Cronulla — We pray for peace in parts of the world where there are ongoing wars and civil unrest. We especially pray for families caught up in conflicts and those who have fled their homes and countries as refugees.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale — Heavenly Father, please give strength and wisdom to our newly elected State government and leaders. Guide their decisions and may they always put love first. Surround them with people from all walks of life and many backgrounds. Bring to them people of high moral character and spiritual maturity.

Friday 7 July

St Paul's, Carlingford — Lord, we thank you for our missionary speaker Chloe today as she speaks on how Spanish family life relates to and impacts on her work in Spain. We pray for your Holy Spirit to strengthen her as she navigates these relationships.

Saturday 8 July

Hospital Visiting — Gracious God, we give you praise and thanks for the many years of Hospital Visiting in our Diocese and for opportunities to work with Hospital Chaplains during the COVID and post COVID times. As we are allowed to visit again, we pray for open doors and opportunities to welcome and reach new families. Amen.

Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer — Pray that Wendy will rely on God's wisdom as she speaks at Toongabbie and Wentworth Falls Branches and that God will use her message to bring blessing to the members and glory to Himself.

Sunday 9 July

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM

— Thank God for the use of technology to encourage women in Christian marriage and family life who otherwise find it difficult to meet in person. Thank you for providing us with people with those skills.

Mothers Union in Myanmar — In these troubled times give thanks for Marilyn and pray as she leads the group in Yangon that she will be wise and sensitive to the political situation. Pray for safety and protection as the Mothers Union members meet.

Monday 10 July

Refugees — Almighty God, we pray for those who have come to our land to escape war and persecution and we particularly pray for refugees from Ukraine. May they find peace, security and freedom here. May our churches be welcoming places for them. We pray that they might know that true peace is found in you.

School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon — Loving Father, we give you praise and thanks that, in partnership with Anglican AID, we can offer prayer and financial support to the School of the Good Shepherd in Lebanon as they share the love of Christ through education, play and the gospel to Iraqi and Syrian refugee children. Amen.

Tuesday 11 July

St Philip's, Caringbah — We thank our Ministry team and all involved in the renovation of our Church. Since March our Mothers' Union meeting has been combined with the midweek communion service at 10am on the second Thursday of each month in our beautiful church. This includes the Mothers' Union prayer, wave of prayer and fellowship, followed by time over lunch to share news, and praise God for his love.

St Alban's, Corrimal — We ask God's blessing on those whose lives have been touched by the ministries of our Mothers Union members.

St Alban's, Epping — We give thanks and praise that Hospital visiting is again possible in some hospitals. We pray for mothers and their

new born babies, that they will be brought up in a loving family and that they will be nurtured in all godliness. We thank you for this opportunity that Mothers Union has in showing God's love in this outreach.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst — Julia Williams will be our speaker on the Mothers Union Project for 2023, 'The Good Shepherd School, Lebanon.' We are so looking forward to this special event and pray we may be encouraged to give and pray effectively for the ministry of this school. We thank our faithful God for the opportunity to do so. For Jesus sake. Amen.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills — Please pray for our "Open House" in one of our member's homes as it is the school holidays and that our visitors will come to know the work of Mothers Union in our Branch, Diocese and Overseas activities.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea — We thank God that we belong to Mothers Union and to our church family. May we, as parents, grandparents and godparents, find ways to encourage families to grow in their faith and knowledge of our Lord. We pray that the children's and youth programs at St John's will be a blessing to those who attend each week.

Wednesday 12 July

St John's, Camden — Pray for the winter beach camp as youth join together from different communities. Pray for a great turn up, committed leaders and a strong gospel message preached and for strong lasting relationships built with each other and in Christ.

Jannali Anglican — Today we are focussing on the World Wide Mothers Union. Pauline Burdon will be leading us, looking at some of the projects across the world, and praying specifically for them.

St Stephen's, Mittagong — Thank God for our enthusiastic committee this year and for the new members who are contributing so much to our fellowship. As Zara Pennicook leads our Bible Study today encourage us to serve faithfully all the days we have left before eternity.

Thursday 13 July

Life Member of Council, Pam Goodhew — Give thanks for the vast spread of Mothers Union now in 87 countries. Pray for members who suffer poverty. Sustain them in their struggles and may they know your comfort and strength.

Mothers Union Workers for 2024-2025 — Give wisdom to the Executive as they select the churches we will support for the next two years.

Friday 14 July

Prue Feather, Court Coordinator — Give thanks that as the courts get busy again we are able to serve those in need.

Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry — Lord, give us open hearts and minds to learn from you and each other. May you bless the staff and volunteers with safety and good health over this winter season.

Saturday 15 July

Rev Marge Mills, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality — We ask God's protection on all families during school holidays, especially for those who travel and those children who may be in different care or custody arrangements from what's usual in school terms. May he keep them safe and aware of his love always. Pray also for wisdom and godly co-operation for ministry teams in our churches making plans for semester 2.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Rev Katherine Hilton — Thank God that volunteers are finally allowed back at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Please pray that Mother's Union representatives will be able to start soon. It would be good to pray for godly, gifted, and faithful volunteers.

Sunday 16 July

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, June Hickey — Give thanks for June's support of Mothers Union over many years and particularly in her current role of Assistant Treasurer.

Families in our Churches — Pray for families in our churches as they cope with the busyness of family life. Give them wisdom as they endeavour to bring their children up to know the Lord Jesus.

Monday 17 July

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley — Pray for Regional conferences for women happening in August. Two were held in June for the Western/South Western and Wollongong Regions. August 15th is the Northern Region Conference and August 16th is South Sydney Region Conference.

Simone Boswell, Area Coordinator Wollongong Region — 'Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who trusts in him.' Thank you Lord Jesus for your goodness to us, and to our Mothers Union groups in Wollongong. Thank you for faithful members who trust in you to provide their needs, and in turn work tirelessly to help others in need.

Tuesday 18 July

Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Rev Lisa Boyd — Give thanks for an encouraging first six months at CHW. I'm so thankful for the many opportunities God has given me to speak words of comfort, consolation and hope from his gospel, into people's lives. Please pray that he would continue to put people in my path and that he would give me wisdom to know how best to care for them, for Jesus' sake.

Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Southern Highlands/Wollongong Region — Please pray for those who are in new roles, serving on the Executive, as Area Presidents and those in the Branches. As they learn the responsibilities of their role, may they be strengthened by God's Word, and encouraged by Mothers Union members.

Wednesday 19 July

Northern Beaches Area Day Dee Why — Gracious Lord, we pray for members who are attending the Area Day today at Dee Why that they will be encouraged as they listen to the Bible talk on 'Going the Distance' based on Ecclesiastes 3:1 'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heavens.'

Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region — Loving Father, we pray for Mothers Union Members who will gather for an Area Day at St John's Dee Why today. May they find friendship and fellowship but, most of all, spiritual care and encouragement to continue living for Jesus day by day.

St John's, Dee Why — We pray for the speakers at our Area Day today, that God would keep them safe in their travels and inspire them as they share with us. We pray too for all who attend especially those who are not already members of Mothers Union, that they might be inspired to join.

St John's, Moss Vale — We meet today to share with each other a special interest or passion. We ask for prayer that God will use these in showing his love to family, friends, sisters and brothers in Christ, and to our communities.

Toongabbie Anglican — Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Word which has everything we need to know about how to live for you, to be a light to the world and the salt of the earth. We ask your blessing on Wendy Mayer as she leads us through the 3rd Bible Study, Belonging — Psalm 139.

Thursday 20 July

St Andrew's, Lane Cove — Dear Lord, as we mark the blessing of unity in you through the Wave of Prayer, we thank you that together we can come before you and pray, joining others from around the world bringing to you our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns. Amen.

Dr Robin Ray, AMUA President — Pray for Robin as she leads the AMUA Executive as they seek to look to the future of the ministry of Mothers Union Australia.

Friday 21 July

Mothers Union Sydney Executive — Gracious Lord, please be with the Executive today. May they have wisdom in making decisions and guide them as they look to the future but also care for the branches in Sydney.

Hospital Visitors — Please pray for volunteers as they gradually commence visiting again. Give thanks for Rosemary Dickens as she commences visiting in Liverpool Hospital.

Saturday 22 July

Juliette Smith, Vice President Southern Region — Heavenly Father, we praise you for the faithful women who gathered for our St George/Sutherland Area Day last month. We pray that having been fed by your Word they are now encouraged and refreshed from their time of joining together. We pray that the fellowship together and time of prayer will help them to encourage others in the life of their churches.

Sue Milgate, AMUA Australian Secretary — Pray for Sue as she supports Robin Ray and as she understands how AMUA functions.

Sunday 23 July

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary — With a new granddaughter expected this month, I ask that you will bless her mother with peace in the birthing and joy to the family at her arrival. May she and her sister know of your love, and indeed all new families going through this process experience your loving arms enfolding them. Amen.

Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach — Please pray and ask the Lord that we faithfully connect with and maintain our world wide fellowship by lifting up our members to the Lord at home and abroad through the wave of prayer.

Monday 24 July

Christine Jensen OAM, Members' Coordinator — Heavenly Father, we thank you for being able to hold the February Seminar this year. We pray for all those who watched whether in person or online that they will continue to work out their priorities so that they can 'work' for you and find their 'rest' in you.

Tuesday 25 July

Dapto Anglican — Father, we give thanks for the servant hearts and faithful commitment of our Mothers Union branch leaders. May we be mindful of showing our appreciation to them, In Jesus name. Amen.

Mothers Union Sydney Link Dioceses Northern Zambia, Mpwapwe in Tanzania, Gusau and Sun in Nigeria and Rayalaseema in India — As we join together in prayer for each other this week may our heavenly Father sustain and bless our sisters. Grant them protection from all dangers particularly persecution. Enable us all through the power of your Spirit to trust you and live for you and not be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus.

Wednesday 26 July

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls — Wendy Mayer will join us to lead us through 'Going the Distance'. Pray that this meeting will be one of great fellowship and encouragement in our walk with our Lord and Saviour.

Nungalinya Bible College — Please pray for the new Bible Translation and Chaplaincy courses running in second semester.

Thursday 27 July

St Mark's, West Wollongong — Lord we bring before you the persecuted church and ask that you would keep her strong and faithful until the end. Encourage and bless all who suffer for the name of Jesus. Uphold Jan Williams as she speaks on, "God's ways are not our ways."

Mowl Village Group — Lord God, we pray for the desperate hunger crisis in East Africa and pray for rain and more favourable weather to grow crops. We pray for generous hearts to respond to appeals so that emergency rations can be distributed by local Christians.

Friday 28 July

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources — Pray for the churches who have run courses, that they will continue to work at building a community of families linked with the church for ongoing support and encouragement and to share how the Gospel impacts us as families.

Australian Defence Forces Chaplaincy — Pray for Bishop Grant Dibden as he leads the team of chaplains serving in the Australian Forces.

Saturday 29 July

Mothers Union Diocese in NSW, Diocese of Armidale — Pray for our 2 branches Armidale and Inverell — giving thanks for long-term faithful members serving each other and the families in their communities. We ask for gospel witness in our branches and that the annual events in the diocese will glorify Jesus. Pray too for willing servant hearts to take on leadership roles.

Sunday 30 July

Diocesan Members — Gracious Lord, we thank you for those members who are individual members and support Christ's teaching on marriage and family life. Thank you for their prayers and their faithfulness over many years. We pray for members who have joined online. Guide us in how we communicate effectively and encourage them as they support us.

Monday 31 July

Western Region — Gracious Lord we pray for the branches at Carlingford, Toongabbie, the Blue Mountains, Blacktown Sudanese and all members in the Western Region. We give thanks for the fellowship they have with one another. May they be encouraged to serve you and share God's love to those around them.

Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

29 June — 1 July

Eastern Zambia in Zambia, Mombasa in Kenya, Gwagwalada in Nigeria, Ekiti-West in Nigeria, Leicester in England, Temotu in Solomon Islands

2-4 July

Renk in South Sudan, Cyangugu in Rwanda, Arochukwu/Ohafia in Nigeria, Ile-Oluji in Nigeria, St Andrews and Dunkeld and Dunblane in Scotland, Sittwe in Myanmar

6-8 July

Wad Medani in Sudan, Kondoa in Tanzania, Ikwo in Nigeria, Remo in Nigeria, Montreal in Canada, St Lucia, Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines in the Windward Islands

9-11 July

El Obeid in Sudan, Butere in Kenya, Nnewi in Nigeria, London in England, Province of the USA in USA

13-15 July

Toliara in Madagascar, Mbale in Uganda, Zaria in Nigeria, Ndokwa in Nigeria, Rochester in England, Chhattisgarh in India

16-18 July

Lake Malawi in Malawi, Byumba in Rwanda, Jalingo in Nigeria, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich in England, Lucknow in India

20-22 July

Gitega in Burundi, Mbeere in Kenya, Murang'a South in Kenya, Enugu North in Nigeria, Polynesia in Tonga, Jaffna in India

23-25 July

George in South Africa, Bungoma in Kenya, Western Tanganyika in Tanzania, Ideato in Nigeria, Sodor and Man in Isle of Man, Toronto in Canada

27-29 July

Northern Zambia in Zambia, Mpwapwa in Tanzania, Gusau in Nigeria, Osun in Nigeria, Sydney in Australia, Rayalaseema in India

30 July — 1 August

Boga in DR Congo, Manicaland in Zimbabwe, Tanga in Tanzania, Ogoni in Nigeria, Carlisle in England, Melbourne in Australia

August

Prayer Points By Date

Tuesday 1 August

St John's, Keiraville — We give thanks for the first year of ministry and service of our Rector Peter Hutchinson and his wife, Anna. It has been a difficult time with many challenges especially with building hold ups. We give thanks for his support of Mothers Union and continue to uphold him and his family in prayer.

St Faith's, Narrabeen — Please pray for our older ladies who were once members but are now very frail and in poor health.

Wednesday 2 August

St Thomas', Enfield — Father God, we pray that by your will we will always trust you and strive to be obedient to your Word. We pray for your encouragement as we look for opportunities to share the gospel within our church family and the community. Give us grace that as your children whom you love, we might continue to grow spiritually and be used by you for your glory and for the growth of the Kingdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Figtree Anglican — Heavenly Father, help us as members of Mothers Union to show grace and love to all we meet in the course of the day. Give us patience, wisdom and understanding. We asked for your continued blessing on the outreach programs of our church.

Thursday 3 August

St James', Berala — Join us as we pray for Bishops and the Archbishop as they prepare for Synod next month. Give thanks that some of our families have received visas to be able to stay in Australia and pray for others still waiting.

St Jude's, Bowral — We pray for the families in our parish and community that they will attend the Mothers Union parenting course we're holding. May God be the centre of their family life.

St Andrew's, Cronulla — Pray that the playgroup starting up will attract young mothers and children and that there will be opportunities with them for conversations about Jesus.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale — Almighty God, we know that everything is in your sovereign control. We ask that you keep COVID-19 from continuing to spread. Give government officials the ability to safely handle people arriving from other countries. Preserve lives through the medical advances made over the last few years.

Friday 4 August

St Paul's, Carlingford — Lord, we give thanks and praise to you as we come together again for our Area Day, joining together for worship and fellowship. Help us always to focus our lives on you, to be encouraging to one another and to learn and continue growing to maturity in your word.

Saturday 5 August

Blacktown Sudanese — Give thanks for the Christian fellowship experienced at the monthly Sudanese Mothers Union meetings, pray that they will be a time of encouragement and growth in Christian living.

Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach — Pray for Wendy Mabey the AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator as she keeps us informed about this far reaching ministry and in particular the Disaster Resilience in Tonga and Fiji Project.

Sunday 6 August

Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President — Heavenly Father, I lift up before you the discussions of the Council Meeting. Be with us as we gather and with me as I lead the meeting. Guide and guard our decisions in your name.

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources — Let's Chat — pray that this ministry is a blessing to all those who come along. Pray that more people will be willing to join this online group to discuss various issues around parenting.

Monday 7 August

1st Monday 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.

1st Monday PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS — We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Tuesday 8 August

St Philip's, Caringbah — August is a cold month and we pray for all families struggling with the cost of living, and especially for those living rough.

St Alban's, Corrimal — May the lives we live be a blessing to those we meet daily in our walk of faith.

St Alban's, Epping — We pray for our new Vice President of the Northern Region, Janet Austin, as we have the opportunity to get to know her. We thank you for her willingness to lead us in Bible study on Psalm 139 of our Mothers Union studies. Be with us today Lord as we broaden our understanding of your word.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst — Our fellow member Prue is bringing us the 3rd Bible Study to bless and encourage us to pursue the reading and study of God's Word. We always feel the benefit of these studies and enjoy the rich fellowship we have in Jesus.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills — As we study Psalm 139 today may we realise that "we should serve God rather than God serve us". Be with our study leader as she takes us through this Psalm and open our hearts and minds to God's Word.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea — We welcome Faye Hillier today and look forward to hearing her message. We pray for her and those to whom she ministers at Donald Robinson Village. May we be blessed and encouraged in this time of fellowship.

Wednesday 9 August

St John's, Camden — Pray for the Mothers Union Bible studies to help strengthen and deepen our relationship with Jesus and each other. Pray that St John's 'Hope Explode' program will be well attended, for disciples to be born, strengthened and encouraged to share the Good News.

Jannali Anglican — Today is our annual invitation from our senior minister and his wife, Neil and Sandra, to join them for morning tea and a talk from Neil. We give thanks for their continued support and encouragement.

St Stephen's Mittagong — Thank God for Special Religious Education in our local schools and especially our SRE Coordinator and speaker today, Robyn Caltabiano. Guide us as we seek to prayerfully support SRE teachers, helpers and students in a consistent and personal way.

Thursday 10 August

Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron — Please pray for the Archbishop speaking to ministers at the South Sydney and Western Regional Conferences and the Asian Ministry Worker's Conference, that all would be encouraged and persevere in ministry with joy and faithfulness.

Rev Marge Mills, Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality — As groups and ministries recommence for Semester 2, ask for effective outreach to families, children and youth through our churches, that many may hear of and respond to the gospel of grace available in Jesus.

Friday 11 August

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley — Pray for women leaving Moore College and seeking places to serve. Pray that God might enable many women to serve in Anglican churches in Sydney.

Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region — The Gospels record how Peter, James and John witnessed the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus. Peter wrote later how they were "eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). Father, may our lives be transformed continually by your Holy Spirit as we trust in you.

Saturday 12 August

Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Southern Highlands/Wollongong Region — We value your prayers as we seek the opportunity to return to Hospital Visiting in the Maternity Unit of Bowral Hospital, and Court Work in Moss Vale Court. We are grateful that we have ladies committed to this work, and others in the community who support us in pursuing these ministries.

Sunday 13 August

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Helen Cooney — Heavenly Father, we pray for the many children who are now attending our churches each Sunday as Sunday School members. We pray that we will take opportunities to share our faith with them.

Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplains, Bronwyn Kyngdon and Bethany Downes — We give thanks our volunteers are allowed to return. and pray for for opportunities to share the love of God with the patients.

Monday 14 August

Kimberly Rispin, Community Relations Officer — Loving Father, I give you thanks for all the preparations for the Council Meeting and

for the opportunity for members to hear what has been happening in the Diocese and beyond. Amen.

Juliette Smith, Vice President Southern Region — Please pray for our churches that they will be places where parents and grandparents are helped to learn how to bring up their children and grandchildren in the faith. 3 John 1:4 'I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the faith.'

Tuesday 15 August

Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry — Loving Father God, please help us to always be mindful of being your representatives as we serve in the shop. We pray that members will be encouraged to volunteer in the office and shop.

Wednesday 16 August

Western Region Area Day at Toongabbie — Gracious Lord, we pray for members who are attending the Area Day today at Toongabbie that they will be encouraged as they listen to the Bible talk on 'Going the Distance' based on Ecclesiastes 3:1 'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.'

St John's, Dee Why — We give thanks for God's faithfulness to us and pray today especially for our members who are now frail and find it hard to attend. Help us all to rely on God's strength in all things and support one another as we live out the aim and objectives of Mothers' Union.

St John's, Moss Vale — Father, as we meet to study your Word for us in Psalm 139, may we open our hearts in awe of your complete knowledge of us. Make us, by your Spirit, willing to submit to your love, and be transformed into the people you created us to be for eternity!

Toongabbie Anglican — Parramatta/Hills Region Area Day Toongabbie — Pray for the members attending this special day studying God's Word, praying and enjoying fellowship.

Thursday 17 August

St Andrew's, Lane Cove — Dear Lord, as we look at the 3rd study of "Seize the Day, a time for belonging," help us to be challenged and refreshed, drawing closer to you as we look at Psalm 139. Let your Spirit open our ears to what you would have us know. Amen.

Mothers Union Sydney Workers 2024-2025 — Give thanks for the opportunity Mothers Union Sydney has had to seed-fund Workers for two years in many churches in the Sydney Diocese. Pray for wisdom for the Executive as they select two churches for the next two years to receive funding to support children and/or families ministry.

Friday 18 August

Mothers Union Sydney Executive — Pray for the Executive as they meet today. May the Lord guide them as they work together and make decisions.

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot — Pray for the hearts and minds of the women in prison, that they may come to know the Lord and grow a deep personal relationship with him. May their identity be known as Christ's beloved and not the labels of society or those around them.

Saturday 19 August

Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator — Heavenly Father, we pray for all members whether married, single, widowed or divorced. Help them to continue to persevere in following Jesus and continue to let their light shine forth as they serve you to your honour and glory.

St Andrew's Cathedral — Please pray for the hoped for appointments of a new Associate Minister and an inaugural Community Chaplain to proceed with grace and wisdom.

Sunday 20 August

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison OAM — My prayer comes from the last verse of the hymn 'How Sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear.' May we proclaim Jesus' love in all we say and do and take comfort in knowing Jesus calms our every fear.

Diocesan Members — Gracious Lord we thank you for members who support and encourage the ministry of Mothers Union Sydney. May they continue to press on in serving you and continue to do the good works you have prepared for them to walk in.

Monday 21 August

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary — As our winter is coming to a close, I pray for those who, during this time of cold weather, may have experienced homelessness or hunger, broken relationships or hurt. Please Father, walk with these people, uplift them and calm their fears, and encourage them to connect with you and your Son throughout their lives. Give them hope in a very troubled world.

Nungalinga Bible College — We praise God for our 50th Year Celebration this month that all glory goes to God.

Tuesday 22 August

Dapto Anglican — As the year moves on Lord, we ask you be with our church leaders. Sustain them. Keep our prayers for them guided by the Holy Spirit as we work together so that your will is done. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer — Pray for clarity for Wendy when she presents the Treasurer's Report at the Mothers Union Sydney Council meeting.

Wednesday 23 August

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls — Today Lynda Dunstan, the Anglicare Family and Domestic Violence Coordinator, will talk on Domestic Violence. Pray that we all have a greater appreciation of this problem and understand more how to help those who are suffering as victims.

Prue Feather, Court Coordinator — Give thanks that the court staff appreciate us being there and are supportive of us.

Thursday 24 August

St Mark's, West Wollongong — Praise the name of Jesus for His love, compassion and teaching and dying to bring us eternal life. Thank

you for the ministry of Sandra Bull and bless her as she speaks on, "Serving the Lord through His strength."

Hospital Visiting — Gracious God, we give you praise and thanks for our Volunteer Hospital Visitors, for those who have served over many years and those new to the task. Please raise more volunteers to cover the opportunities that you provide. Thank you for the skills shared by those who knit and sew the lovely hand-made gifts for new families. Amen.

Friday 25 August

Mothers Union Sydney Council Meeting — Heavenly Father, we bring our Council meeting before you praying for Glenda as she chairs our time together. and for Wendy and Marilyn as they present reports concerning the finances and organisation.

Saturday 26 August

Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie — Pray that the women I'm discussing the Bible with each week will finally see the real Jesus and follow him. Particularly pray for Naiim, Linda, Khadeja, Ayesha as well as new friends from Ramadan Peace tent and ESL class.

Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo — I continue to thank our Lord for all the doors that have been opening for Mothers Union and thank the Executive for continuing to step out as opportunities arise especially to northern NSW and northern Queensland.

Sunday 27 August

Families in our churches — Gracious lord, we pray for marriages and families in our churches. Give them wisdom in making decisions as they face the challenges of parenting today.

Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Diocese of Bathurst — Pray for Christine Hurford and the branch in Bathurst. Give thanks for their faithfulness and pray that they will seek to reach out to the community.

Monday 28 August

Marilyn Robey, AMUA Australia Treasurer — Pray for Marilyn as she oversees the finances of AMUA.

Barbara Thomas, Assistant to Vice President, Southern region

— Loving Father, you call us to promote stable family life and the protection of children. We pray for Ann Cunningham and her ministry focussing on Christian Parenting and providing seminars to equip families to live in unity and love, especially important in the broken and divided world of today. Amen.

Tuesday 29 August

Homeless — Heavenly Father, we pray for the many homeless in our city who often struggle with mental health issues. We thank you for the churches which reach out to them and provide food and support. We particularly pray for St John's Darlinghurst and their program Rough Edges which cares for the homeless in Kings Cross and Darlinghurst.

Wednesday 30 August

Elaine Longford AMUA Vice President — Pray for Elaine as she supports Robyn Ray and focuses on how AMUA can support victims of gender violence.

Luanne Mills, Area President Southern Highlands — Pray for our older members in the colder areas of the Southern Highlands. Pray that they keep warm and active and free from slips, falls and infections through the winter months. We give thanks that so many gifts are created at this time that are used to bless others.

Thursday 31 August

Mowll Village Group — Father God we pray for Christine Jensen's safety as she travels to lead us in a Mothers Union Sydney Bible Study today. May we be alert and encouraged as we study the Psalms.

School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon — Loving Father, we give you praise and thanks that, in partnership with Anglican AID, we can offer prayer and financial support to the School of the Good Shepherd in Lebanon as they share the love of Christ through education, play and the gospel to Iraqi and Syrian refugee children. Amen.

Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

30 July – 1 August

Boga in DR Congo, Manicaland in Zimbabwe, Tanga in Tanzania, Ogoni in Nigeria, Carlisle in England, Melbourne in Australia

3-5 August

Juba in South Sudan, Kitale in Kenya, Minna in Nigeria, Lagos in Nigeria, Moray and Ross and Caithness in Scotland, Madurai-Ramnad in India

6-8 August

Northern Malawi in Malawi, Eldoret in Kenya, Ngbo in Nigeria, Akure in Nigeria, North West Australia in Australia, Aipo Rongo in Papua New Guinea

10-12 August

Niassa in Mozambique, Masindi Kitara in Uganda, Langtang in Nigeria, Esan in Nigeria, North Queensland in Australia, Kolhapur in India

13-15 August

Natal in South Africa, Kajiado in Kenya, Okigwe in Nigeria, Western Izon in Nigeria, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Canada, Toungoo in Myanmar

17-19 August

Kasai in DR Congo, Shyira in Rwanda, Ijumu in Nigeria, Egba West in Nigeria, Liverpool in England, Sambalpur in India

20-22 August

Central Zimbabwe in Zimbabwe, Lango in Uganda, Kebbi in Nigeria, Tamale in Ghana, Sheffield in England, Guadalcanal in Solomon Islands

24-26 August

Saldanha Bay in South Africa, Karamoja in Uganda, Udi in Nigeria, Etsako in Nigeria, Wellington in New Zealand, Yangon in Myanmar

27-29 August

Matabeleland in Zimbabwe, Mount Kenya Central in Kenya, Niger West in Nigeria, Wangaratta in Australia, Clogher in All Ireland, Hpa-An in Myanmar

31 August — 2 September

Harare in Zimbabwe, Machakos in Kenya, Ogori-Magongo in Nigeria, Ekiti in Nigeria, Southwark in England, Phulbani in India



September

Prayer Points By Date

Friday 1 September

Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron — Please pray for all members of Synod and for the Archbishop as he chairs these meetings, that debate and decisions made would bring honour to Jesus and be helpful in building his kingdom.

St Paul's, Carlingford — Lord, may we each day live our lives focused on you, to do the work you have planned for us and pray most heartily for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as they try to navigate the onrush of this seemingly out of control culture.

Saturday 2 September

Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President — Heavenly Father, with grateful heart I give you praise. I look to your word for insight and understanding and to my fellow workers for guidance and encouragement through your Spirit. Amen.

Blacktown Sudanese — Pray that our Sudanese Mothers Union members will be a blessing to their family, friends and wider community as they witness through their daily lives.

Sunday 3 September

Hospital Visiting — Gracious God, we humbly ask that you might bring to mind a suitable person to be the Hospital Visiting Co-ordinator. Let her be able and willing to connect with Chaplains, encourage us to

pray and support volunteers who are part of this ministry. Help us to be patient as we wait for the right person Lord. Amen.

Monday 4 September

1st Monday 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.

1st Monday PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS —

We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Tuesday 5 September

St John's, Keiraville — We give thanks for our President Roslyn Lawer and her support of our members during the past unsettled time of COVID and limited church facilities. We continue to ask for God's wisdom how to encourage, care and connect with our members, especially our older ones, in the colder wintery months.

St Faith's, Narrabeen — Give thanks for opportunity we had to attend the Area Day at St Johns's Dee Why and for the friendship and fellowship we shared.

Wednesday 6 September

St Thomas', Enfield — Precious Lord, we thank you for the work of Mothers Union supporting Christian marriage and family life, especially families suffering hardship and loss through domestic breakdowns, poverty, abuse, drugs, sickness and all other circumstances. May they find comfort, hope and healing in your Word and through the work of Mothers' Union. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Figtree Anglican — We thank God that our church is hosting the Grandparents' Conference. Pray that it will be encouraging and uplifting to those who attend. We do pray for those who have limited

opportunities to see their grandchildren whether from distance or challenging circumstances.

Thursday 7 September

St James', Berala — Please join with us by praying for all of our rectors and their families — that they will be attentive to their own personal walk with the Lord and as they balance work and family life.

St Jude's, Bowral — Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Bible studies written for us by Rev Jackie Stoneman on 'Seize the Day'. We ask that as we meet and read your word together we'll be encouraged and have a greater understanding of how Jesus enables us to not only survive but thrive in a scary world.

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

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale — Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

Friday 8 September

Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Southern Highlands/Wollongong region — I value your prayers as I seek to have opportunities to visit the Branches, participate in their meetings and endeavour to support and encourage them in their Christian faith. Together may we rejoice in 'Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening, and supporting marriage and family life.'

Saturday 9 September

Luanne Mills, Area President Southern Highlands — We give thanks for new branch members and for the enthusiasm and commitment of the existing members who have invited and encouraged people they meet to come see what Mothers Union is. We pray that each one of us can be refreshed with the Holy Spirit and be made new again in Christ.

Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator — Pray for wisdom as we plan the February Seminar for 2024 that the Lord will guide us to the topic and speakers. Pray even now for people to attend and that they will be strengthened and encouraged in their walk with the Lord.

Sunday 10 September

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Katherine Hilton — Please pray as Katherine Hilton is going on Long Service Leave in October and November that a good replacement be found for her while she is away.

Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality — Pray that Christian marriages and families shine out as lights in the darkness, different from those who don't yet follow Jesus, pointing others clearly to him. May we always seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, persevering and keeping our eyes on the heavenly goal.

Monday 11 September

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources — Pray for possible links with other Mothers Union groups who could use our material and help equip families in their areas. This requires facilitator training and establishing clear links with them to partner with them.

Juliette Smith, Vice President Southern Region — Please pray for the families supporting children studying for the HSC. Pray for these students as they move into adulthood and leave the daily routines of schooling that their faith may be strengthened and the seeds that have been planted in their youth may bear fruit. Pray for the parents to model Godly wisdom and encouragement.

Tuesday 12 September

Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region — Lord, we pray for Mothers Union members who will gather today for the Northern Region Area Day at St Mark's Pennant Hills. Inspire us with a fresh vision of the work you have called us to do in our families, in our churches, in our communities and in the world.

St Philip's, Caringbah — Praise God for Spring, for new life and the beauty of the country.

St Alban's, Corrimal — Father, we pray for members who have, because of illness or fragility, been unable to meet regularly. Help us to support and encourage them.

St Alban's, Epping — Be with Mothers Union members in the Northern Region as we come together for our Area Day. May it be a time of fellowship, worship and learning for us all as we partake in the day's proceedings. We thank those who prepared the day for us.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst — We are invited to the Area Day this year at St Mark's Pennant Hills. We look forward to the service and speaker and catching up with friends. We are grateful to be able to share this day after the Covid restrictions and will benefit greatly from the fellowship and sweet communion.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills — Pray that the Northern Region Area Day being held today at St. Mark's be "joyous in the Lord" as our Region's branches gather together to hear and learn more of His wonderful promises and for great fellowship with our friends and a safe journey home for all.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea — Open our hearts and minds, dear Father, that we may come to know you more deeply as we gather to consider your message in Psalm 145 this morning so our lives will reflect your love and grace. Bless Sue as she leads us through the study.

Wednesday 13 September

St John's, Camden — Father, guide each one of us to reach out to one precious woman and share the love of Christ through friendship. Pray for St John's Holiday Club to be well attended by primary age children and be filled with God's word and for strong lasting relationships built with families.

Jannali Anglican — O God, our Heavenly Father, we pray for all those working in many disadvantaged communities across the world. We particularly pray for the schools and programmes run by Christian organisations to provide children with a way out of poverty through education, and for them to learn the importance and joy of Jesus as their saviour. Amen.

St Stephen's Mittagong — Thank God for Dina Roki and her ministry among us and for guiding us as we study the 23rd Psalm today. May we be well prepared and enthusiastically inviting others to our Women's Breakfast with Kara Hartley speaking on Saturday morning.

Thursday 14 September

Mothers Union Sydney Workers — Gracious Lord, we pray for the churches who have received our funding that they will find the workers to help them reach out with the gospel of Jesus into their communities.

Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer — Thank God for the support we receive from JB Were and Benkorp in making the best use of our God given resources.

Friday 15 September

Mothers Union Sydney Executive — Pray that the Executive will be guided by God as they review the outcome of the Council meeting.

Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach — Pray that Mothers Union with kindness, courage and compassionate actions will continue to help the world's hardest to reach communities to transform lives. Praise and thanks to all who pray and give to the Overseas and Northern Outreach programs and those who benefit from this ministry.

Saturday 16 September

Christine Jensen, AMUA Australia Prayer and Spirituality — Please pray for me as I encourage members across Australia in their walk with the Lord. I value your prayers as I write a weekly Thought for the Week as well as devotions to be used personally or in their branches.

Sunday 17 September

Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Lisa Boyd — Please pray that God might guard me from vicarious trauma and that he would help me develop useful strategies to process the deep sadness and trauma I witness in other people's lives.

Monday 18 September

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley — Pray for the Moore College Library day on 23 September focussing on Deaconess Margaret Rodgers. I will be speaking on her work in the Sydney Synod.

Susan Skowronski, AMUA Australia Social Issues and Action — Pray for Susan as she encourages members to support those in our community who suffer poverty, homelessness and loneliness.

Tuesday 19 September

Simone Boswell, Area Coordinator Wollongong region — "Give the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Thank you Heavenly Father for the opportunity to worship you all over the Illawarra in small and larger groups within Mothers Union. We thank you for the times of worship and prayer shared by so many faithful servants each month, and ask that you would comfort and sustain all who call on your name.

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, June Hickey — Pray for June as she witnesses to family and friends through her community involvement and her support of Mothers Union Sydney.

Wednesday 20 September

St John's, Dee Why — May we look to Jesus in all things as we reach out to others in His love. Today we pray for those struggling in our community because of loneliness and isolation. May we always be ready to welcome others in the name of Christ.

St John's, Moss Vale — Father, as we go into your world each day, may we see the wonder of all you have created, from the most minute, to the awesomely huge! Enable us to be good stewards in whatever way we are able.

Toongabbie Anglican — We welcome our Children's pastor Rachael Nash to our meeting today. We thank the Lord for the vital ministry Rachael has with the children in our Church as well as her role as Scripture teacher in our local school.

Thursday 21 September

St Andrew's, Lane Cove — Dear Lord, in the beauty of the changing seasons we celebrate a Spring Morning Tea. We give praise for the fellowship we enjoy and for the prayers we will share. Pray that the morning might bring glory our living God. Amen.

Prue Feather, Court Coordinator — Please pray for more volunteers to fill the rosters at the courts.

Friday 22 September

Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Canberra/Goulburn — Please pray for our members who, while being quite elderly now, still take an active roll in our branches. We particularly pray for Helen Lloyd and Dorothy Mackenzie who continue to serve on our Executive, mentoring and sharing their local knowledge and gifts. Give thanks and praise for the partnership we share with Bishop Mark and Dr Monica Short, ministering to spouses of clergy.

Saturday 23 September

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary — Give us new hearts and renew the Holy Spirit within us, Lord, that our rulers may faithfully minister justice, punish wrongdoings, and defend and maintain the preaching of your word. May all Ministers diligently teach your people of your love for us through the death of your Son. May we all be encouraged to turn to you in times of trouble, support others in need and to be good stewards of our time with family, in the community and with Christian organisations we support. (J. Oswald Sanders, Prayer Power Unlimited (1977 edition) Worldwide Publications)

Kristi Day, AMUA Australia Promotion and Communication — Pray for Kristi as she undertakes how best to promote AMUA and finds ways to use Social Media.

Sunday 24 September

Ruth Cunningham, Linda Wheeler and Suzanne Coleman: Office Secretaries, and Mothers Union Office and Shop Ministry — We give you thanks and praise God, for the relationships that continue to grow with volunteers and members as well as with shoppers and arcade

retailers. Help us to be a reflection of Christ's love and compassion in all of our encounters.

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM

— Thank you for the provision of the Mothers Union Bible Studies and for Jackie Stoneman preparing such encouraging material. Strengthen us all as we seek to engage the greatness of God with all generations.

Monday 25 September

Kimberly Rispin, Community Relations Officer — Loving Father, I give you thanks for all those who connect with Mothers Union Sydney through our Seminars, Parenting Courses, on the website or online. I pray that they will be moved to join and be encouraged as we support marriage and families. Amen.

Life Member of Council, Pam Goodhew — The situation in Ukraine continues to be on my heart and I pray that there will be an end to this conflict and that those who have fled Ukraine will be able to be offered support and care in countries across the world.

Tuesday 26 September

Dapto Anglican — Father we pray for all children of all ages and nationalities. Thank you that in this fallen world we are able to turn to you seeking protection for these little ones made in your image. May the orphans and those with special needs know the tenderness of Jesus love for them. We ask this in your Son's name. Amen.

Wednesday 27 September

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls — Jan Donohoo will be sharing from her wealth of biblical knowledge and experience as she speaks on 'Holiness'. Pray we be as encouraged from her talk as we have been in the past.

School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon — Loving Father, we pray for the Iraqi and Syrian refugee children at School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon. Heal and strengthen them. We pray that they will know God's love as they learn and play.

Thursday 28 September

St Mark's, West Wollongong — Father please be with and comfort the homeless and displaced peoples of the world. May the resources of the world be shared with equity. Bless Simone Boswell as she brings the message, "Travelling in the footsteps of Jesus".

Mowll Village Group — Heavenly Father we praise you for the glorious wonders of your creation especially at springtime. We pray for diligence in caring for our environment at a personal and community level.

Friday 29 September

Australian Defence Forces Chaplaincy — Pray for Bishop Grant Dibden, Bishop of the Defence Force Chaplaincy. May he continue to lead chaplains and provide the support they need in caring for the forces often in challenging circumstances.

Western Region — Pray for branch members as they meet together and seek to encourage the ministry in their churches through prayer.

Saturday 30 September

Homeless — Merciful Heavenly Father, we pray for the program Rough Edges at St John's Darlinghurst as it cares for those in our community suffering from homelessness, many of whom have mental health issues. May they find the peace they are searching for in knowing you.

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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

October

Prayer Points By Date

Sunday 1 October

Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President — Heavenly Father, I give praise and thanks for the freedom to meet and share the good news with members. Give me clear understanding as I speak and encourage members and friends during my speaking engagements. Amen.

Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron — Pray for the Archbishop speaking at the MTS Recruit Conference & 'Sydney for the Kingdom' Conference. Pray for Cailey and the wives of the assistant bishops as they plan for and meet with ministry wives at end of year events.

Monday 2 October

1st Monday 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.

1st Monday PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS — We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Tuesday 3 October

St John's, Keiraville — It is end of year exam time for our school and university students. We pray for focused study, calm nerves, good sleep and healthy diets. We especially pray for parents as they support their children at this critical time.

St Faith's, Narrabeen — Pray for our members to share our Lord's love with their families especially those who have not given their lives to the Lord God.

Wednesday 4 October

St Thomas', Enfield — Almighty God, we pray for all who suffer, those who are ill, lonely or afraid. We pray for those who have lost hope, who feel overwhelmed by life and have nowhere to turn. May they feel your touch in every part of their lives. We pray that you will fill them with your Spirit, that you will extend to them your grace, love and protection, and that they may come to know you as their Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Figtree Anglican — We are thankful for the opportunities to meet together in Bible study groups and in Children/Youth ministries. Please pray for SRE teachers and helpers going into our public primary and high schools.

Thursday 5 October

St James', Berala — We pray for our student ministers and MTS worker as they study and prepare for end of year exams — and give thanks for their commitment to helping spread the gospel in our local area.

St Jude's, Bowral — We give thanks for our branch running for 120 years. As we celebrate this occasion by having 'Canapés on the Deck' please pray for this to be an opportunity to invite church members and friends.

St Andrew's, Cronulla — Give thanks for the hard working Mothers Union executive in our diocese as they plan for the Advent service as well as next year's February seminar.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale — Heavenly Father, Sydney Diocesan Synod meets this month and we pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will send forth his spirit of love and truth on the bishops in synod and on all who assist them in fulfilling their task. Make them more faithful to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches; stir their souls and teach them truth by that same Holy Spirit.

Friday 6 October

St Paul's, Carlingford — Gracious Father we pray for the volunteers who are teaching Scripture in schools. We pray that they will remain enthusiastic and committed in their task of bringing the word of God to children who may not have had the opportunity of hearing it before. May they be able to present God's love in a way that their young minds will remember it always.

Prue Feather, Court Coordinator — Give thanks as the courts get busy again we are able to serve those in need.

Saturday 7 October

Blacktown Sudanese — Heavenly Father we thank you for the opportunity to teach the Bible each month. Help Wendy, Christine and Martha be faithful to your word and may the members grow in their walk with the Lord Jesus.

Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach — Please pray and ask the Lord that we faithfully connect with and maintain our world wide fellowship by lifting up our members to the Lord at home and abroad through the wave of prayer.

Sunday 8 October

Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie — Pray that God would provide my financial needs to continue full time in this ministry.

Mothers Union in Myanmar — Pray for members who are finding life difficult in the present political situation. Protect them and help them not to be ashamed of the gospel.

Monday 9 October

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary — Eternal God, who by the life of your dear Son, has shown us that there is nothing we can do on our own when we are doing your will. Help us to use our time to your praise in that, however we are engaged, in work or play, we might stand before you with a clear conscience and acting, speaking, and thinking as if in your presence. Thank you for all the opportunities you provide for us to spread your word. (J. Oswald Sanders, Prayer Power Unlimited (1977 edition) Worldwide Publications)

Mothers Union Sydney Workers, 2024-2025 — Pray for the churches who have been chosen to receive a grant for the next two years. Help the rectors to choose the right person to serve in their church family.

Tuesday 10 October

St Philip's, Caringbah — The year is moving on. We thank God for Mothers Union, and for members here in Australia and all around the world.

St Alban's, Corrimal — We pray that the lives we live as believers will encourage others to investigate Jesus and His promises.

St Alban's, Epping — We pray for our church community in Epping. As the demographics of the area have changed so much, we pray that we may find ways to reach those living in the many high-rise buildings that now surround our church. May our Mothers Union members find some way to help with this task.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst — Our final Bible study no. 4 will be led by our very own Iris George. Iris always brings wisdom and patient understanding to the meaning of God's Word. We also love God's Word being shared with one whose life has been dedicated to him.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills — We give thanks for our members' faithful attendance this year as we hold our AGM. May we find ways to encourage new members to join and carry on with the work of Mothers Union throughout Sydney Diocese and the world.

St John's, Sutherland/GyMEA — We look forward to hearing Jenny Salt speak as we join with Jannali Mothers Union tomorrow. May this be a time of encouragement as we listen, learn and share fellowship.

Wednesday 11 October

St John's, Camden — Pray for Kairos prison ministry as the good news is shared to the women involved that relationships develop and continue on throughout their lives. May the women believe they are valued and cherished through the teaching.

Jannali Anglican — Today is a combined meeting with Sutherland/GyMEA Branch. We pray for our guest speaker, Jenny Salt, as she helps us to find new insights in Ruth Chapter 1.

St Stephen's, Mittagong — We thank God for Ann Cunningham today as we investigate and think through, with her, Mothers Union's ministry serving marriages and families. May each of us be involved prayerfully and seek opportunities to support younger families.

Thursday 12 October

Juliette Smith, Vice President Southern Region — Pray for our members who are frail and unwell that they will be faithful to the end. Pray for opportunities to encourage them. Pray we can meet with them and share God's word, while also being inspired by their wisdom and trust.

St Andrew's Cathedral — Pray for good and cohesive staff team relationships, and for enhancement of evangelism and disciple-making at the Cathedral.

Friday 13 October

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison OAM — Pray for Mothers Union members and their families in countries facing persecution and finding themselves displaced and without food and proper shelter.

Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer — Pray that Wendy will use her time wisely, as she divides it between family and friends, Mothers Union Sydney and her church commitments.

Saturday 14 October

Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Grafton — Here in Grafton Diocese we are continuing to hear of the despair of those directly affected by last year's floods and that is an ongoing prayer point and there are many facets of this issue. May they know the Lord's comfort and strength. Also a thank you prayer for holiday centres being able to pick up business and feel optimistic after COVID, bush fires and floods.

Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region — Mothers Union Sydney continues to support the School of the Good Shepherd in Lebanon as its Special Project for 2023 in partnership with Anglican Aid. We give thanks to God that the school provides for 350 children of Syrian refugees who otherwise would not be able to go to school.

Sunday 15 October

Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality — Pray for families under stress due to HSC exams. May Christian students and parents rely on God's sovereignty ultimately and not consider marks the most important thing in life. Please help us encourage others by word and example to know that living in Christ is what's absolutely vital.

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley — Please pray that God will guide and direct the women who are training at Moore College into ministries where they might serve Christ and build his church.

Monday 16 October

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources — Pray for those who have been involved in the seminars that they would be further equipped to parent their children intentionally and with a knowledge that God is behind all things, including their family.

Hospital Visiting — Gracious God, we give you praise and thanks for the many years of Hospital Visiting in our Diocese and for opportunities to work with Hospital Chaplains during the COVID and post COVID times. As we are allowed to visit again, we pray for open doors and opportunities to welcome and reach new families. Amen.

Tuesday 17 October

Rosemary Dickens, Chaplain, Liverpool Hospital — Gracious Lord, we give thanks for Rosemary commencing visiting in the Maternity Department at Liverpool Hospital. Pray as she meets with patients she will have opportunity to share God's love with the mothers.

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Helen Cooney — Almighty God, we give thanks for the Mothers Union members at St Thomas' Enfield as they have been able to celebrate 125 years of faithful service in Mothers Union during the past year. We pray that, in the years ahead, they will continue their vision of looking forward with loving ministry and caring, not only in our church but also in the community.

Wednesday 18 October

St John's, Dee Why — As children return to school for term four, we pray for all SRE teachers and chaplains. May God give strength and wisdom to those who teach and may they find encouragement and prayer support from their churches, particularly the Mothers Union members.

St John's, Moss Vale — As we meet Father, guide our hearts to keep serving you as we conduct our AGM. As we are led in making Christmas craft, by one of our talented members, may all we do and say be shining the light of your most precious gift, our Saviour Jesus.

Toongabbie Anglican — We thank our Gracious Lord for Glenda and her deep commitment to her role as Diocesan President. As she leads us through the 4th Bible Study, 'A time for telling — Psalm 145' may our hearts and minds be touched by the Holy Spirit to give us hope and encouragement and to pass on to others this wonderful truth.

Thursday 19 October

St Andrew's, Lane Cove — Dear Lord, we thank you for the words and wisdom of Rev Jackie Stoneman as we have looked at the Psalms this year. Be with us as we look at study 4 "Seize the Day, a time for telling" and rejoice in the words of Psalm 145.

Friday 20 October

Mothers Union Sydney Executive — Pray for the Executive as they meet together today, that they will work well together and that the Lord will guide all decision making.

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

Saturday 21 October

Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Southern Highlands/Wollongong Region — We value your prayers as the members of the Executive and the Branches review their programs and make plans for next year. Also, pray for our Area President, Luanne Mills and the Area Committee as they involve members in supporting special events: the Annual Seminar, the Area Day and any extra events which support the Biblical teaching on Christian marriage and family life.

Sunday 22 October

Barbara Thomas, Assistant to Vice President, Southern region — Heavenly Father, we pray for those who have fled their homeland because of war or persecution for their Christian faith. Thank you for all those churches and organisations that offer practical and spiritual support. Strengthen and enable all to place their trust in you and your love and compassion, as we pray that your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday 23 October

Christine Brain, AMUA Australia Mia Mia Editor — Pray for Christine as she compiles and edits Mia Mia. May many members be encouraged by Mia Mia and be able to share it with their friends.

Kimberly Rispin, Community Relations Officer — Loving Father, I give thanks for the opportunity to serve you through Mothers Union Sydney. I pray for wisdom as Treasurer Wendy and I continue to work through good governance protocols for data security. Amen.

Tuesday 24 October

Dapto Anglican — Loving Lord, we need new younger members. May a harvest of faith filled godly women be raised up. We are thankful that you have this under control. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Wednesday 25 October

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls — Jodie McIver will speak on her book, 'Bringing forth Life — Gods purposes in Pregnancy and Birth.' We have invited the mothers from Playtime to join us.

Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo — Pray as the seminars and parenting courses are going into other dioceses. May they be an encouragement to those who attend and also give them useful skills in caring for their families.

Thursday 26 October

St Mark's, West Wollongong — Guide all care givers to carry out the work assigned to them to be of a godly and kindly manner. Especially be with parents in these changing times. Thank you for Margaret Brain as she brings the message of, "Being a missionary anywhere" to our members.

Mowll Village Group — Lord God, our world needs peace that only you can give. Please direct the hearts and minds of our world leaders so that they strive for peaceful diplomacy and dialogue.

Friday 27 October

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot — May the Gospel be clearly spoken in words and actions including through the Christian staff who work serving Christ within the walls of prison.

School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon — Loving Father, we give you praise and thanks that, in partnership with Anglican AID, we can offer prayer and financial support to the School of the Good Shepherd in Lebanon as they share the love of Christ through education, play and the gospel to Iraqi and Syrian refugee children. Amen.

Saturday 28 October

Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplains, Bronwyn Kyngdon and Bethany Downes — Pray for staff at the hospital and for us to be wise in how best to support them and for volunteers as they return to visiting.

Sunday 29 October

Luanne Mills, Area President, Southern Highlands — We give thanks for new branch members and for the enthusiasm and commitment of the existing members who have invited and encouraged people they meet to come and see what Mothers Union is. We pray that each one of us can be refreshed with the Holy Spirit and be made new again in Christ.

Families in our churches — Our Father in heaven we pray for the parents in our churches as they care for their children. Give them wisdom as they teach, live and model your word and guide their children faced with a myriad of choices about how they should live.

Monday 30 October

Rev Anne Kennedy, AMUA Past President — Pray for Anne as she supports Robin and shares her knowledge of leading AMUA.

Diocesan Members — Thank you for those joining Mothers Union Sydney online. Father help us to encourage them to support Christ's teaching on marriage and Christian family life.

Tuesday 31 October

Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator — The planning of the February Seminar is underway. Give thanks for the subcommittee members as they work together choosing a topic and planning the structure of the day.

Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

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



November

Prayer Points By Date

Wednesday 1 November

St Thomas', Enfield — Prince of Peace, we give you thanks and praise for all those serving in the mission field, following your purpose for their lives. Please guard and protect them as they proclaim your name. May the hearts of those they come into contact with be open and ready to hear and receive the truth of your Son, Jesus Christ, In whose name we pray, Amen.

Figtree Anglican — Thank God for the ministry staff at Figtree Anglican and for the many opportunities there are to share the gospel in the community.

Thursday 2 November

St James', Berala — We give thanks for the year that has been, for the new ministry opportunities like Anglicare Pantry and the Homework club and for all those involved.

St Jude's, Bowral — We pray for our fellowship together as we share a meal. Lord, we thank you for the many godly women who attend our meetings who we have learned from and been encouraged by. Help us to continue to encourage one another.

St Andrew's, Cronulla — As we meet for the last time this year, we thank God for a year of Mothers Union meetings with the fellowship we have enjoyed as well as the speakers and the Bible Studies. Pray

for the upcoming Christmas services in our church as we reach out to our community.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale — Heavenly Father, as we will be enjoying our Christmas celebration next month, help us to be joyful in all things. Flood our hearts with the confidence of your love, that it may overflow to those around us.

Friday 3 November

St Paul's, Carlingford — Heavenly Father, may we always be challenged in our daily life and in the work we do in your name to keep looking for opportunities of better serving you, strengthen us through your Holy Spirit to be bold and not let circumstances hinder our steps to a closer life with you.

Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President — Heavenly Father, as we look to Advent help us to focus on you. I pray for the Advent Service and all that entails, for opportunity to share in joy and hope as we look forward. Amen.

Saturday 4 November

Blacktown Sudanese — Pray for members who have children and grandchildren living with them as well family members in South Sudan. Help them to understand the complexities for their children living in two cultures, Sudanese and Australian.

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Livingstone OAM — Thank God for his generous provision of resources for our ministries in both people and finance. Help each of us to 'always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have'.

Sunday 5 November

Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region — Let us pray for the work of Mothers Union across the world addressing the impact of gender injustice on women and girls. Give thanks to God that there are opportunities to campaign for change and to minister to those suffering injustice and discrimination.

Kimberly Rispin, Community Relations Officer — Loving Father, I give you thanks for relationships built up over time, for godly examples and prayerful support as I work with Mothers Union Sydney. Amen.

Monday 6 November

1st Monday 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.

1st Monday PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS — We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Tuesday 7 November

St John's, Keiraville — As the academic year comes to a close, we especially pray for the university students that have connected with our campus and parish ministries. Many will now return home overseas. May the good news of Jesus they have heard, be firmly planted in their hearts and bear fruit in their lives.

St Faith's, Narrabeen — As Christmas approaches, may we find your peace in the busyness of our lives to invite our Lord Jesus into our hearts so that we find that sense of peace and that we may follow in his footsteps and receive encouragement from him.

Wednesday 8 November

St John's, Camden — Pray for St John's Kids Time Christmas service run by Mothers Union. May leaders have a fresh new vision in sharing the birth of Christ with the children, their families and friends. May there be an out pouring of the Holy Spirit in this wonderful children's service.

Jannali Anglican — As we near the end of this year, may we find time to reflect on how God has been at work in our lives, for the answers to prayer, for his presence with us at all times. We praise and

thank him for his grace, mercy, love and constant presence in all the changing scenes of life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

St Stephen's, Mittagong — Pray that our trip to Koorong Books will be useful as we choose great Christian literature for our family and friends for Christmas gifts. Thank God for Kathy Crawshaw our driver and for the opportunity to have lunch and extended fellowship with each other.

Thursday 9 November

Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron — As the Archbishop and Cailey take annual leave at the beginning of the month, pray for good rest, relaxation together and refreshment in mind, body and spirit.

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary — Holy Spirit, giver of light and life, help us to provide thoughts higher than our own thoughts and prayers better than our own prayers. Help us to spend our time in ways of love and fellowship, after the perfect image of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen. (J. Oswald Sanders, Prayer Power Unlimited (1977 edition) Worldwide Publications)

Friday 10 November

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

Simone Boswell, Area Coordinator Wollongong region — 'I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.' Thank you Lord God for answered prayer and sustaining power among your faithful Mothers Union servants. Give them strength and energy to continue in their service to you and the community around them.

Saturday 11 November

Hospital Visiting — Gracious God, we give you praise and thanks for our volunteer hospital visitors and for those who have served over many years and those new to the task. Please raise more volunteers

to cover the opportunities that you provide. Thank you for the skills shared by those who knit and sew the lovely hand-made gifts for new families. Amen.

Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer — Give thanks for the resources God has entrusted to Mothers Union Sydney, and pray that Executive will administer the funds wisely and generously.

Sunday 12 November

Elizabeth Parker, AMUA Vice President — Pray for Elizabeth with special responsibility for encouraging the Parenting program across AMUA branches.

Nungalinga Bible College — We would value your prayers for new staff as they prepare for the new 'Children's/Youth and Making Disciples' courses in 2024.

Monday 13 November

Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Southern Highlands/Wollongong Region — As we come towards the end of the year, may we have gratitude in our hearts for the friendships and fellowship which we enjoy in and through Mothers Union. May we look for opportunities to speak of these blessings to family, friends and those in our churches. "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

Tuesday 14 November

St Philip's, Caringbah — Pray at this busy time of the year as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour with our families we will have courage to share the message of Christmas, that 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' (1 Timothy 1:15)

St Alban's, Corrimal — We pray that we can support the young people and families in our congregations by being beside them and supporting, encouraging and praying for them.

St Alban's, Epping — Lord as we come together today for a last meeting of 2023, may we enjoy our lunch together and fellowship with one another. Thank you Lord for the past year and all we have

shared as a group. We pray that 2024 will bring new members to our group and we look for your guidance Lord in achieving this.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst — Give thanks for our special guest speaker today Mrs Judy Sinden, as she and her husband Philip ministered here with us several years ago. We look forward to Judy's devotional message and assure her of our prayers.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills — Today looking into Study 4, Psalm 145 we read "The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does." Verse 13b. Be with our leader as she leads us and pray that we will remember always that the Lord keeps His promises.

St John's, Sutherland/GyMEA — Today we mark our final meeting for 2023, joining together to share Holy Communion and lunch, rejoicing in the opportunity to thank God for his steadfast love throughout the year and his gift of everlasting life.

Wednesday 15 November

St John's, Dee Why — As our branch meets for an end of year lunch today, may we be encouraged and strengthened by our fellowship together in the Gospel.

St John's, Moss Vale — Almighty God. we meet together to listen to your Word from Psalm 145, as we share in Holy Communion. Speak to our hearts we pray, as your servant Rev Jerryl Lowe speaks, and may we be reminded how praiseworthy you are, now, and forevermore!

Toongabbie Anglican — As we share in our final meeting for the year we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the special guests we have been blessed to have join us this year. Today we prepare for Advent/Christmas with Rev Col Adamson, assistant pastor, singing the wonderful carols and hearing the Bible readings. May each one of us be inspired to reach out to those around us with the message of Christ.

Thursday 16 November

St Andrew's, Lane Cove — Dear Lord, during the busyness of Christmas help us not to lose sight of the real story, we pray that the

Christmas message may be heard and taken to heart. We pray for the opportunities to bring Jesus before the local Lane Cove Community as part of our Church's Christmas outreach. Amen.

Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Newcastle — Pray for Elizabeth Bissaker as she leads Mothers Union in Newcastle. May she encourage members in their walk with the Lord.

Friday 17 November

Mothers Union Sydney Executive — Heavenly Father we thank you for the bequests we have received and pray for continued wisdom in how they are invested especially in these challenging financial times.

Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach — Pray for Wendy Mabey the AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator for keeping us informed about this far reaching ministry and in particular the Disaster Resilience in Tonga and Fiji Project.

Saturday 18 November

Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality — May preparation for Christmas events that include non-churchgoers and fringe attenders be planned wisely and well. May we all (individually and as Mothers Union) be supportive and involved in these outreach opportunities, ready to invite our neighbours, family and friends to hear the good news.

Mothers Union Workers 2024-2025 — Gracious Lord, we pray for the churches who have received seed funding for 2024-2025. We pray for the senior minister as he chooses the person to take on this role who can best support the family ministry in the church.

Sunday 19 November

Christine Jensen, OAM, Members' Coordinator — Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings of this year. Help us to 'please you, bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of you.' Colossians 1:10

Prue Feather, Court Coordinator — Give thanks that the court staff appreciate us being there and are supportive of us.

Monday 20 November

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley — Please pray that God will guide and direct the women who are training at college into ministries where they serve Christ and build his church.

Luanne Mills, Area President Southern Highlands — Pray for branches that are both gearing up for end of year activities at the same time as planning for next year's programs. Pray that in the busyness of the coming weeks we will take time to reflect and thank the Lord that his provision over the year is not forgotten.

Tuesday 21 November

Juliette Smith, Vice President Southern Region — As Christmas approaches, pray for opportunities to speak of our faith into a world that is too busy to stop and think about the real meaning. Pray for our churches as they plan their outreach ministries especially to families and pray for softened hearts to hear the gospel.

Wednesday 22 November

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls — Today our meeting will be built around a Christmas theme as we think about the birth of Jesus and the implications for the whole world.

Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead, Chaplains, Lisa Boyd — Please pray for the many Christian staff in the hospital, some of whom work in very challenging environments. Pray that God would sustain and keep them, giving them joy in the good works that he has prepared in advance for them to do.

Thursday 23 November

St Mark's, West Wollongong — Lord may we teach others of your sacrificial love in sending Jesus, a helpless babe into the world to save sinners. Renew our faith this Christmas to love and serve you more. Open the minds of all who gather in your name as they listen to the message from Christine Jensen on "Christmas".

Sue Milgate, AMUA Secretary — Father, we thank you that Sue has been prepared to take on this role in AMUA. Pray for her as she supports Robin Ray.

Friday 24 November

Advent Service — As we gather today at St Philip's Church Hill we thank you Lord for sustaining Mothers Union in these challenging times. As we look forward to the second coming of Jesus may we be encouraged 'to be steadfast always abounding in the work of the Lord.' 1 Corinthians 15:58

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence — This is an international campaign which initiated from the United Nations. It commences on November 25 (International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) until December 10 (International Human Rights day). AMUA promotes this program. Pray for those women trapped in difficult situations. Give them courage to seek help.

Saturday 25 November

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chaplain, Katherine Hilton — Please pray that someone in the Chaplains' Department agrees to be the new Coordinator.

Branch Officers and Speakers — Give thanks for those women who have served in Mothers Union Sydney this past year and helped us to read the Bible more carefully through the Bible studies on the Psalms, talks and testimonies.

Sunday 26 November

Life Member of Council, Pam Goodhew — Pray for Mothers Union members and their families who are persecuted, displaced and without food or proper shelter. May they receive the help they need and give them courage and an assurance that the Lord is their comfort and strength. Psalm 46:1

Western Region — Gracious Lord, we pray for our Mothers Union branches in the Western region. Thank you for their faithfulness in loving and serving you.

Monday 27 November

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources — Pray for those who have been involved in the seminars that they would be further

equipped to parent their children intentionally and with a knowledge that God is behind all things, including their family.

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, June Hickey — Pray for the work of Mothers Union Sydney, that we will use our resources wisely to bring people to God and to bring him glory.

Tuesday 28 November

Dapto Anglican — Heavenly Father our Advent service is looked forward to by branches in the Illawarra. We ask that it will once again be a time of joy and friendly fellowship. In Jesus name Amen.

Australian Defence Forces Chaplaincy — Pray for the families of chaplains who serve in the Defence Forces. Pray that during period of separation they will know God's presence and protection.

Wednesday 29 November

Market Day Stall — Give thanks for the opportunity to hold the stall in the Arcade and for all those members who have contributed goods to be sold to raise funds for our Mothers Union workers. Pray for those coordinating the stall as it is a huge task.

School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon — Loving Father, we lift to you Reem, Emil and the staff and students of the School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon. Guard and protect them spiritually and physically as they serve you in such a volatile area and give them wisdom and understanding as they teach and learn.

Thursday 30 November

Mowll Village Group — We give you thanks and praise Lord Jesus for our village chaplains who care for all residents spiritually. Please guide and bless the chaplaincy team in all their work. We especially pray for Rev Geoff Deutscher who will attend our meeting today and give us an Advent message.

Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

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



December

Prayer Points By Date

Friday 1 December

St Paul's, Carlingford — Another year with its ups and downs, sorrow and happiness, gracious God you have given us so much, always there walking beside us and carrying us as well. We are so thankful for the hope and promises you give to carry us through and to help us persevere with the tasks that you have prepared for us to do. May our hearts and minds be ever focused on you and to bring honour and glory to your name.

Luanne Mills, Area President Southern Highlands — We pray, Lord, for those Mothers Union members who will hold the responsibility of leadership roles in their branches in the coming year. We pray that their meetings will be encouraging times for them and also for the Mothers Union members in their care.

Saturday 2 December

Mrs Cailey Raffel, Patron — Give thanks for the opportunities the Archbishop has to speak at end of year events, Christmas services and possibly to the media. Pray the gospel would ring out clearly and bring hope and salvation to many.

Blacktown Sudanese — Praise God for sending his Son to us. Pray that we will continue to love and encourage each other in our walk with him.

Sunday 3 December

Glenda McSorley, Diocesan President — Heavenly Father, Prince of Peace, be with those who do not, as yet, know you. Use even us to extend your Kingdom this Christmas time through what we say and do. Amen.

Life Member of Council, Sandra Hugo — I continue to pray that doors will open for Mothers Union ministry in our diocese and that Mothers Union members are inspired by the Lord as to the areas for us to go and that we are always open to step out and learn.

Monday 4 December

1st Monday 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.

1st Monday PRAY FOR ALL PARISHES THAT HAVE MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS — We pray for our communities, for those who suffer hardship, are lonely and excluded, that Mothers Union members within their parishes will pray for them and reach out with a helping hand where possible.

Tuesday 5 December

St John's, Keiraville — We rejoice with the angels that Jesus is born! As we celebrate Advent and Christmas may we be able to share the real reason for the season and not be distracted by busy schedules and glittery decorations. May God bless our many opportunities for ministry and community connection as we share in Christmas activities.

St Faith's, Narrabeen — Dear Lord God please bless all our diocesan members that they may feel your peace at this time and encouragement to keep following our Lord.

Wednesday 6 December

St Thomas', Enfield — Heavenly Father, as Christmas approaches we pray that you will focus our hearts on the miracle of Jesus' birth. In a world that is in chaos, please grant us your peace in our homes and

in our hearts. We pray that all people, whatever their circumstances, will take time to rest and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you Father, for your inestimable gift to us in your Son Jesus Christ, In whose name we pray, Amen.

Figtree Anglican — We are thankful for the many opportunities the Christmas and school holiday season give us to reach those who don't attend church so they will hear about God's love in sending Jesus, the saviour of the world. We pray that we can invite our community to our carol service once more and the events for children will attract families to come.

Thursday 7 December

St James', Berala — We pray that there will be visitors to the church this Christmas season, and that their hearts will be prepared to receive the gift of salvation from Jesus. We pray for those who find Christmas season a hard time.

St Jude's, Bowral — We give praise and thanks for our Advent Service and for the year. Help us to continue to serve Christ and support marriage and family life in our church.

St Andrew's, Cronulla — As we meet for the last time this year, we thank God for a year of Mothers Union meetings with the fellowship we have enjoyed as well as the speakers and the Bible Studies. Pray for the upcoming Christmas services in our church as we reach out to our community.

Christ Church, Peakhurst/Mortdale — As we come to the end of the year, we thank God for the fellowship we have enjoyed as a group and for what we have learnt from our Bible studies. As the busy time of Christmas approaches, may we give time to reflect on all the blessings which the Lord has given to us, we will look for opportunities to share our faith and the joy it brings, when we serve our Lord.

Friday 8 December

Mothers Union Sydney Executive — We give thanks for this past year and particularly our financial situation. Pray for the planning for next year by the Executive and for wisdom in decision making.

Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President Southern Highlands/Wollongong Region — In this Season of Advent, I commend to us all, from the BCP, the words from the Collect for The Second Sunday In Advent: 'Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.' Amen.

Saturday 9 December

Marilyn Wilkinson, Diocesan Secretary — As we approach the joy of the birth of your Son, may we be encouraged to remember why he came to earth which was to save mankind from their sinful nature. Let us rejoice in his birth and give thanks and praise to you, our Heavenly Father, for your most magnificent gift.

Ann Cunningham, Marriage and Family Resources — Pray for a way forward to have more facilitators who are passionate about Mothers Union, running the parenting seminars and able to commit to being involved.

Sunday 10 December

Archdeacon for Women's Ministry, Kara Hartley — Give thanks for God's sustaining power as I continue to serve him. There is always more to do than time allows but despite my limitations, I am thankful for the opportunities he gives me to encourage and spur others on.

Wendy Mayer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer — Pray for Wendy as she finalises the accounts for the year, for attention to detail and accuracy so nothing is overlooked.

Monday 11 December

Mothers Union Sydney Workers — Pray the new Mothers Union Workers will settle into their new position well and that they will be an encouragement to the church as they reach out to families in their area.

Rev Marge Mills Chaplain, Prayer and Spirituality — May peace and joy this Christmas be based firmly on the truth that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, like us. Help us all celebrate the real hope we have because God became human, and share it by what we give, greetings we send, words we speak at social functions or randomly to those we meet, as well as by welcoming others to church this Christmas season.

Tuesday 12 December

St Philip's, Caringbah — At this holy time when Jesus was born, the greatest ever blessing to the world, may his name be honoured and glorified. Amen.

St Alban's, Corrimal — As we are nearing the Christmas celebrations of Jesus' birth, may we draw near to God and honour him in all we do. Bless our time spent with families as we gather together.

St Alban's, Epping — Let us not be distracted by the commercialisation of Christmas but instead concentrate on the importance of prayer and preparation through Advent as we lead up to the celebration of Christ's birth. May we be generous in our giving to those who are in need or have no one to celebrate with.

St Stephen's, Normanhurst — 'Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee.' This is our favourite time to sing and praise our faithful God. We rejoice together sharing the nine lessons and carols. May we invite our friends and neighbours to join us.

St Mark's, Pennant Hills — Christmas is on the way so let us remember that the child born at this time grew to manhood and took on His shoulders the sins of the world — including yours and mine — and died on the Cross for you and me. So let us love the baby and Saviour, Jesus, and take his name into the world.

St John's, Sutherland/Gymea — As we prepare to celebrate Christmas may we share the joy of God's precious gift of Jesus with family, friends and the local community. May we reach out with generosity and kindness to those who are alone or less fortunate than ourselves.

Wednesday 13 December

St John's, Camden — We long for our families and friends to recognise who Jesus is and what he has done for them as we come into the festive season 2023. May every barrier be removed from hearts and minds as we celebrate once again the birth of our saviour — the King of Kings.

Jannali Anglican — Lord, our heavenly Father, as Christmas approaches, we pray for those families who will be separated at a time when many are gathering together, especially those in prison and those serving in the armed forces. We pray too for those who will be alone on Christmas Day, that we will reach out in love to include them in our own families, as a demonstration of your love in action. Amen.

St Stephen's, Mittagong — As we prepare for Christmas with our families and friends may we encourage each other with our Bible readings and carols and reflections surrounding the birth of Jesus. May it truly be a celebratory occasion as we share a special lunch together.

Thursday 14 December

St Andrew's Cathedral — Continue to pray for more children and their families to attend the Cathedral and our small Sunday School.

Prince of Wales Hospital Chaplains, with Sydney Children's Hospital Chaplains, Bronwyn Kyngdon and Bethany Downes — The hospital can feel very overwhelming at times as there are so many patients to visit. Pray we will have wisdom in what areas to go to and that we use our time well. May God sustain us in this ministry as it can be emotionally draining and pray that God will give us what we need to flourish in this ministry.

Friday 15 December

Giving Thanks — Heavenly Father, we thank you for this past year in Mothers Union Sydney. We thank you for the fellowship we shared at the Area days and the privilege to hear from members how you sustained them as they faced challenges in their lives. We particularly give thanks for Glenda, Marilyn and Wendy and their leadership of Mothers Union.

Ministry to Cross Cultural Women, Margie — Pray for the organisation of Spring Market women's Christmas dinner (Dec) and Monthly BBQs — that Jesus will be clearly proclaimed and understood and accepted by our many Muslim friends who come.

Saturday 16 December

Juliette Smith, Vice President Southern Region — Pray particularly for struggling families who find Christmas a very stressful time. Pray we can reach out and help as we can. Acts 20:35 says "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Jan Harrison OAM — Gracious Lord, we pray for Jan and Graham as they move to be near their family. Help them to settle in well and may they have opportunity to share the hope of Jesus in their new community.

Sunday 17 December

Luanne Mills, Overseas and Northern Outreach — Pray that Mothers Union with kindness, courage and compassionate actions will continue to help those in challenging situations to reach communities to transform lives. Praise and thanks to all who pray and give to the Overseas and Northern Outreach programs and those who benefit from this ministry.

Prue Feather, Court Coordinator — Pray for more volunteers to share in this ministry.

Monday 18 December

Kimberly Rispin, Community Relations Officer — Loving Father, I give you thanks for the willingness to embrace changes on my recommendations, by the Executive, members and staff. I pray for clarity of purpose and for understanding as we move forward supporting the wide ministries in Sydney Diocese. Amen.

Hospital Visiting — Gracious God, we humbly ask that you might bring to mind a suitable person to be the Hospital Visiting Coordinator. May she be able to connect and willing to connect with

Chaplains, encourage us to pray and support volunteers who are part of this ministry. Help us to be patient as we wait for the right person Lord. Amen.

Tuesday 19 December

Janet Austin, Vice President Northern Region — In this season of Advent, we focus on the hope of Christ's second coming. At the same time, we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Pray that amid the "busyness" of this time of the year we may ponder again the miracle of Christ's birth ...how "the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (John1:14)

Wednesday 20 December

St John's, Dee Why — We pray that during Advent and Christmas we may be strong witnesses to Jesus in all we do. May Christ's coming as a babe in Bethlehem and his final coming at the end of time motivate us to share our faith at this special time.

St John's, Moss Vale — Help us Jehovah Jireh to be in loving prayer for all your children around the world. Strengthen and embolden us all to bring the Good News of salvation in Jesus to our families, friends, and communities, not just in words but in Christlike lives.

Toongabbie Anglican — We pray Heavenly Father for the Christmas outreach event into our community that many people will gather with us. May the hearts and minds of those attending be open to the message of salvation through the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. We pray for all those taking part in the program that their enthusiasm will inspire and encourage all who attend.

Thursday 21 December

St Andrew's, Lane Cove — Dear Lord, during the busyness of Christmas help us not to lose sight of the real story, we pray that the Christmas Message may be heard and taken to heart. We pray for the opportunities to bring Jesus before the local Lane Cove Community as part of our Churches' Christmas outreach. Amen.

Mothers Union Sydney Life Vice President, Helen Cooney — We pray, Lord, for those Mothers Union members who will hold the responsibility of leadership roles in their branches in the coming year. We pray that their meetings will be encouraging times for them and also for the Mothers Union members in their care.

Friday 22 December

February Seminar, Friday February 23 — Gracious Lord we pray for the planning and speakers for our Annual Seminar. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration to those who attend and deepen their faith and trust in you in the midst of the challenges of life today.

Worldwide Mothers Union — Gracious Heavenly father, we pray for Mothers Union members throughout the world. Thank you for their faithfulness to you often in the midst of great difficulties and for the fellowship we share. May the celebration of the birth of our Saviour fill them with joy and peace.

Saturday 23 December

Mothers Union Dioceses in NSW, Riverina — Pray for Lyn Middleton as she encourage members in the Riverina Diocese. It is a large diocese with scattered members. Pray that in their isolation they will be assured of God's love for them.

Christine Jensen OAM, Members' Coordinator — Gracious Lord, as we come to the end of the year we are thankful for your kindness and many blessings. We are sorry for those times when we have taken you for granted. May your Holy Spirit remind us of your great love for us and inspire us to do the good works you have prepared for us to walk in.

Sunday 24 December

Christmas Eve — 'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.' 2 Corinthians 8:9

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day — Heavenly Father, 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 2:24

Tuesday 26 December

Dapto Anglican — As we have joyfully celebrated the birth of your son Jesus we are filled with awe and thanksgiving. Praise for the gift of redemptive love. Amen.

Dillwynia Women's Prison Chaplain, Louise Groot — Pray for protection and strength for Chaplains, that as they serve Christ, they may also find rest and refreshment in him.

Wednesday 27 December

Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls — Pray that we will be growing in our knowledge and love of our God and Saviour through our individual Bible study. May we encourage one another by sharing together whenever we happen to meet.

Wendy Mabey, AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach — Pray for Wendy as keeps members informed of the needs of the AMUA project and the wider outreach of Mothers Union across the world.

Thursday 28 December

St Mark's, West Wollongong — We give thanks for this past year and your many mercies and kindness to us. We thank you for the fellowship we share in Jesus' name.

Mowll Village Group — As we celebrate the wonder of the first Christmas, Father God, we thank you again for sending your Beloved Son into our world. Help us to be faithful followers of Jesus as we look forward to the New Year and remember all our blessings in 2023.

Friday 29 December

Our Link Dioceses — Heavenly Father, we pray for Mothers Union members in Northern Zambia, Mpwapwa in Tanzania, Gusau and Sun in Nigeria and Rayalaseema in India. We especially pray for those suffering persecution and those who struggle for their daily needs. May they know your continued presence in their lives. Continue to uphold them and may they be assured of your love for them.

Saturday 30 December

Rob Kennedy, AMUA Australia Publications Manager — Give thanks for the resources which AMUA provides through the Publication department.

School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon — Loving Father, we pray for the Iraqi and Syrian refugee children at School of the Good Shepherd, Lebanon. Heal and strengthen them. We pray that they will know God's love as they learn and play.

Sunday 31 December

New Year's Eve — Almighty God, this past year has reminded us again to trust you as the one in charge of all things and that we depend on you. We thank you that you have sustained us. We are thankful too for Glenda, Marilyn and Wendy and for all the staff Kimberly, Ruth, Linda and Suzanne who work so hard for Mothers Union Sydney. Please give us your wisdom in knowing how to best promote Christ's teaching on marriage and family life. We pray all this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Wave of Prayer

On Mondays pray for the work of Mothers Union Worldwide focusing on the area the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

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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