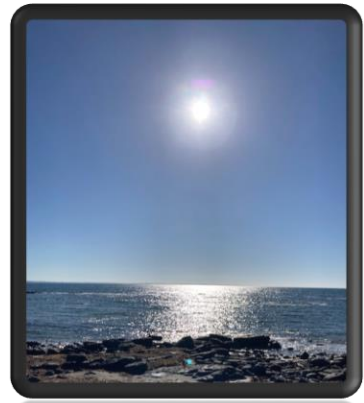




## *Wendy's Writings December 2024*



*Let us love one another, for love comes from God*  
*1 John 4:7*

Dear members and friends,

As I write we are in the middle of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, and the above Bible passage comes from Day 6, which calls us to pray for those whose relationships are in deep distress (AMUA Prayer Leaflet)

AMUA is keen to hear how different parishes and dioceses are responding to the campaign so please do let me know of any prayer and actions undertaken so that I can pass them on.

I was delighted to join the Boyanup Branch for their end of year service and meeting, followed by lunch at Fergusson Valley Wines. The following two days I journeyed to Collie to take part in their weekend of celebrations marking 100 years of Mothers Union. I was delighted to be asked to read messages of congratulations from several of our branches during the Eucharist on Sunday morning. I also had the opportunity to present Blanche Faries with her 35 year membership certificate. I was unable to join Busselton branch as I had planned to for their end of year celebrations, and I apologise to members for this. I did manage to attend my own branch's celebrations and look forward to joining Bunbury soon.

The Summer Mia Mia and 2025 Prayer Diaries have been sent to dioceses from the printer and we hope and pray that ours will arrive without difficulty in the next week or two and be able to be posted out. It seems amazing that I have already submitted an article for the Autumn 2025 magazine, which will be published around March/April next year.

After much delay we have been advised that the 2024 AMUA Christmas Cards are being packaged and posted to dioceses at the moment from the Australian Publications Officer. This is much later than expected and means that we may all have a supply ready to use next year rather than being able to get them in time for this year.

I have recently submitted updated copy for the Diocese of Bunbury on the AMUA website as well as branch meeting information for a new interactive feature which will be available on the new AMUA website when it is launched. I will shortly be submitting photos for use on

the website. Members will be contacted if they are included in any photos I would like to send so that they can choose whether to have their image published or not.

It has been necessary to change the date of our 2025 Friendship Day from what has been published in the Mustard Tree, due to the unavailability of the venue on that day. Our Friendship Day will now be held in Boyanup on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



And so we come to the end of another year of Mothers Union. As we journey through this Advent season, I pray that we all find hope, peace joy and love in the simple pleasures of life, as we await for the coming again of our God in the Christ child this Christmas.

Every blessing,

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God grant you the light of Christmas,  
which is faith; the warmth of  
Christmas, which is purity; the  
righteousness of Christmas, which  
is justice; the belief in Christmas,  
which is truth; the all of Christmas,  
which is Christ.

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