

Mothers' Union Diocese of Bunbury Winter 2024 'Makuru'



Be salt and light shine brightly!



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From the Editor ... here we are again - and I am now into my second year as editor. How quickly time passes! There are lots of really good stories from our Branches in this issue - including Lady Day from Bunbury and the visit to Perth to meet the WorldWide President, Sheran Harper.

I have been reflecting on the spate of violence which seems to have overtaken our country (and our world) lately. It seems quite horrible that we have to witness these random stabbings, domestic violence incidents and

other crimes. At the same time I am listening to a book called <u>The Five</u> by Hallie Rubenhold which tells in detail the history of the 5 women murdered by Jack the Ripper, and I was brought back to the reality of the fact that, sadly, violence is part of the human condition. I wish it were otherwise, and I pray for all those who have experienced violence, and the families and loved ones of those who have suffered and died.

I then found myself thinking - what would I do if I saw a violent incident? Probably the closest I have come was when, not long after moving to Busselton, a group of people started a loud argument opposite my house and then began throwing rocks at each other. One of them took refuge on my verandah. I couldn't think what to do except ask him, in no uncertain terms, to get off my property. Yes, I was frightened. Fortunately they did move on.

As mothers we have all, I'm sure, had to deal with fights between our children. But probably we were more in control than we would have been with a group of strangers. Afterwards I started to ask myself - was there anything more that I could have done? Could I have helped in any way? What would Jesus have done? I don"t know the answers to these questions, but I do think I could have spoken to the young man quietly and asked him if there was anything I could do. There are no easy answers. But - we must pray for peace and an end to violence, and we should contribute when possible to organisations dealing with domestic and other forms of violence, and speak out if the opportunity arises. Read the article on Page 3 from Lifeline.

And let us meditate on, and share, this message - "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid."

John 14: 27







( My email pbroad36@gmail.com )



## From the President Winter 2024

What action will you take to rewrite the script?

What are you going to do to arrest the decline in membership?

What are you going to do to make MU relevant to the 21st Century?

Like Mary, what are you going to give birth to?

What is God calling you to do?

These are just some of the questions posed to members by our World Wide President, Sheran Harper, when she visited Western Australia in May. Taken all at once they may seem to be too much, the challenge too great. But if we take time to sit with each question, to enter into conversation with God and with each other, we may find just one small thing, one simple action that we can undertake to make a difference. And, having taken one step, then we can take another, and another.

It is very easy to respond in the negative, to say that it is all too hard. After all, we are all getting older, our bodies don't always work as we would like them to, many of us are busy giving all of our energy to keeping our parishes going, we only have so much to give and we get tired. These are indeed all very real, and were acknowledged by Sheran. Yet, she reminded us all that God does have a purpose for us, there is a reason we are where we are.

So what can we do? We can take time to look around us, to identify issues of concern for families in our communities by listening and observing. We can take time to identify possible actions that are achievable to address and/or alleviate these concerns. We can take time to identify what resources are available within our branches, our parishes and our communities that we can use to achieve our desired outcomes. We can make a difference.

So let us be open to the challenge. Let us enter into conversation with God and others so that our minds may be transformed, and through our transformation, we may act in God's name and in God's strength to transform the lives of others.

May our deeds be sparked by God, reflecting God's love and mercy. May our words be used by God, spreading hope and peace and joy. May our hands be opened by God, extended in love to the vulnerable and oppressed. May our thoughts be filled by God, focused on what is good and pure and kind and true. May our feet be guided by God, that we may walk in God's way. May our fears be conquered by God, God's strength made perfect in our weakness. May our dreams be realised by God, all things made possible through God. May our prayers be heard by God, our entreaties answered in full. Amen.

Blessings - Wendy



You are the salt of the earth

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You are the light of the world. ... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

## May was <u>Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Month.</u>

The following was published by Lifeline through their DV-Alert network:

#### Be part of the solution

With the recent marches against gendered violence and the sobering statistics revealing that three in ten assault hospitalisations are attributed to family and domestic violence, the urgency of our mission has never been clearer.

Against this backdrop, it's essential for us to recognise the gravity of the situation and reaffirm our commitment to being part of the solution. Each of us has a role to play in preventing domestic and family violence, whether through raising awareness, advocating for policy reforms, supporting survivors, or fostering a culture of respect and equality.

Here's how you can join the movement and make a difference:

- 1. **Educate yourself:** Take the time to understand the complexities of domestic and family violence by attending <u>DV-alert workshops</u>. You will be equipped with essential knowledge of recognising the signs of domestic and family violence and what to do next.
- 2. **Start Conversations:** Break the silence surrounding domestic and family violence by initiating conversations within your community. Every conversation is a step towards raising awareness and challenging harmful attitudes.
- 3. **Support people in crisis:** Show compassion and empathy towards survivors of domestic and family violence. Offer a listening ear, validate their experiences, and connect them with appropriate support services. Your support can make a world of difference in someone's journey towards safety and healing.
- 4. **Take care of yourself:** Recognise the importance of self-care and seeking support if you are personally affected by domestic and family violence, or if you are experiencing vicarious trauma as a result of supporting those impacted. Prioritise your own wellbeing to ensure you have the energy and resilience to continue contributing to positive change.

## From the Branches - Boyup Brook

MU members recently played an active part in our parish <u>Harvest Thanksgiving</u> service in April and also our service on Mothers' Day.

For harvest thanksgiving we had a wonderful display of produce including wool, olive oil, fruit and vegies, jams and eggs. Our creativity included beautiful hand and machine quilts and bags, a knitted scarf and crochet rugs. A Bible and prayer book represented knowledge, a lawn bowl our sporting abilities, and a shearing hand-piece our tools of trade. A jug of water and a photograph of a very new great-grandson represented life.

Different members of the congregation came forward with items and read a prayer for each of the different things we were thankful for. This was all part of our usual morning prayer service, but gave us an extra focal point.

For Mothers Day we had a display of photographs of our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers, God-mothers or any mother-figure in our lives. Also included were some books relating to mothers and our MU banner and Prayer Diary. Intercessory prayers, led by an MU member, included a prayer for mothers from our MU prayer book.

This display created much discussion at the end of the service. Jan Ritson

## From the branches: Albany

We have had a busy and interesting few months.

Jane attended the local World Day of Prayer, which was held in another church. A very small gathering this year.

To celebrate Mothering Sunday, our group organised and distributed sprigs of rosemary and slices of simnel cake to attendees at both the 8am and 9.30am services at St John's. These were appreciated by all.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated <u>Lady Day</u> in Albany. We were pleased to host the MU Diocesan President, Wendy Mabey, and the Australian MU President, Dr Robin Ray, as well as Bishop Ian Coutts, who came for the church service. We also had guests from Denmark and Katanning. Dr Robin Ray gave a thought provoking address on Mary, the mother of Jesus. After lunch Dr Robin Ray led lively discussions in 'Conversations with Robin'.

At the April meeting those present had a 'joyful time' making joy bags to distribute to people who are experiencing difficult times. Unfortunately most of those have since needed to be given out but they are much appreciated. So we will have to make some more soon.

We were saddened in April by the death, after a short illness, of Rev. John Jones who was an Assistant Priest in Albany. Several members attended the large funeral at St John's, while others made use of the live streaming facility.

Jane and Wendy are to attend the Mothers' Union gathering in Perth on Monday 13th May to meet the World Wide president of MU, Sheran Harper. Wendy Minchin

#### Busselton



Our meeting day in April was very different from our usual meetings. We carpooled at St. Mary's Family Centre car park, to travel "in convoy" to the Anglican campsite on the 'Holy Mile'.

We had intended to do this last year, but the weather didn't allow us, as we wanted to have our meeting outside under the shady 'Peppy' trees and it was very windy and looked as if it might rain.

The main reason for this venue was to allow any members who hadn't been to the campsite and therefore hadn't seen the MU caravan and where it is situated, to do so.

The members and guests brought their own chairs and mugs and a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea after the meeting had finished. There were 17 members, and we were joined by 1 MU Friend and 3 ladies and gentlemen from our Parish congregation. including our curate, the Rev'd Carolyn Ball. Our branch acquired 2 new Friends on this lovely afternoon!

After we had our meeting and afternoon tea everyone strolled around to check out where the caravan was situated, the facilities and the beach access for the people staying at the campsite. The caravan had tenants in it, but we could see the outside and the shelter that it is placed into.

Everyone agreed how lovely it was to have our meeting in such a peaceful setting, and perhaps we could do it again next year. Leslie Hooper



### SOCIAL ISSUES AND ACTION REPORT

As I write this report. I heard some good news just recently; the Federal Government is to give one billion dollars to the States to build more homes. We know of course that this will not happen overnight, but over the next few years it should increase the number of public housing homes throughout the country. Some further good news is that here in Katanning 5 new small demountable 2 bedroom type units (very attractive), with garden surrounds planted and fenced off, are almost complete.

The conflict between Israel and Palestine continues with seemingly no immediate end in sight. We just pray Hamas will release all the hostages and that Israel will cease the invasion of Rafah.

The war in Ukraine continues. This is very sad and devastating for the people of Ukraine. Again our prayers are needed as we consider what has happened there over the past three years.

Domestic violence and other incidences of violence affecting the public have come to light and, sadly, innocent people are either very badly hurt or in some cases killed. It seems we need to be considering how we deal with people who are not able to manage their angry reactions. This is a huge issue and we pray for the families, especially the children affected by these circumstances.

We also pray for those affected by climate change particularly with floods, and in other places drought. A huge flood in Brazil has left over 100 people dead and others missing. Fortunately we have received some rain this month in the South West and Great Southern areas which will please the farmers.



So many bad things that happen seem to make us forget there are lots of good things happening also. Anglicare, Mission Australia and Caritas provide counsellors and emergency relief. We also have Foodbank in many places including Katanning where people can shop, as food costs have certainly risen in recent times.

When we are out and about a cheerful smile and a pleasant hello may make someone feel better. May we remain positive and prayerful in all circumstances. God Bless.

Sylvia Spicer - Social Issues and Action Coordinator.

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## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

As I write this I think how wonderful and joyous our first rainfall in many months made us all feel. For most of us in the South West and Great Southern it has been a long dry Spring, Summer and Autumn. We pray that God's bounty will continue as farmers begin seeding, that food and water will be available for stock and that fruit and vegetable crops will flourish.



Prayer for Peace is needed today more than ever; the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan have had many months of war, with Ukraine now in its third year. With mounting loss of life and destruction of infrastructure, women and children are being subjected to hardship and terror that they may never recover from. I think of the children who are living in tents, missing out on schooling, proper nutrition, carefree play with friends, and in some cases the loss of one or both parents.

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Merciful God
Create peace and gentleness in our hearts.
Bind together the nations of the world in love,
hold the chain in your hand and let each link signify each one of us.
Amen
Jan Seaman. The Prayers We Breathe #128)



#### The Circle of Prayer -

I thank my faithful band of MU members who make up the Circle of Prayer and faithfully pray each day for those in need. If you would like to join the Circle of Prayer please email me on <a href="mailto:annglen.busch@bigpond.com">annglen.busch@bigpond.com</a> or ring me on 0408 959 975. If you do not have internet you can receive your monthly prayer requests via mail.

For our MU members who have requested prayer for loved ones or friends, I thank you. Prayers are available for anyone who requests them; we have people from Africa, UK and Perth who have had friends or family request prayer for them. The Prayer Circle works with people being added as needed and removed when it is appropriate, no request is too big or too small. The peace and love from prayer is powerful and enriching.

We have received an update from Liz outlining her work with MU in Kapsabet with prayer requests from the different regions, these have been forwarded to the branch contacts. Below are prayer requests from Tula Parish and, apart from Government stability (although at times it seems this could apply to us), these prayers are just as relevant here in Australia as in Kenya.

#### Kapkoimur Archdeaconry: Tulwa Parish (National Prayers)

Domestic Violence
Relationship Brutality
Family Stability
Drug and Substance Abuse
Living Standards
Government Stability

#### The Christian faith is at the heart or our Mothers' Union

Our prayer and worship is central to our work. We believe that prayer can be transformational and can make a huge difference to lives on an individual and community basis. *From Mothers Union web page (Faith and Prayer).* 

#### Finally from the wonderful Mother Teresa - The Prayers We Breathe #201

The fruit of **silence** is prayer, the fruit of **praye**r is faith, the fruit of **faith** is love, the fruit of **love** is service, the fruit of **service** is peace.

Ann Busch: Prayer & Spirituality coordinator

## From our DiocesanMU Chaplain - Reverend Cathie Broome

Blessings to you all,

For Christians, Pentecost marks the birthday of the Christian Church. Peter, who had nothing to say about Jesus when someone asked him directly if he was one of the followers of Jesus, or stood silently when the crowd shouted, "Crucify Him", was now the same Peter who on the Day of Pentecost stood before them, the same people he once feared, and boldly declared the gospel of Jesus Christ. So this got me thinking about Mothers Union and our ministry and outreach. I began to ponder questions like - How did Peter go from being frightened to being fearless? How did Peter go from being cowardly to being courageous? How did Peter go from denying Jesus to defending Jesus?

And the answer is - Peter did not simply change his mind; Peter himself was changed. We are now in the church season of Pentecost and wouldn't it be wonderful if we were **all changed** by the same Holy Spirit? Wouldn't it be great if we were brave and bold like Peter was?

St George's Dunsborough has a Share and Care program which involves sharing what God gives us in abundance with the community.

Sending knitted, homemade items to Kapsabet is a wonderful ministry started as a MU initiative, but grew and has joyfully continued under the Diocese mission outreach. However, many of you still assist and contribute to keep this going.

The MU caravan in Busselton is a wonderful outreach and support for families in need.

The Mandurah MU red bench project is to help end domestic violence. The benches have a plaque reading "Change the ending: let's stop domestic violence".

Bunbury MU members make rugs from knitted squares that are donated, and colourful beanies are also knitted and taken to the Mission for Seafarers.

Together we have all been invited to share in **Hope 25**, which is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. It is an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus for every parish and community in the Australian Anglican Church.

So let's together be inspired by these ideas, but also pray and think about how we can be fearless, courageous, and bold like Peter, and how we can share Gods love.

With God's grace and blessings, Cathie

## PROGRAM FOR 2024 AMUA BUNBURY DIOCESE FRIENDSHIP DAY IN BOYUP BROOK

#### **Exploring God through Technology**

How can we as parents, grandparents and carers make use of resources to share the love of God with the children in our lives?

Rev'd Justine Richmond will help us explore God through the world of apps and other tools such as YouTube, as well as sharing some book resources with us

> Commencing at St Saviour Anglican Church, Bridge St. Boyup Brook And then at CWA Rooms, Forrest St, Boyup Brook

Tuesday 9th July 2024

Please bring your MU Prayer and Worship Book, your own lunch and your mobile phone and tablet (iPad etc), if you have them

9.45am Gather at St Saviour, morning tea hosted by Executive

10.30am Welcome by Diocesan President SERVICE: from the AMUA prayer and worship book

Exploring God Interactive workshop – CWA rooms

Lunch - BYO

Mothers' Union matters - sharing between executive, branches and members.

Prayers led by Rev'd Justine

The Grace. Depart for Home

RSVP branch numbers to <u>wsm@westnet.com.au</u> or by text to 0418 923 346 by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

All are welcome at our Friendship Day – there is something for everyone to learn, even if you don't have a mobile phone or electronic tablet.

## From the Branches - Bunbury

<u>Lady Day</u> in March was a very special day and attended by a number members from our branch. It was wonderful, as always, that we could catch up with so many of the members from other branches. The lunch was again beautifully prepared by Lynne and her team, and the ladies from Eaton CWA helped serve and clear plates and assisted with the washing up and clearing to ensure our members could also enjoy the day. Thank you to the Bunbury ladies who prepared the hall the day before, setting tables etc. The guest speaker was Robin Ray, our Australian President. What an inspiration! Robin is leading the charge to make Mothers Union more appealing to the younger generation. She acknowledged the declining numbers as members age, and said we need to look to other avenues to bring in the younger generation – maybe Zoom meetings? maybe evening meetings? maybe childcare?

Our thanks to Iris for the donation of the beautiful rug which was the prize for raffle for the day. This was won by Priscilla from Busselton who absolutely loved it.

Members attending Lady Day helped highlight the aspects that may be causing the decline in membership:

- Understanding what MU is,
- Bad experiences at MU,
- Language,
- Availability of meeting times,
- Location of meetings,
- Ageing membership,
- Working full-time/part-time,
- Exclusivity.

Solutions suggestion by the membership included,

- Bring a friend,
- Be clear about what MU is,
- Communication flyer for events, parish newsletters, parish website,
- Partner with another parish when numbers are low,
- Making lone members feel wanted and included,
- Be flexible with meeting times,
- Online branch
- Ensuring members who move transfer to a new branch.



Dr Robin Ray -Provincial President What an inspiration!

Robin's address can be found attached to Wendy's Writings for April. Branch leaders could print out a copy if members would like to

We had a day trip planned to visit the Anglican Campsite at Vasse following our May meeting so members could see the caravan owned by MU, and actually see the location and fully appreciate the wonderful environment the van is in. Sadly, the day was wet and wild in Bunbury with heavy rain, thunder and lightning and was even worse in Busselton. Needless to say, the bus trip was cancelled. We do thank however Bruce Whittaker from Seafarers who had volunteered his time to drive the bus and to the Mission to Seafarers who had offered us the use of their bus for the trip. Hopefully this can be rescheduled, if not this year, next year, possibly earlier in the year to ensure the weather is not too inclement.

Our wonderful members have once again made a large number of crochet and knitted knee rugs which will be donated to needy organisations, and again we thank our dedicated ladies who do this for us.

Several of our members, or members of their family, have been unwell. We give them our special thoughts and prayers, and thanks to our beautiful member who sends cards and thoughts to those who we are made aware of on our behalf.

Blessings and prayers - Diane Hill President Bunbury branch



## Visit to Perth to meet the Worldwide President of Mothers Union May 13th

Yes ... in Busselton we were up 'bright' (not so much!) 'and early' (yes!) to leave in the GMAS bus at 5.30. Some of us brought our breakfast to eat on the way.

The following is from Diane Hill of the Bunbury Branch -

'May 13<sup>th</sup> saw a few of our members travel (with a very early 6.30 departure) to Wollaston Theological College in Mt

Claremont (by bus kindly provided by GMAS and driven by the wonderful John Lewin) to meet our Worldwide President Sheran Harper, and Jeanette Lawrence Zone C co-ordinator from Mary Sumner House.

Sheran and Jeannette were wonderful speakers and gave us lots of information about what they do, where they go and highlighted without doubt their, and their partner's/families' dedication to MU. Two members from each of Bunbury, Perth and North West Dioceses highlighted special mission projects they undertake.

Lunch was provided by Perth Diocese, with lots of time to chat with members from other branches and to mingle. All in all it was a truly lovely day.'

More from me (Priscilla) ...

Sheran Harper comes from Guyana - about which I suspect many of us did not know much. Although it is in South America it is actually a West Indian country due to its English heritage. Sheran has been a member of MU for 38 years and is in the last of her 6 years as WWP. She has done an amazing job traveling to so many parts of the world this and other roles. She also let us into the secret that her husband Roger played cricket for the W. Indies and is now a coach. When asked how she fared in 'dangerous' countries she said - very seriously that she was taken great care of.



Perth President, Jan Rose with Bunbury President, Wendy

She stresses the importance of how MU <u>must</u> evolve with changing conditions in the world. As we all aware, families as we used to know them are becoming rarer, with



Glenda Marshall was greeted by Sheran on arrival

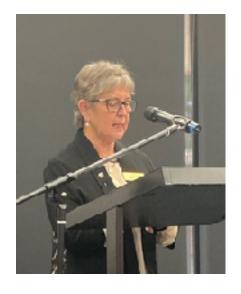
breakdowns, poverty, abused women and family violence being some of the causes. This is the world we now have to work in and for.

Sheran thanked Australian members for their support in raising money for those who are certainly less fortunate than ourselves in such countries as PNG, Zimbabwe and Uganda - especially those who are escaping from violence and atrocities

in their countries. We stood in prayer for violence to women.

A major problem for us in many western countries is that our members are getting older and are finding it hard to maintain our energy. But we must not give up! MU Friends is a possible stepping stone.

We wonder where the MU and other such organisations would be without technology! Sheran and staff at Mary Sumner House use Zoom to reach out to leaders and staff in other countries.



Diane Hill (left) speaking on behalf of the Bunbury Executive and Isobelle Shortreed (right) for the Diocese

Reports were presented from the Dioceses of Perth, Bunbury and the North-West. There is no doubt that MU members here work very hard at making rugs, quilts and items of small clothing which are sent overseas and to other needy charities in Australia. All these contributions are very much appreciated. (See page 11)



Mandurah reported on the red benches which they have had made and installed outside their church as a statement against domestic violence. The Bunbury Executive reported on the Diocesan caravan in the Anglican campsite on the Holy Mile and how valuable it has been for people who could not afford holidays.

From time to time during her address Sheran asked us to stand up and stretch. Very wise .. and in a way, a sort of prayer as we reached out and up.



Our lovely Zone C coordinator, Jeanette Lawrence (left) told us how she keeps everything organised and is a link between various happenings in Mary Sumner House and the rest of the MU universe. She told us about literacy and parenting programs in various parts of the world, particularly Africa. She also mentioned MULOA - Mothers Union Listening, Observing, Acting - 'In 2015, Mothers' Union laid out plans and hopes for the organisation up to 2020, but it is time to design the strategy for beyond then. MULOA is a process that will enable all the 600 dioceses in which Mothers' Union works globally to listen to each other, to the people we serve and to partners so we can co-create the future together. It will help us be clear about our Godgiven purpose and direction in our local and global context. It will energise and inspire us in our

relationships and calling so we can be more effective in making a difference in our world.' (MU web page)

Finally, after another cuppa it was time to go home! It had been great to catch up with old friends, including from Albany and further afield, as well being inspired by hearing more of world-wide MU. Those of us from the SW who were not staying in Perth boarded the bus: on the way home some of us slept, others chatted, laughed and made plans.

On the right - Mary Watts, Eleanor Lewin and Annie Douglas (Busselton Branch) ready to board the bus - we arrived back at St Mary's at 6.30pm in the dark!

It was definitely worth it!



# AMUA Dunsborough Report for Mustard Tree Article June 2024

Following the Christmas break we restarted our monthly "Cuppa on the Verandah" mornings in February, they are popular with Op Shop passers by, and our regulars.

In March we hosted a lunch followed by a Memorial Service for a past parishioner, unfortunately this coincided with Lady Day Festival in Bunbury, so we were unable to attend the Cathedral service.

In April our parish Prayer Quilt ministry group hosted a visit from Greg Hebble, the CEO of Wheelchairs For Kids. Several of our members are also prayer quilters so we substituted this event for our meeting, and together with others from the Parish and community we learnt more about this Ministry from Greg's informative talk. Around 2 dozen small quilts were donated to Greg on behalf of the Parish. Each wheelchair, fully customised for the recipient, is sent with a small knee rug of a specific size, and a soft toy, some quilted, some knitted or crocheted.

Our May meeting gave us an opportunity to host our MU Chaplain, Rev Cathie Broome, Busselton Branch members, and Parish members to learn more about our Diocesan Mission partnership with the Diocese of Kapsabet. Rev Cathie gave us some insight into the issues facing the people living and working in Kapsabet. In particular she showed us photos of MU members meeting, and working to improve the lives of the many people around them. She brought along examples of items that could be sewn, knitted or crocheted that become treasured items to those who receive them. These crafts are not traditionally practiced in this area, so the baby and children's items are highly valued, passed down in the family, and cherished for years to come.



### Judy Lundie - Dunsborough

Left - Diocesan Chaplain, Cathie Broome tells Dunsborough and Busselton members about the Diocese of Kapsabet, the work the MU is doing there and how our knitted and crocheted garments (examples in box) are helping.

Below - the beautiful quilts and a 'customised' wheelchair.





## Mothers Union, Diocese of Bunbury 2024 Events and Dates of Importance

JUNE 23rd Branch reports to Diocesan secretary

30th Executive member reports to all executives

JULY Public school holidays 29th June - 14th July

8th Executive meeting – Boyup Brook \*

\* 9th MU Friendship Day – Boyup Brook

**AUGUST** 9th Mary Sumner Day

13th Notice of AGM and request for agenda items to branches

14th Mustard Tree contributions to Editor

**SEPTEMBER** 20th Agenda items for AGM to Diocesan secretary

20th Branch annual reports to Diocesan secretary

20th Executive annual reports to Diocesan secretary

27th-28th Synod

Public school holidays 23rd Sept - 6th Oct.

OCTOBER Branch annual meetings to be held this month

11th Annual Report Book to be distributed

11th AGM agenda to all branches and executive

14th Executive members reports to all executive

17th Executive meeting in Albany

\*18th Diocesan AGM and Country Rally in Albany

NOVEMBER Branch annual meetings to be held if not held in October

14th Mustard Tree contributions to Editor

30th Branch annual returns to Diocesan Secretary

**DECEMBER** 31st Financial year ends for branches

Be salt and light: Shine brightly!