

2022 Diary Dates

March	
Friday 4 th	World Day of Prayer Service Bethlehem Lutheran Church - 10am.
Friday 25 th	Lady Day Service St Peter's Cathedral 11am
May	
Thursday 19 th	Film Morning Regal Cinema "Downton Abbey - A New Era
June	
Wednesday 8 th	Day of Reflection St Michael's, Mitcham
Monday 27 th	Council Meeting 'say Kitchen' - 10am
August	
Tuesday 9 th	Mary Sumner Day Venue TBA
September	
Friday 23 rd	Film Morning Capri Cinema
November	
Wednesday 23 rd	Council Meeting 'say Kitchen' - 10am

ADELAIDE DIOCESAN AND LONE MEMBERS

Usually meet **last** Friday of each
month 12 noon to 1.30 pm
February to November in
'say kitchen'
78 Currie Street, Adelaide.
Contact Beth Ingram,

MU ADELAIDE CENTRE

Church Office, 18 King William
Rd, North Adelaide 5006

The Link Deadline

Articles for March "Link" are due by
May 7th, 2022 ready for publication
by the end of the month.

EVERYBODY can contribute to The Link

*Please send in your photos, prayers,
articles about events that have
occurred or are about to occur, to be
included in future editions of
The Link.*

Email to
newsletter@muaustralia.org.au

**NB - Please send photos as
separate files.**



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THE LINK

THE GOAL AND CHALLENGE

"To create a greater awareness of God's love for everyone, as well
as the work of Anglican Mothers' Union Australia not only in our
Church but also the broader community, through promotion and de-
velopment."

MULOA

From Marion

Rebuilding Hope and Confidence

What a perfect theme for our Covid life at the moment! As I write this, I am in ISOLATION! As you know, since David died, I often have a meal with one of my children and last Friday night I was with Rachel. Well, her husband was diagnosed with Covid a few days later and I am considered a "close contact" (well, I did give him a kiss good-night!) so I am isolated for a week. Fortunately, so far, my tests have proved negative but we will see! I cannot leave my property, not even to walk up the street and nobody can visit me so I am completely alone. I am treating it like a Retreat so saying the Morning and Evening Office, reading, times of meditation and sharing with the choirs my spiritual journey! It is proving to be a blessed time. God sometimes speaks to us in unusual ways! One of the prayer books I use is ***Celtic Benediction by J Philip Newel. St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh.*** This is his closing prayer for Monday Morning.

*In the beginning, O God,
your Spirit swept over the chaotic deep like a wild wind
and creation was born.
In the turbulence of my own life
and the unsettled waters of the world today
let there be new birthings of your Spirit.
In the currents of my own heart
and the upheavals of the world today
let there be new birthings of your mighty Spirit.*

In the turbulence of our lives during this Covid time, may we know the love of Jesus.

Blessings,
Marion



Prayer

Loving Lord, transform our lives that we may reflect the glory of Christ. Continue in us the work of your Spirit the miracle of transformation to reflect the glory of Christ and share his love in the world.

We are so grateful for all you have given to us in life. Help us to use your resources wisely to bring change for good in the world and enable others to do the same.

God, thank you for making us in your image and bestowing equal love.

We pray for all to follow Christ's example of respecting and valuing women, and for the dawn of a better world where equality may flourish. Amen

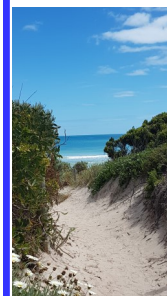
Christine

Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Co-Ordinator.

Additional Bible reference from MU "Thoughts Jan-Mar2022 – by The Rev. Dr. Lesly McLean, National Prayer and Spirituality -Co-Ordinator.

Appreciating those whose spirituality is found in the natural world.

Recently I have had the opportunity to spend some days with someone whose spirituality is her love and expert knowledge of Australian native plants and birds. I have been able to enter much more closely into what it means to find God, appreciate God's creation, and love and praise God for beauty in nature: in the diversity, strength, delicacy and infinite variety of plants, birds and animals. And in our land, for their perfect adaptability to our climate, with all its variability from harsh desert, to mild Mediterranean and lush tropics, in their evolution over millions of years.



A prayer: O God, help us to understand that those we know well, or a little, may appreciate you in ways different from our own as churchgoers used to liturgical worship and private prayer. Let us be sensitive to their understanding, and rejoice that you enable us to seek and find you in so many different ways, even as you make yourself known to each of us so differently. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who knew and spoke of sparrows and hens, donkeys and fields of wheat, and the lilies of the field. **Amen.**

Dawn Colsey, Chaplain.

Dear Members

We start a new year still under the uncertainty of COVID as the pandemic takes on a change that continues to threaten the many activities of our daily life and sharing of Christian fellowship in closed environments.

In our global Prayer Diary for the opening month of January, we were asked to reflect on our theme “*Transformation - Now*”. To transform means to change, and we need to identify what we are seeking and its purpose, always being assured that with God, all things are possible

To overcome the difficulties experienced in recent years, we are asked to consider how we can transform our lives, who we are and how we act, and how best to serve those in need and change our responses.



It is always an ‘uplift’ to see growth in all forms of creation when changes are made. This was evident in the surrounding nature after recent rains in South Australia. Although, after such a dry period the excess water particularly in the outback caused many difficulties, the new growth will transform the land and has already re-nourished our gardens.

Let us continue to look for new growth in our MU relationships and how to share God’s love in our communities.

Rom. 12 :12 2 Cor. 3 : 18

February thoughts refer to the isolation difficulties and Self-Reliance. However, this also brings us face to face with outreach and acts of kindness and generosity shared, “loving our neighbours” as ourselves”. Being Jesus’s extended arms, we use his strength to support one another. Here we can transform our reliance to God through the Holy Spirit, and not relying on our own strength.

Isaiah 58 : 10 Philip. 4 : 3

For March, we are encouraged through the lives of women in Scripture, and by their example take a rightful place in leadership as God ascribes equal value to men and women.

Matt. 15 : 28 Luke 13 : 34

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Young people make up 39% of Adelaide's homeless! Our chosen project for the next 2 years is **NEXT STEP**. This programme aims to provide a place which previously homeless ones can call HOME. St. John's Youth Services has given support to homeless people since 1981 when temporary shelter was provided overnight in the church hall. This approach, while charitable, did not provide a solution as the same people returned again and again. Since 2009, when the **NEXT STEP** programme began, it has provided a pathway to stable rental accommodation and a life outside the welfare system. Over 1,500 young people have been enabled to find their way out of homelessness. This means also that hundreds of children have been able to remain in the care of their own parents. Established as part of St. John's Youth Services, the **NEXT STEP** programme is a truly successful community project, receiving no Government grant but funded by donors, community groups and philanthropic grants. Our Adelaide Diocese of MU has supported St. John's Youth Services over many years and continues to do so. In addition to raising money for this project, you, our members, are contributing through the agreement whereby we pay to hire the S.A.Y Kitchen rooms in Currie Street for meetings and as the venue for our Diocesan Members’ gatherings. Please give generously to this project, come along to the Film Day, mentioned elsewhere in this edition of the LINK and pray earnestly for all those who have nowhere to live. It is sobering to walk down Hindley Street for example, and see the number of sleeping bags, surrounded by the few possessions of someone who has nowhere else to sleep.

Heather Cooper,
Promotion and Development Department.

MU Adelaide Projects 2022 to which members can donate.

The Next Step part of St John's Youth Services 2022-2023
Defence Anglicans (chaplains)
Northern Outreach Fund
Ordination Candidates Fund
PNG Parenting Programme
Training Fund for Indigenous Women
Mothers' Union Adelaide Augustus Short Scholarship 2022-2025 incl.

*This is our main local one

I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU

This assurance from God, given to Jeremiah, is comforting to us, especially when we continue reading "plans for your welfare, to give you hope and a future".

When the women of the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Committee in England, Wales and Northern Ireland were writing the 2022 service around this chosen theme, there was no pandemic. How helpful now are those words as we live in such uncertain times.

The city service for the World Day of Prayer will be held in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flinders Street at 10 am on Friday March 4th and you are invited to join with people from various city churches in attendance. Around the world Christians will join the prayers in support of the chosen projects.

Across SA local services will be held and you can go to the website www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org to find the list of locations. Please be involved and give generously.

Heather Cooper SA/NT WDP Committee

In the Spirit of Augustus Short

Any Anglican worth their salt would know that Augustus Short was the first Anglican Bishop of Adelaide from 1847, a tenure which lasted 25 years. He was a fine scholar and very interested in education. Bishop Short was the first vice-chancellor of the University of Adelaide when that institution was founded in 1874.

In recent years, the University of Adelaide has honoured the bishop's name by offering Augustus Short Scholarships which are funded by donations. Bishop Short believed that tertiary education should be accessible to all students of high academic merit regardless of their standing in life.

MU Adelaide has thrown its hat into the ring and is offering a Mothers' Union Adelaide Augustus Short Scholarship to a full-time student which will be funded at \$6,500 per year for 4 years.

Members can view this website to see all the details.

<https://scholarships.adelaide.edu.au/Scholarships/undergraduate/all-faculties/mothers-union-adelaide-augustus-short-scholarship>.

This scholarship gift will make a difference to the well-being of a student along with his or her family. Who knows what potential may be unleashed for the benefit of the community after their graduation.

From the Membership Secretary

Subscriptions for 2022 = \$35 per member and due by 30th April

To send monies to the treasurer, please use any of the following methods.

Send **Cheques** made out to *The Mothers' Union Inc* and **post**.

or

Deposit at Bank SA

Account details: *The Mothers' Union Inc*
BSB 105 900 Acc. No. 950322940

or

EFT to Bank SA using the same account details as above.

Always inform the treasurer about your transactions by post or email (*Private contact details removed for website copy*) To contact for further information newsletter@muaustralia.org.au

If donations are included please indicate to which project they belong.

Membership details

Branch secretaries or treasurers should send the branch list showing
members' names and their addresses
phone numbers
email addresses
positions held
day (eg 2nd Thursday) and time of meeting
to Cynthia Kennedy

DOWNTON ABBEY A NEW ERA

Starring

Maggie Smith Hugh Bonneville
Michelle Dockery Jim Carter

Regal Cinema Kensington Road



Morning Tea 9:45am
Film 10:30am

Trading Table & Raffle
THURSDAY, 19th MAY
Tickets \$15