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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 development."



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to begin my report with a heart-felt note of gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of Lady Day. Your dedication truly sets the tone for a meaningful celebration. A special word of thanks goes to our Chaplain for the meticulous preparation of the service.



President Getzhi preaching at
Lady Day

My involvement with the work of the Mothers' Union continues to be both exciting and deeply encouraging.

On the 7th of March, I attended the World Day of Prayer at St John's, Halifax Street. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with an ecumenical group of women and men. The service was spiritually enriching, with a moving focus on the experiences of women from the Cook Islands.

The Lady Day service and celebration, held on Tuesday 25th at 2:00pm at St Andrew's Walkerville, was a truly joyous occasion. I was completely captivated by the spirit of enthusiasm, unity, and women's empowerment. It brought to life the words of Psalm 133 - "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred (sisters) live together in unity." I felt the profound depth of this Psalm. The joy and greatness of the day were clearly cherished by all who gathered. Thank you all for the honour of allowing me to preach on such a special day.



Fr. Simon celebrating the
Eucharist at Lady Day



Part of the congregation at Lady Day

Unfortunately, I missed the opportunity to connect with St. John's Youth Services, but I remain hopeful for another chance in the near future.

Plans to establish a branch at St Luke's are still very much alive. Promotion and networking efforts are slowly gaining momentum, with six women ready to join as members, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Meanwhile, the Tamil Church continues to hold its MU (WF) meeting on the first Friday of each month. These gatherings include a reflection on a Biblical female figure and dedicated prayers for various needs. I remain committed to integrate the group with AMUA and encourage broader participation.

While progress may be gradual, each step taken is purposeful, and the journey continues to evolve with promise.

President Getzhi



Several Awards were presented at Lady Day

BADGES AND SCROLLS

- 25 years Modesta Sikopo-Kamanya, Jennifer Hyde,
- 50 years Jan Boswava, Pamela Oborn
- 60 years Joan Maude, Helen Deefholdts, Hazel Phillips,
Joan Richardson, June Levy, Jill Colley,
- 70 years Margaret Hall, Heather Geytenbeek.

Commissioning

Vice President - Marion McCall OAM

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Mia Mia Correspondent - Joylene Flint

Gawler Area Leader - Linda Roberts

Lady Day

President Getzhi with (L-R) Violet Mupandawana (Holy Innocents), Modester Kamonya (St Elizabeth's Warradale) and Naume Muguto (St Richard's Lockleys)



Nicole Chaplin (above) from St John's Youth Services thanking us for our donation to their work.



June Levy (above) (60 years) and Modester Kamonya (25 years) after receiving their awards



President Getzhi with two special nonagenarians at afternoon tea, Peggy Hall ^(L) & Heather Geytenbeek ^(R) who both received 70year awards



Domestic Violence Awareness Movement

Mothers' Union members around the world have been working hard to raise awareness of the horrors of Domestic Violence and have promoted the 16 Days of Activism for many years. It is great news that here in the State of South Australia we now have a project to which our branches can contribute. The Domestic and Family Violence Working Group is supporting the installation of purple benches to honour victims of DFV and to draw attention to the plight of those currently suffering. The latest data reports that one woman a week is killed by a current or former partner.

Purple is associated with the global Domestic Violence Awareness Movement and benches painted in this colour can draw the attention of the public to this frightening situation.

The Diocese of Adelaide is seeking registrations of interest from groups who wish to purchase a new purple bench or to renovate and paint an existing one.

Several parishes have already installed benches bearing the special plaque honouring victims of DFV and we encourage all our branches to consider being involved.

Enquiries can be referred to The Parish Support Officer, Synod Office, 8305 9363 or email support@adelaideanglicans.com

Heather Cooper



An open letter to all Diocesan/Lone members.....

You are invited to consider aligning yourself with a branch of your choice and therefore joining its list of members.

You are not obliged to attend meetings, but you will enjoy some prayerful connection and the opportunity to join in if you are able and willing.

Very few Diocesan/Lone members take the offer of meeting in the city once a month, so this may be a way to keep connected and informed.

If you would like help with this, please ring Cynthia Kennedy on

Cards from Publication

I have a large number of cards which I inherited from Cathryn Fardon that I would like to move on. Included are:

Birthday cards
Baptism cards
Sympathy cards
Get well cards
Confirmation cards

If you think you might like some, contact your Branch President and they can let me know. (I don't want 200 phone calls). I can't guarantee a particular number so it will be first in best dressed.

If anyone has another idea what to do with them, please let me know.

Marilyn Heyer

Our Projects for 2025 will be announced in the September "Link".

The movie for September will be the very last time to see

DOWNTON ABBEY - A NEW ERA

Don't miss it—tickets will be out soon.

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

The focus for prayers and support this year is The Cook Islands, out in the vast Pacific, where cyclones of increasing severity and frequency lash the shores. Climate changes have seen rising seas claiming precious coastal land, threatening food crops and the very survival of communities.

The inhabitants are 80% Christian, the Gospel having been brought to the islands 200 years ago. Currently, in addition to the problems listed above, we read that there has been a rising tide of Domestic Violence in village life. This is in contrast to our perception of an idyllic Island Paradise! The women writers of the ecumenical service took as their text “I made you wonderful” from Psalm 139, praising and thanking God for the wonder of life. Services around the world held on March 7th all worshipped using the same service which local countries translated into their own language.

By a cruel twist, many services along Australia's East coast were cancelled as Cyclone Alfred hit the area that very day. This has affected the donations collected, though hopefully some groups have rescheduled their service.



Please continue to pray for the Cook Islanders throughout the year. Many thanks to all readers who were involved in the planning of WDP events and to all of you who attended a service.

*Heather Cooper
for SA/NT committee.*

World Day of Prayer participants including Queen Chiloba, President for Africa, visiting from Gambia

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MU SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025

All subscriptions for 2025 **must** be received by **April 30th**

Please follow these directions correctly and promptly.

Subscriptions may be sent in either of the following ways.

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

If you use internet banking, transfer your subscription to the following account

BSB: 705 077 Account No: 00040376

Please be sure to **always** inform the treasurer about your transactions as those details cannot be picked up from the bank statement.

The Bank SA account has been closed, so please do not try to use that account again.

A number of subscriptions have still not been paid, so if you wish to continue to receive "The Link" and "Mia Mia", please pay now so that our head office can be informed of how many of our members wish to receive those publications.

Rose Miller
Treasurer

FESTIVAL of HOPE

in Theology and the Arts

St Barnabas College presented a **Festival of Hope in Theology and the Arts**, inviting parishes across Adelaide to host hope-themed events. St Michael's Parish Mitcham welcomed the opportunity to host: Hymns of Hope Festival on Sunday 16th February. As part of this Festival composers and hymn writers from parishes across Australia were invited to submit original hymns on the theme of Hope.

This hymn was written by Cynthia Kennedy, our Membership Officer.

The love of God arrived on Earth
And gave us hope with Jesus' birth.
This child who lived in peace and love
Was promised by our God above.

The messenger fulfilled the word
From God which ancient prophets heard.
His word became our bread of life
And hope our strength in peace or strife.

Our faith in Christ supports our days
Sustains our prayers and guides our ways.
Hope is assured for those who mourn
And God gives hope anew each dawn.

The Holy Spirit dwells in all
Delivers hope and heeds our call.
Hope gives us strength with eagles' wings
And we rejoice with love that sings.

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*The tune for this hymn is Thomas Tallis' Canon which usually accompanies
Thomas Ken's "Glory to Thee my God this Night".
Meter 88:88 LM*

As a courtesy please email Cynthia when it is used in your church .

Overseas Project Target

2025-27

Melanesian Adult Literacy Project

AMUA is supporting MU in the Solomon Islands to implement an Adult Literacy Program in three dioceses:

- Diocese of Ysabel
- Diocese of Malaita
- Diocese of Guadalcanal

When women can read and write, they are able to participate in prayer and worship, understand what is happening in the world around them, and respond appropriately to the day-to-day needs of their families

Outcome 1:

More women at the grassroots level can read or write and are confident to take on leadership

Outcome 2:

Women engaging in business or income generating activities and are more independent or self-reliant

Outcome 3:

More stable families with drop in the level of abuse and violence

Issues such as equality, gender-based violence, safety and security, disaster resilience and other issues that pose risks to families are better realised and can be proactively managed when members of society are equally literate.



Healthy mums Happy babies



Empowering young mums to create bright futures.

St John's Youth Services is excited to partner with the Mothers' Union, Diocese of Adelaide to support young mums and their babies.

Healthy Mums, Happy Babies supports young mums by providing a nurturing environment where young mums can develop the skills and confidence they need to build a stable and happy future for themselves and their children.



-  Personalised support
-  Parenting workshops
-  Health and wellbeing
-  Education and work
-  Safe accommodation

Together, we're creating a future where every young mum and her baby can thrive.

This is our new local project to which the funds from our recent Film Morning will be directed. Thanks to all who attended or bought tickets. We hope you enjoyed the event. After expenses, we raised over \$1,000 for this project.

Heather Cooper, Promotion and Communication.

2025 Diary Dates

June	
Wednesday 25 th 10.15am	Mid Year Council Meeting Wise Employment
August	
Friday 8 th 11am	Mary Sumner Day St Richard's Lockleys
September	
Friday 19 th Morning tea 9.45am	Film morning Capri, Goodwood Rd
October	
Monday 20 th 10.30am	Oasis of Reflection Church of the Good Shepherd, Plympton
November	
Thursday 20 th 10.15am	Council Meeting Wise Employment



MU Executive

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ADELAIDE DIOCESAN AND LONE MEMBERS

Usually meet ***First Monday*** of each month 11.30am to 1 pm

February to November at

Wise Employment

(formerly 'say kitchen')

78 Currie Street, Adelaide.

Contact Betty Edwards

MU ADELAIDE CENTRE

Church Office, 18 King William Rd, North Adelaide 5006

The Link Deadline

Articles for September "Link" are due by August 7th 2025 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.

NB - Please send photos as separate files, not text.