



What do we do here at St Paul's?

- ◆ We meet each month at the vicarage, we pray together and support each other in times of illness and need.
- ◆ are proudly part of a worldwide organisation of over 4 million members in 83 countries.
- ◆ support the AMUA Disaster Fund which recently sent donations to the Drought Relief. (Melbourne Diocese MU sent \$6000 to Newcastle Diocese who are working directly with the farmers and their families).
- ◆ help promote through 'Social Issues and Action' the prevention of violence towards women and children.
- ◆ within our parish we provide marriage and baptism folders and knitted baptism bears plus birthday cards for baptised babies & children.
- ◆ share the AMUA 'Thought for the week' in the weekly Pewsheets
- ◆ provide Simnel cake for Mothering Sunday.
- ◆ provide an opportunity to parishioners to support MU through the sale of Christmas cards, diaries and calendars.
- ◆ represent St Paul's on the local World Day of Prayer committee.
- ◆ participate in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer which has been running around the world continuously each day since 1921.
- ◆ support Outreach to remote areas in Australia and also overseas programs.

The founder of Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner was a woman of deep faith, with a heart for prayer and a determination to make a difference in the lives of others. She listened to God and acted upon his call. During 2018, the worldwide program theme *'In the steps of Mary Sumner'* has been used in our monthly programs.

We too, in our day, want to follow her example as people of faith, by listening and acting upon the call of God. Bearing in mind we are only a small group, we don't give up, God is with us all the way.

We look forward to implementing the 2019 theme: *'Listen, Observe, Act – in step with God'* into program... with activities based on prayer, bible reflection, listening reflective prayer, and listening and observing activities while providing a social avenue for parishioners to relax and chat.

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