



Thay Maw Ku Teacher and Students singing



Thay Maw Ku Nursery School

Do you check the Mothers' Union Website - both local and overseas? There is much to encourage us in our thinking about what MU is involved in. On the Australian site—there is the *Thought for the Week*, and you can also access the latest Mia Mia online. Do use all the tools available to help promote and further AMUA!!

Please support the MU shop as you have in the past - we are arranging for the travelling suitcase to be available for each region especially for the areas who find it difficult to get to Frankston. Make a day of it and take a packed lunch - there is a kitchen so you can have a cuppa, parking available. The beach is nearby!

Are you available on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday to help out in the MU Shop?

[A current Working with Children check linked to Mothers' Union is required by the Parish]

Make a new group of friends and help MU at the same time!! Contact Margaret Dunbar or Helen as soon as possible.



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From the President

The MU office and shop has moved [again] but this time just across the road. We are now based in the St Paul's Frankston church precinct. Amazing how much 'stuff' we managed to accumulate in those two rooms. One of the biggest tasks was to transfer the phone, NBN and internet to the new space [The church wasn't connected]. Our phone number and internet are the same as before. Thanks to all who helped out. The parish are excited about us being so accessible and the changes they can make to their premises, having sold their vicarage.

We had our first Executive meeting for the year and welcomed Margaret Goode as our Links coordinator. Margaret has some great suggestions for branches to get connected with other groups - especially within Australia. Please contact her for more details. With all that has been happening recently, it would be good to make contact and support many of the areas who have been so badly affected by drought, fire and floods[!] and let them know we have been praying for them. We can still maintain our other connections overseas.

The Australian project for 2020 is supporting the Parenting Program in Papua/New Guinea. More details later.

Do also remember the MU Melbourne Disaster Relief Fund when you are disbursing your fundraising. We sent a donation last year from this fund to the Newcastle MU for them to support farmers in the drought. MU Australia have also distributed funds to affected dioceses. Every blessing, Elaine

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**Dates for your Diary:**

**Monday 24th February: MU Melbourne Diocesan Council Meeting 930 for 10am Barbara Darling Room at St Paul's Cathedral.**

**Sunday 22nd March: 2.30pm Lady Day Service at St Paul's Cathedral  
Preacher: Rev Anne Kennedy—MU Australian President**

**Monday 23rd March 10.30am Lady Day Service at St Cuthbert's, Grovedale** - for anyone coming by train, the station closest is Waurn Ponds and they are more than happy to car pool from and back to that station.

**Social Issues & Action** – Lynette has contacted both Monash and Barwon Health and they have advised that they will be pleased to receive blankets for Premature and Stillborn babies. Knitted or crocheted – wool or acrylic material. The suggested size 'as big as a standard pillowcase'; this will enable them to be tucked in the crib. Lynette can deliver to Geelong University Hospital – may need to find someone willing to deliver to Monash.

Add this to our ongoing projects for 2020. [Scarves, mittens and beanies for the Missions to Seamen and Teddy Bears for the medical team in Kenya].

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Vale Eril Garland. A large congregation gathered to celebrate the life of our friend Eril on December 27th at St John's West Brunswick. [you may have read the report on page 8 of The Melbourne Anglican.] Friends came from far and wide to pay tribute to her - including Georgina Shillito [now in the Blue Mountains] and Judith Lake. Our love and prayers are with her family and friends - we are all the better for knowing her and will miss her smiling face.

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Heard from **Rev. Judith Lake** [now PiC at Heyfield]. She has been helping out at the Bairnsdale Recovery Centre and had some amazing stories to tell. Please keep Judith and all the helpers in your prayers, as this will be a long healing process for many people. .



**MULOA Prayer**

May God enable us to become the people God calls us to be, and, in everything we do, may our lives honour the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. May God inspire and move us to action so that we fulfil God's will in response to God's amazing grace, so freely give to the world. **Amen.**

**Our Theme for this year Building Hope and Confidence - comes out of our MULOA studies, so please continue to Listen, Observe and Act in step with God!**

There are many suggestions for prayers and discussion on the MU website to help us to expand on the Theme — please use them!

*May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.*

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (The Message)*

We have had our annual report from Karen Nursery School.

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*we would like to give our big thanks to all Mothers' Union (MU) friends in Melbourne Diocese, Australia.*

*We have used these funds to Htee Ka Haw and Thay Maw Ku nursery schools in Holy Spirit' church Mae Usu, especially for teachers' subsidy and teachers' training transportation.*

*On behalf of all MU members here, we would like to give our heartfelt thankfulness again to all MU friends in Melbourne, Australia for your love, kindness and your generous financial supports.*

**The Benefits:** *This year, there are many students from Htee Ka Haw and Thay Maw Ku schools can go to qualified to attend grade 1 class at primary school. The children are ready and happy to go to school. Parents also have inspiration to send their children to school. We hear the children sing songs and saying words which they have learned from school in the village. These children are more active, can communicate with elders when elders ask question, they look smart and happy.*

Thank you, MU Melbourne—you are making a difference!!