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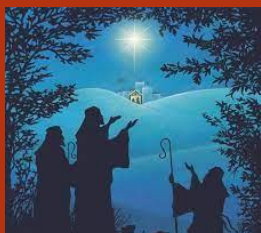
## NATIVITY SHEEP CRAFT

This year please make and give a sheep, reminding us Jesus came as The Good Shepherd.

You can make your sheep, using any pattern you choose. For an idea, please see attached sheet.

While Shepherds Watched

Their Flocks by Night



Greetings everyone

Many of us are still living with COVID19 restrictions, and how strict they are is dependent on which State or Territory we reside in. As many of you know I reside in Regional/Country Victoria, where it has been extremely tough going, especially thinking of our Australian President Anne and her husband Rob and all other members and their families in Metropolitan Melbourne also in NSW and other areas of Australia.

Across Australia we know our Branches are once again meeting to face to face or are using social media tools.

Supermarkets are already showing the signs we are fast approaching Christmas. More people, who are able now shop online. Again, this year many families are unsure what arrangements for interstate travel will be allowed.

Our new Welcome Pack is still being developed with input from myself, our President Anne and Susan Skowronski.

Membership numbers this year have greatly reduced, however maybe from the impact of lockdowns and restrictions of meeting face to face making it harder, on some, to renew their subscription. This may have happened across many branches. Our promotional brochures are available through our

Publication Department to assist with encouraging people to learn about Mothers Union and maybe in becoming members.

During our annual 16 Days of Activism this year, a Mother's Union Global Day will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. 1 in 3 women around the world experience physical or sexual violence. It is suggested that groups of 3 women stand together each wearing purple but 1 with a scarf over her head/face. If your Branch, Church or Parish is going to do something, dependent on restrictions, resources will be made available via the Australian and UK websites.

In the Christmas story, the baby Jesus was born to become The Good Shepherd, so very symbolic the shepherds received the glorious angelic announcement of the birth of Christ. God clearly saw significance in the role of shepherding. He used the term shepherd to describe the leaders of his people in both the Old and New Testaments. They are also part of the nativity. For this reason, am shearing a knitting pattern from our Mothers Union UK site, which members may like to make to give

to children or anyone as a symbol of love at Christmas. Our Summer article for Mia Mia will give more about our Christmas messages. Am sure those who enjoy craft may have other patterns.

The need for our local Anglicare and other Charities to assist families this Christmas will again be in greater demand, so if you can assist in anyway, please do so. Maybe your Church organizes hampers.

At this time, we have not been advised as to what our 2022 theme will be, however will be announced in due course.

For those on social media we also have our Facebook sites: **Mothers' Union Australia** as well as a private site **MU Australia** both allowing us to interact with each other.

### ***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.”

### ***PROMOTIONAL ITEMS***

- **AMUA Promotional Brochures via Publication Department**
- **Polo tops and badges via Publication Department**
- **Promotion pull-up banners – 2 options available -**

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The Australian Executive, who have been meeting via ZOOM are now looking forward in holding our online AGM this year on 20<sup>th</sup> November with Diocesan representatives.



In Christian love and friendship

Denise Lay – Promotion and Development

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