

1st November – **All Saints' Day**. Dear Lord, we pray for the Saints who have bought the message of your Word across many miles and who have endured hardship, rejection and persecution. Thank you for their steadfastness and courage. We also give thanks for the more recent Saints like Mary Sumner and transformative people who have had a bearing on our own faith journey.

2nd November – **All Souls' Day**. Resurrected Lord, today we remember all those who have died in faith and joined you in paradise. Bring your comfort to all who mourn, especially those who have lost a partner or child recently. Thank you for the time that All Souls' Day gives us to pause our busy lives, remember and to grieve.

3rd November - **Bishop Sophie's Learning Together Day**. Father God, we pray for everyone in a learning environment no matter what age they maybe. We ask for clear communication and attentive listening and a feeling of progress by both teachers and learners.

4th - 5th November - **Fireworks** – Dear Lord we pray for safety for families attending any firework displays. Also, for the safety of our elected political leaders as we hear of various threats against them. Let us lift before you Lord the men and women in our Fire and Ambulance services who will be on duty over this busy period.

6th -7th November – **Consequences of War on the Environment Day** – Creator God we are sorry for the damage that is being done to our planet because of war. Water pollution, poisoned soil, destruction of forests and killing of animals. You never planned for it to be like this – help us to live in peace.

8th November – **Remembrance Sunday** – Reconciling God, it is important for us to remember and tell the next generations about the generous sacrifice so many made in the past so we can live in freedom and peace now. We will remember them.

9th November – **World Adoption Day** – Father God, we pray for all couples who are struggling to conceive, failed IVF and fertility issues. According to the UN there are 150 million children throughout the world in need of a home and family. Help us remember that adoption is an option.

10th November - **Link Diocese Kapsabet** – We pray for all those MU members serving in our link Diocese of Kapsabet – for Mama Selene and Bishop Paul and all the clergy there. We especially pray for the continued growth and new churches in the diocese. Remember: God is Good - All the time!

11th November – **Armistice Day** – Today Lord we particularly remember the signing of the armistice at the end of World War 1. As we have a particular ministry to reconciliation in the diocese we pray today for all those caught up in conflict around our divided and fractured world. We pray for all those involved in peace making and negotiation – “Jaw jaw is always better than War war”.

12-13th November – **M U Quiet Day** (on 13th -10am -2pm) -We pray for the Mothers' Union. For all the unsung heroes - all those branch leaders, trustees, cake makers, finance and admin gurus, website and connected editors – you know who you are. Also, for Karen our hard-working president and Paul her stay and support. We pray that the quiet day at St Peter's, Mancetter gives all who attend a well needed quiet time to meet with the Lord. We give thanks to all involved in leading and organising the day.

14th November – **Installation of 2 new Archdeacons** – We pray for Tim Cockell and Alison Evans who will be installed as Archdeacons at the cathedral this afternoon. Lord equip them to settle in quickly into their new roles. Help them to support Bishop Sophie as they move the vision for the Diocese forward.

15-16th November – **World Day of Tolerance – (16th)** - Loving Lord, help us all to be more tolerant of difference. Help us to see the other point of view and to actively work to bridge the gap. call Give us the courage to call out challenging behaviour or comments.

17-18th November - **New beginnings** – Encouraging Lord, we pray for all people starting a new job or trying to move house before Christmas. We especially pray for our new Mothers' Union Chief Executive Alison Marshall who is preparing to begin her new role in December.

19th November – **International Men's Day** - We pray for all men today on this International Men's Day which is a global opportunity to celebrate the positive value men bring to the world, their families, and their communities. It is a call to action for men to teach the boys in their lives—both sons and those without father figures—the values, character, and responsibilities of modern manhood. Lord help us to remember that men also suffer from domestic abuse

20th November – **World Children's Day** – Today Lord Jesus, we ask you to intercede for the world's children. World Children's Day is UNICEF's Global Day of Action for children, by children, marking the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Progress for children has always been the result of choices. Today, as conflict, climate shocks and inequality threaten this progress, the choice to put children first matters more than ever. This World Children's Day, we're asking children to tell world

leaders what kind of future they want – the future that is their right. Lord, please make the world leaders listen.

22nd November – **Christ the King Sunday** - We pray for all churches across the globe as they celebrate Jesus Christ as King over the universe this Sunday. We understand the kingship of Christ to mean that Jesus has authority over all creation. This authority is based on his identity as the Son of God and in his work of redemption. He is a king who serves, sacrifices, and redeems—a ruler who establishes a kingdom not by military might but by love, justice, and the ultimate sacrifice of himself on the cross. His resurrection is the vindication of his kingship and his ascension as his enthronement.

25th November – **Start of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender based Violence.** Compassionate God, please stand beside anybody who is suffering or has been a victim of gender-based violence or domestic abuse. Give them the courage to seek help and tell someone rather than hide and suffer in silence. We particularly ask that children may be given your protection.

26th November – **Raising Awareness** – We pray for all MU branches or friendship groups who are putting a display in their churches or communities to raise awareness around domestic abuse. For all the Red Chairs, Souls of Our Shoe displays or Silks dramatization. Be with everyone as they may end up having some difficult but important conversations.

27th November – **Charities that help victims of Domestic Abuse** – Comforting God, we ask your blessing on all those who work with victims of Domestic Abuse and Gender Based Violence. We bring before you Coventry Haven supported by Woman's Aid, Refuge with its 24-hour helpline that someone phones every 2 minutes and Restored who speak out and help churches support survivors. Give strength and courage to all their workers.

28th November – **Installation of the new Dean of the cathedral** – Dear Lord we pray for the Reverend Canon Andrew Dodd as he is installed at the cathedral today. We pray for Bishop Sophie and the whole cathedral team as they welcome him, especially for the Reverend Kate Massey who has done a sterling job as acting Dean. We also pray for Dean Andrew's wife Reverend Louise and their two children as they settle into a new city.

29th November- **Advent Sunday** – We pray today for all the churches across the Diocese as they light their first Advent candles. In all the build up to Christmas help us to keep the real message of Jesus's remarkable coming to earth front and centre in our hearts and minds.

30th November – **St Andrew's day and MU Advent service** - Dear Lord as we remember your first calling of Andrew the fisherman today who became your first

apostle because he said “yes.” This Advent season help us to discern what your plans are for us and encourage us to say yes to that still small voice so that we can join in and make a difference.

Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen

