Prayer

Mothers’ Union is based upon prayer and everyday Midday Prayers are said throughout the organisation, communities, branches and membership. Prayers can be found in the Mothers’ Union diary, on the website - and in the Families Worldwide publication.

We also have an annual Wave of Prayer - when each branch is allocated a time and members gather to have a short service or use the service in a time of private prayer. It is often said people can’t join Mothers’ Union as they are unable to come to branch meetings - but Mothers’ Union is much more than meetings - we can all find time to offer a short prayer.

The Mothers’ Union Prayer

Loving Lord
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.
We pray for families around the world.
Bless the work of the Mothers’ Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.
Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.
In Jesus’ name. Amen

What do members do?

There is a wide range of projects within Birmingham including:

- Premature Baby Knitting for Neo-natal wards
- Twiddle muffs/blankets for people with dementia
- Away From It All Holidays - day trips and holidays for families
- Prison Work
- Marriage Preparation
- Baptism Preparation
- Presents for Prisoners to give to children and Christmas cards for prisoners
- Joy Boxes
- Lunch clubs/coffee mornings for those living alone or isolated
- Parenting Support
- Collecting toiletries and baby supplies for Women’s Aid

Link Publication

We produce a colourful newsletter twice a year reflecting on what has been happening in recent weeks, what is being planned, updates on activities, dates for your diary etc.
Ask your Branch Leader for a copy.

Welcome to Birmingham Mothers’ Union

2017 Theme ‘Faith in Action’

I am delighted to welcome you as a new member to Mothers’ Union – a vibrant organisation with 4 million members in 83 countries. We have nearly 900 members in Birmingham and members everywhere are praying and supporting families and family life worldwide.

Jackie Brocklebank
Diocesan President
2017
Mothers’ Union Birmingham is a registered charity and all our finances and activities are monitored and regulated by Mothers’ Union and by the Charity Commission.

To oversee the work in Birmingham we have a Trustee Board which includes:
- Diocesan President
- 3 Vice Presidents
- Chaplain
- Action & Outreach Coordinator
- Faith & Policy Coordinator
- Finance & Administration Coordinator
- Fundraising & Communications Coordinator
- Branch Leaders Representative
- Group Coordinators Representative
- Treasurer

In 2015 we appointed a part-time, Community Development Coordinator, Sandra Golding - whose role is to develop the membership and projects of Mothers’ Union in Birmingham.

Mothers’ Union in Birmingham is divided into 7 groups each supported by a Group Coordinator.

Subscriptions are collected annually in January - most of this money is sent to central Mothers’ Union with a portion retained in the Diocese. We have part-time Secretary, Sheila Benbow. Our office is located within the Church of England offices at 1 Colmore Row, placing us at the heart of the church in Birmingham.

Each year we hold 2 Council Meetings to which all Branch Leaders and officers within the charity are invited. Members are welcome and encouraged to come along and meet the wider Mothers’ Union family and learn about our work.

We have a Diocesan Festival Service each year in the Cathedral and most Groups have a Festival Service.

Mothers’ Union also has an excellent magazine called Families First which has 6 issues per year - subscriptions for these are collected in the summer for the following calendar year.

Mothers’ Union Enterprises is the commercial arm selling a range of cards and gifts to raise funds but more importantly to promote the charity.

Where to get more information about Mothers’ Union and what is going on in Birmingham

Ask your Branch Leader
Get to know your Group Coordinator
Come along to a Council Meeting
Come to the Diocesan Festival Service and the Group Festival Services

Mothers’ Union central website: www.mothersunion.org

Birmingham Mothers’ Union website: www.muenterprises.org/Birmingham

Contact Sheila Benbow in the office: office@mubham.org
0121 643 0938

Sheila works on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Trustees cover the office on Monday mornings. The office is open from 10.30am - 12.30pm on Monday - Wednesday.

If you have email, ensure your Branch Leader passes your details to the office (or email directly) and we will send you bi-monthly e-newsletters and other periodic information.