NEWSLETTER October 2017

Please circulate this newsletter to your vicar, members, friends and put it as a poster on your noticeboards in Church.

16 Days of Activism on Gender Based Violence

25th November to 3 December 2017

The resources for this campaign are now available online at http://www.mothersunion.org/content/16-days-activism-2017

We are being asked to Break the Silence, Lift the Shame, Shift the Blame of Gender Based Violence'. Please remember in your prayers all those who suffer at this time and pray for the work of Mothers' Union who work in communities to break this silence. Pray also for Women's Aid and our project coordinator Dorcas Jongwe.

Merciful God, use us to speak against social injustice with a clear and influential voice in a world where the vulnerable strive to be heard. Give us resolve to speak boldly on behalf of those who suffer in silence. Make us strong and effective advocates for those whose voice is too weak to be heard.

Ek Aurat "I am a woman"

21 April 2018 St Pauls Hamstead

This is a one day conference celebrating the contribution and perspectives of Asian women theologians. Worship, keynote address, workshops and lunch £10. All are welcome.

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FAITH IN ACTION

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Patricia May Walker

1941 – 2017

Many members will have known Pat from her role as Leader of Hobs Moat MU. She has sadly died after a fall. Pat was a stalwart of the Mothers' Union before being branch leader at Hobs Moat and she was for many years Solihull Deanery Chairman. Here is a message from her husband Peter.

After Pat had died, and before her funeral in Gloucester, I was asked by the people of St Mary's Church, Solihull, if they could arrange for a memorial service to be held there at some future date. This was so that her many friends in the Midlands, who could not get down to Gloucester, could pay their own respects for Pat's life. Of course I said "yes" and so the Service has now been arranged and will be held on THURSDAY, 26th OCTOBER AT 2pm. The church is on Hobs Meadow Solihull, B92 8PN. It is close to the ice rink and there is plenty of car parking space.

It would be great to have many people there whether they be members of the St Mary's, Mothers' Union members, lace makers or just friends. It will be a happy Service – a celebration of a wonderfully happy life. Black ties etc., will NOT be worn; bright happy colours are the order of the day please. Please spread the word. Come along and let's all remember the good times that we had with Pat and all the care and love she shared to all so freely.

Love to you all, and thank you for all the love and support that has been given to me.

Peter

Advertise your event in this eNewsletter

Contact the office 0121 643 0938
office@mubham.org.uk

Deadline for December issue: 15 November 2017

Vacant posts in the Diocese

Please take a look at our website for further information.
http://muenterprises.org/birmingham/members/diocesan-vacancies/

Sandra Golding

If you would like to have a chat with Sandra, please call 07961 039292 or email:
sandra@mubham.org.uk

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Compostable cups

www.vegware.com make completely compostable cups (no plastic liner). They are available in 4, 6 and 8oz sizes. Birmingham stockists include Pattersons and direct from Vegware. Useful for large events where washing up is impractical. Please pass this information on to your churches as well. Thanks to Barbara from West Heath for this information.

Banners

Large banners are available to borrow for any events. Please contact the office.

Mothers' Union Enterprises

Contact Rowena or Lynn for goods.
Rowena.nicholls@sky.com 0121 605 9486 or
Lynn.penny@blueyonder.co.uk 0121 240 0321

Dates for your Diary

AGM

20-21 September 2018 Wales

Cathedral Prayers 12.05 - 12.30pm

Monday 13 November 2017

Monday 12 February 2018 Solihull

Monday 14 May 2018 Moseley and Shirley

Monday 13 August 2018 West Birmingham

Monday 12 November 2018 Sutton Coldfield

Diocesan Council Meeting

4 November 2017 Carrs Lane **9.30** to chat to Nikki Sweatman Provincial President and speaker Coffee at 10.00 Meeting starts at 10.30

3 March 2018 Carrs Lane 10.00 for 10.30am

Friday 6 July 2018 St Laurence Northfield 6.15pm for 7.15pm

27 October 2018 Carrs Lane 10.00 for 10.30am

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Festival Service

21 April 2018 Birmingham Cathedral

Fundraising

19 May 2018 Afternoon Tea 2.30pm St Laurence, Northfield

28 July 2018 Summer Lunch 12.30pm All Saints, Four Oaks

Link Magazine Deadline 20 January 2018

Wave of prayer

15 – 17 January 2018

Office Closed 14 December 2017 – re-opens 2 January 2018.

Website Information

Find useful information and resources here:
http://muenterprises.org/birmingham/
http://www.mothersunion.org/

Office opening hours
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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10