

# NEWSLETTER

## Feb/March 2019



Birmingham  
Mothers' Union



<http://muenterprises.org/birmingham/>

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

### **Festival Service for New Triennium 11 am 16th Feb 2019**

Deirdre Moll our new President will be commissioned by +David along with the new Trustee Board at Birmingham Cathedral. There is an opportunity to enrol new Members, please let the Office know. Please bring banners.

### **Thank You from Rita Evans for Prisons Project Appeal**

A big "Thank you" for the generous children's gifts, and for signing 1000 cards. The gifts have gone to both Swinfen prison, where Santa has paid a visit, and to Birmingham prison where they will be distributed at a party organised by a prison charity HALOW. Both prisons also have cards for both prisoners and visitors.



If you are doing something with your Branch please let us know and send in your pictures for the next Link.

### **Help End Period Poverty Appeal – We Helped!**

On 14<sup>th</sup> December we were able to hand over 500 items to Aston and Nechells Foodbank. Sandra Golding would like to thank Branch Members for their generous donations and for supporting this Appeal, particularly at Christmas time.



### **Families First Worldwide 2019**

Members who currently subscribe and members who wish to subscribe will need to fill in a subscription form and send it by FREEPOST TO Mary Sumner House. The reason for this is a change in data protection legislation. We will send you a form if you have misplaced it. If you have any queries please contact the Office

### **Request for Link Articles**

Members value the magazine but will need to submit articles for this to remain sustainable. These don't need to be epic sagas – a photo with a few lines will do! We are even happy to have a spoken interview to save you the bother of writing and we can do the rest. If anyone would like to become part of the Editorial Team do get in touch.

## MULOA

The Mothers' Union theme for 2019 is  
**Listen, Observe, Act – in step with God**

The Trustees would like every Branch or MU group to experience a MULOA session. Please contact the Office with suggested dates whilst preparing your Branch programme. More facilitators are available to give the sessions.

## Speakers

We have a list of Speakers available for events. Do contact the Office for more information and read all about one of our speakers in the next Link.

## Teddies Needed!



Can you knit? Only three are left to supply prisons and hospitals. Up-to-date guidelines & the pattern are now available on our website ([see top of newsletter](#)) and look under resources or get in touch with the Office.

## New National Website

The new MU website can now be viewed at <https://www.mothersunion.org/>  
Do take a look and pass on any comments, positive or about any problems, to the Office and we will pass these on to MSH.

## Mothers' Union Enterprises

<https://mueshop.org/>

If you would like a stall at an event, please contact Rowena on [rowena.nicholls@sky.com](mailto:rowena.nicholls@sky.com) 0121 605 9486 or Lynn on [lynn.penny@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lynn.penny@blueyonder.co.uk) 0121 240 0321

## **\*\*Gift Aid and HMRC\*\***

Please remember if you no longer pay tax and you tick the Gift Aid box when making payments you will be billed by the Tax Office!

## Women's Aid

The Women's Aid shop has now moved from Sparkbrook to Shirley by Barclay's Bank. If you wish to donate the telephone number is 0121 733 6620.

## Future dates

Festival Service Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 11 am  
Birmingham Cathedral

Cathedral Prayers 12.05 - 12.30pm  
Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> May,  
12<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> November

Members' Meeting (Known as Council Meeting)  
6 April 2019 Carrs Lane 10.00 for 10.30am

General Meeting 2019: 17 - 18th September,  
Portsmouth

ENewsletter Deadline  
April issue: 15 March 2019

## In Memorium and GDPR

If you are aware that a member has passed away please let the Office know. We will then remove them from our email lists.

## Office opening hours

**Mondays - 10.30am-12.30pm**  
**Tuesdays - 10.00am-12.00pm**  
**Wednesdays - 10.00am-12.00pm**

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To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust

Psalm 25:1 - 2