

# NEWSLETTER

## Aug 2019

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families  
Diocese of Birmingham



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

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

### WWP Sheran Harper addresses National Synod

WWP Sheran Harper has given an inspirational and empowering address to start the General Synod at the invitation of Archbishop Justin Welby. She spoke of MU as "the hidden treasure of the church" and gave moving examples of the practical work done in South Sudan, South Africa and Rwanda. She said, "As MU members we do so much more than serve tea and cake, we serve tea that comes with a mission!"

### Link Diocese of Seychelles

St Paul's branch started a prayer support group for mothers whose children are victims of drugs. Recently they had a special praise and worship service as the support group had been going for one year. All who came were happy and St Paul's branch are hoping that more mothers and family members will join.

Let us remember them in prayer.

### MARY SUMNER EXPERIENCE IN HEREFORDSHIRE



Would your branch be interested in visiting the family home of Mary Sumner before she married Revd. George Sumner? The Colwall Branch have invited

members to make this mini MU pilgrimage. For more information please contact Jill Withington, email [kandjw@btinternet.com](mailto:kandjw@btinternet.com) or phone 01684 540590.

### Craft & Gift Fair St. James Hill

Do you have plans for August 2019? Why not come along to the Craft & Gift Fair at St. James Hill Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 10 am – 2 pm.



### Save the Date – Members Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> Oct

Our focus in this meeting will be on Ending Modern Day Slavery. MU is working in partnership with the Clewer Initiative in the Church of England to raise awareness, identify victims and provide support. Please visit <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/>



If you have a smart phone you can report potential victims by installing the Safe Car Wash app.

And remember, **all** Members are invited to the Members Meeting!

## Mums in Brum Fund



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We still have over £2,000 available in the Fund to set up community projects in your parish, deanery or Birmingham Diocese. These could be a local Lunch Club, a craft group or perhaps you know of children in your local school who need educational resources. This money needs to be spent!

Please get in touch with the office for an application form.

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Charity no: 1065815



## Join the Link Editorial Team

Are you a budding editor?  
Have you a sense of what makes a good story? Do you enjoy sharing good news? Your Birmingham MU needs you for our



LINK magazine!

You would also be welcome to be a 'Guest Editor' for one edition.



### ENewsletter Deadline

August issue: 15 September 2019

### **Follow us on Social Media!**

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Follow us on Twitter at [@birmingham\\_mu](https://twitter.com/birmingham_mu)

## 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

### **\*\*Office Opening Hours\*\***

Please be aware that if you need to phone or pop into the Office the main opening hours are now: **Mondays 10.00am – 12.00pm**

**Tuesdays - 10.30am-12.30pm**

**Wednesdays - 10.30am-12.30pm**

The Office closes for summer on 12<sup>th</sup> August and reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Gifts Needed for Prisoners' Children

Last year we had a very generous and imaginative response! Gifts are needed at Birmingham and Swinfen Prisons for Christmas. For guidance on what to buy please visit our website on

<https://muenterprises.org.birmingham/whatwedo/action-outreach/projects> Thank you!



### Gifts needed for Prisoners' Children this Christmas

Gifts needed for prisoners children at Birmingham and Swinfen:

We need gifts for all ages up to 16 at Birmingham, these are given to visiting families

We need gifts for children up to about 9-10 at Swinfen, mainly under 5s and 5-7

These are given to prisoners families and other children visiting during Christmas week

The gifts need to be suitable for both boys and girls

Suggested price £2 - £3.00, pound shops, supermarkets and Wilkinsons are good sources

For guidance on what to buy and what not to buy please visit our website on <http://muenterprises.org/birmingham/whatwedo/action-outreach/projects/>

You can also contact Christine or one of the Trustees at the Birmingham Office on 0121 643 0938 email: [office@mubham.org.uk](mailto:office@mubham.org.uk)



Please bring all gifts - unwrapped into our Office on Floor 2, 1 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BJ by the end of October.



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## Future dates

Cathedral Prayers 12.05 - 12.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> November

General Meeting 2019: 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September, Portsmouth

Members' Meeting (Formerly known as Council Meeting) 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 Carrs Lane 10.00 for 10.30am

Quiet Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Polesworth Abbey

16 Days' Activism – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

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