

# NEWSLETTER

## Oct 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.**

### 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!

### Quiet Day Polesworth Abbey

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Feast of St. Cecilia 10 am – 4 pm



Contact Anne Pycock for more details on [anne.pycock@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.pycock@blueyonder.co.uk) or Tel: 0121 476 3117

### St Michael's Community Lunch

St Michael's Handsworth Mothers Union has started a once per month community lunch, where we are providing a hot meal and a bag of groceries for some of the most vulnerable people in Birmingham. This was made possible by the grant of £200 we have received from the Diocesan MU. Most people believed that this is a well needed event/service. The Community Lunch will be held first Saturday of each month.



### Do You Read the Link?



Are you methodical? Can you write in good English? Do you enjoy sharing good news? Your Birmingham MU needs you to help produce our

LINK magazine!

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



## 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://muenterpises.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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### Gifts Needed for Prisoners' Children

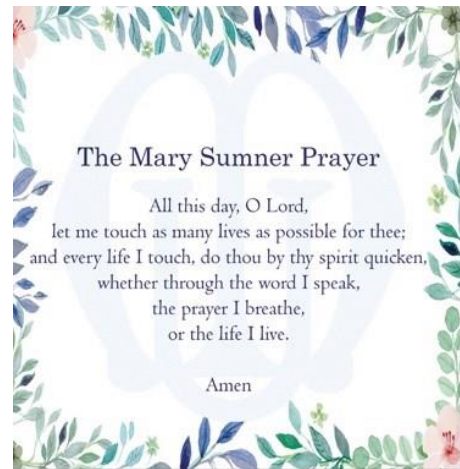
Last year we had a very generous and imaginative response to the above appeal! Gifts are needed at Birmingham and Swinfen Prisons for Christmas. For further guidance on what to buy please visit our website on <https://muenterpises.org.birmingham/whatwedo/action-outreach/projects> Thank you!

Donations can also be brought to the Members Meeting.

### Mothers' Union Enterprises

MUE retail are happy to provide Christmas cards for dioceses to give to prisoners so they are able to send a card to their loved ones over the festive season. The Christmas cards supplied will be from past years and the only cost incurred is the postage charge of £6.95 per box of 1000\*. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact the Sales Office at Mary Sumner House.

\*While stocks last



#### The Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day, O Lord,  
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;  
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,  
whether through the word I speak,  
the prayer I breathe,  
or the life I live.

Amen

#### ENewsletter Deadline

December issue: 15 November 2019

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#### **\*\*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**

### **Future dates**

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

Festival Service – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, Birmingham Cathedral

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