

# NEWSLETTER

## Dec 2019

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families  
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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.**

### We See You – Modern Day Slavery



An interesting and challenging talk from Nikki Sweatman on Modern Slavery at the Members meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Archbishop Justin Welby. Has said - 'William Wilberforce

convinced his generation that slavery was a sin. That belief has not changed. The sin lies in our ignorance to its existence around us.'

Nikki was encouraging us to become aware and educated about the problem.

More information

@ <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/>

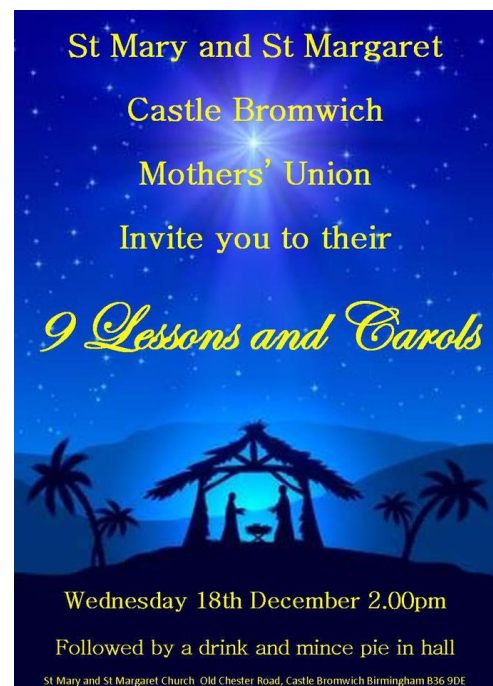
Or find them on Facebook.

### 16 Days of Activism Stall Birmingham Cathedral



On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Diocesan President Deirdre Moll was joined by our chaplain Martin Stevenson, Eva Alos Melchor from Birmingham Women's Aid, Becky Stephens,

Bishops Advisor for Women's Ministry, MU members and supporters to heighten awareness of gender-based violence.



\*Please bring toiletries for women and babies for Women's Aid\*

### Birmingham Children's Hospital Chaplaincy



Great morning on 25<sup>th</sup> October at BCH helping to get samosas ready to give out to celebrate Diwali. How will we resist? Who wouldn't want to volunteer here! Come and join us - although we don't do this every week! 😊

## In Memorium – Irene Potter

Irene Potter was an active member of Mothers Union for well over 50-years and did a term as Vice President and was a long-standing and treasured member of the Cathedral Branch.

On the first Sunday of Advent Irene lost her battle with cancer.

Her funeral is Thursday 19th December at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of Ascension Pineapple Grove Stirchley B30 2TJ

Irene was an inspiration to me and the reason I joined Mother's Union. It would be lovely to see all her Mother Union family and friends celebrating her wonderful life together.

## Maureen Collins (Cathedral Branch)



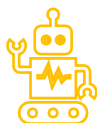
## Speakers Corner Ruth Tetlow

I would like the chance to go and speak to MU groups about **climate change, and what we can all do about it.** It is such an urgent issue and one that affects our everyday lives but even more so, the lives of our sisters overseas. I chair 'Footsteps: Faiths for a Low Carbon Future' here in the city, and we are represented on the City Council's Climate Emergency Task Force.



## \*\*Website Help Needed! \*\*

Are you website savvy? Do you know anything about WordPress or do you know anyone who can help? Our Birmingham website needs a bit of TLC. We particularly wish to optimise it so that it can be viewed on smartphones and tablets.



Please contact Deirdre Moll or Christine McAteer at the Office if you can help.

## Prison Work Help Needed!

We could do with some more people to join us at Swinfen YO1 (between Sutton Coldfield and Lichfield) on a regular basis supporting normal visits currently Tuesday and Wednesday and also Dads' Days usually Thursday approximately monthly. For more information or to arrange a visit to see what's involved contact Rita Evans or Jackie Brocklebank.



## Enewsletter Deadline

February issue: 15 January 2020

## **Future dates**

Wave of Prayer 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Members' Meeting (Formerly known as Council Meeting) 25<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020 10.00 for 10.30am. Venue: Carrs Lane Church

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

Thy Kingdom Come – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 Coventry Cathedral

General Meeting Belfast 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **\*\*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**

**Christmas:** The Office will be closed from



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

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**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**