

NEWSLETTER

April 2020



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Birmingham
Mothers' Union



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

Theme for 2020: Building Hope and Confidence

News From our Branches during COVID19

All Saints Stechford

Busy knitting coats and cannula covers for premature babies, using small balls of wool. Enjoying the sunshine!

Barbara Griffiths



Balsall Common

We have started a fellowship letter which goes to every MU member who is online with a hard copy sent to one member without email address. We take it in turns to add something to the letter and, if everyone remembers to press Reply All, it goes the rounds.

Claire Laland



St James Hill – Sutton Coldfield



We have organised a phone circle for all members to remain in touch and have a chat. The knit and natter & dementia activity quilt groups are keeping busy.

Tina Ambrose

St James the Great – Shirley

All our members are contacted weekly/fortnightly to check they are ok. Any problems are referred to Paul Day, our vicar.



Members also receive weekly letters with the information about services and reflections that are available on-line or in paper form.

Linda Pitt

Women Alive St Peter & Paul – Water Orton



We are using Zoom for our Worship on Wednesdays and Sundays. We are collecting food for the Kingfisher Food Bank and any one in need in our village. Shopping for any members who cannot get out and I am personally phoning our Ladies regularly to make sure that they are coping with this terrible situation.

Joy Newman

Knowle

Knowle Branch activities have been on hold, but members continue to knit. We send out an occasional bulletin with details of all the church YouTube services, Zoom prayer meetings and make sure that they can access the pastoral phone line. Members not in touch electronically have things printed and delivered. Anyone needing prescriptions collecting or shopping are put in touch with the church volunteers from the youth and younger section. Members are phoned and checked up with by their liaison officer.



Carol Kay

St Alphege

We are co-ordinating a group of volunteers from amongst our members to do shopping and deliver provisions to those who are unable to go out. We have set up groups headed by committee members to contact members who are housebound and will welcome a phone call just for a chat. We are continuing to carry on with the craft work.



Susan Leach

Polesworth Abbey



We sent out Mothers' Union cards for Mothering Sunday, but when it came to Easter one of our members handmade cards and posted them to all members. We also have set up a telephone service to contact people from time to time.

Kit MacLachlan

Prisons

All prison work in Birmingham and Swinfen is closed to volunteers, however, I am in regular email contact with the Swinfen Chaplaincy. No services in the Chapel, or Dads/Family days or ordinary visits at present. I am still doing the monthly prayer letter for Swinfen.

Rita Evans



Birmingham Children's Hospital

Birmingham MU have been asked to help Chaplaincy team at Birmingham Children's Hospital even though we can't physically visit the Chapel - So 200 envelopes stuffed with letters about the changes now implemented for the Annual Memorial service for

families which will be online now.

Erica Parker

Malawi News

I am sorry to tell you that Coronavirus has reached Malawi. It is estimated there will be 85,000 patients when the virus spreads. I have been told that in the whole country there is a total of 25 intensive care beds and only 17 ventilators. The outlook is not good.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Claire Laland

Enewsletter Deadline

June issue: 15th May 2020

Future dates

Area Coordinators' Meeting – 8th Sept, 12th Jan 2021

Cathedral Prayers 12 Noon – 1st May (Hall Green), 7th August (Solihull), 6th Nov (Aston/City), 5th Feb 2021 (Coleshill/ Yardley)

Thy Kingdom Come Service – 22nd May 2020, 2.00 pm Coventry Cathedral

General Meeting Belfast 25th - 26th September 2020

Members Meeting – 24th Oct, St Peter's Church, Hall Green, 10 am (Refreshments) 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

16 Days of Activism – 25th Nov – 10th Dec

****Office Opening Hours****

If you need to phone the Office, the main opening hours are still:

Mondays 10.00am – 12.00pm

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Wednesdays - 10.30am-12.30pm

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O Lord Jesus Christ, in these uncertain times, give us, we pray, the graces of Mary; faith, patience, ready obedience, thankfulness and courage. Amen