



THEME FOR 2022 -
TRANSFORMATION - NOW!

OUR NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2022



Dear friends,

This newsletter finds us - astonishingly - almost halfway through 2022! The months though late spring and into summer have seen the welcome return of Birmingham Mothers' Union in-person events, with our Festival Service on May 7th, and our upcoming Cream Tea fundraiser and Quiet Day in July.

More immediately, we are looking forward to the Jubilee Bank Holiday - a time to come together with friends and family raise a glass to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, as we celebrate 70 years of her reign.

However, this period of celebration is happening against the backdrop of the ongoing Ukraine conflict and the global cost of living crisis, which are causing suffering for so many. We pray for all those who are struggling with poverty, illness, loss, and fear - we ask almighty God to watch over them, and over The Queen,

In the meantime, we should all give thanks for that which we do have, and replenish our spirits by taking time to savour the happy moments wherever and whenever we find them.

DIOCESAN NEWS

OFFICE MOVE - A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

As you may know, MU Birmingham shares the offices at 1 Colmore Row with the Church of England. However, the Church are shortly moving to new premises, and we are happy to announce that Mothers' Union will be moving with them.

Our new offices will be located at the **Citadel** building in the city centre, **at the top of Corporation Street**. These premises are a 5-10 minute walk from both Snow Hill Station and Birmingham New Street. They are also conveniently located for the Midland Metro and several bus routes, including those on Priory Queensway. The offices will be fully refitted before our move, and will feature meeting rooms, hot desking facilities, and a range of collaborative working spaces. Here is a link to Citadel's website, which includes a map of their location plus pictures of their office spaces:

<https://www.citadelbirmingham.com/>

The move will take place on **4th July, 2022**. From this date, our new address will be:

Mothers' Union Birmingham
The Church of England

**Citadel
190 Corporation Street
Birmingham
B4 6QD**

Our telephone number and email address will remain unchanged.

We will be informing members and key partners of the move. However, please pass our new address to anyone that you feel may need to know. If you have any questions, please contact us at office@mubham.org.uk or 0121 643 0938.

Kind Regards

Deirdre Moll, Diocesan President.

QUIET DAY 2022 - 16th July



**Saturday 16th July,
10AM - 3PM
The Old Hall, Temple Balsall**

The day will be led by **The Revd Diane Thompson,**
the theme is

"Doors and Doorways"

Booking is essential

Tickets cost £10 -
tea/coffee and a light
lunch are included



We are delighted to invite you to our Quiet Day - a time to share in prayer and reflection. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend.

The event will be held on

**Saturday 16th July from 10am to 3pm
at The Old Hall, Temple Balsall, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0AL**

The Reverend Diane Thompson will be leading the day, and this year's theme is **"Doors and Doorways"**.

Booking is essential for this event - tickets cost £10 per person, which includes tea/coffee and a light lunch. To reserve your tickets, please **reply via email with the following details:**

- Name
- Contact email
- Phone number
- Number of tickets required
- Details of any specific dietary requirements

Payment should be made by 1st July to secure your booking.

There are two ways to pay.

1. Via direct Bank Transfer to:

CAF Bank Ltd Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00018607

Account name: Mothers Union Birmingham Diocese

Reference: Quiet Day

2. Via cheque to:

Claire Laland (Contact us for the postal address)

Please DO NOT send cheques into the office - we will not be able to access our mail during the period of the office move.

Get in touch with Liz, our secretary, if you have any questions about the arrangements for Quiet Day.

CREAM TEA FUNDRAISER - 23RD JULY 2022



Our Cream Tea fundraiser will take place at St James' Hill Church Centre from 2-4pm on 23rd July 2022. The tickets are £7 per person. Free parking is available behind the church centre.

The event has proved popular, and there are only a few spaces left! So please contact us if you would like to book tickets. We'll need your name, contact details, and the number of tickets you require. Payment details will be provided once your reservation is confirmed.

**** Please do not send any cheques into the office as we will not be able to access them during the period of the office move.**

FESTIVAL SERVICE



Our Festival Service took place on May 7th at the Cathedral. It was so uplifting to finally gather together again with our MU friends from across Birmingham.



One of the highlights was a rousing performance by the choir of the Zimbabwe branch.

Our thanks go to Bishop Anne for leading the service, and to all those who helped organise the day.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE



Mothers' Union is supporting the DEC's fundraising campaign for those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Donations to this appeal go to their member charities and their local partners responding in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries. If you do wish to donate you can do so here: [Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal](#).

Our members worldwide continue to fervently pray for the safety of people in Ukraine and for peace to prevail. You can join us in our daily mid-day prayer [on the National MU Facebook page](#)

For further information on the MU response to this deepening crisis, including ideas about how individual branches can help, please check the [MSH website](#).

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Here is the latest news from our branches across the Diocese.

ST STEPHEN AND ST WULSTAN, HALL GREEN



Here are some photos of Betty Day, of St Stephen and St Wulstan branch, celebrating her 100th Birthday celebration at Christ Church Lunch Club, Selly Park, on 9th May!

We give thanks and praise for Betty's support over the decades as a Member and an Indoor Member. Every blessing and congratulations Betty - well done!

- Jeanne Glenn

ST ALPHEGE, SOLIHULL



Mothers' Union members have had a busy time!

We made posies for Mothering Sunday, palm crosses for Palm Sunday and provided refreshments for the walkers on Good Friday.

We have also offered to provide refreshments for the Parish Flower Festival on the Saturday - all the money raised will be for Mothers' Union funds.

- Susan Haigh

ST MARY'S, HANDSWORTH



St Mary Handsworth MU enjoyed a wonderful talk by Beryl, from Dogs for Good. They are a British charity who train dogs to help adults and children with physical disabilities and learning disabilities, children with autism and adults with dementia.

We would recommend any group to invite Beryl who was a great speaker. We have her details if anyone would like them.

- Penny Stephen

ST EDITHA, POLESWORTH



Polesworth Abbey Mothers' Union branch had a lovely visit to Knowle Branch in May. We were very warmly welcomed.

We began with a short service where we focussed our thoughts on the transforming power of acts of kindness (one of the gifts of the Spirit).



We then explored the High Street with its very old buildings before being treated to a splendid spread of cakes and sandwiches.

Finally we had a tour of the church building, ably led by two well informed ladies with regards to the history of the place!

A very BIG thank you to the Knowle branch for inviting us for a most enjoyable day out.

- Kit MacLachlan

ST BARNABAS, ERDINGTON



I recently received news from Seychelles, one of our Link Dioceses.

Sadly, they recently lost one of their faithful members who died suddenly 2 days after her husband. we hold their family in our prayers.

They hope all our sisters in Birmingham and their families are well. Their members are OK but they still have to follow the directives given by the health

authorities, including the wearing of masks, and no gathering in large groups. Instead, they are meeting as small groups in each others' homes. They also had a half day workshop to see how they can get others to join MU. One member has recently begun working for the Seychelles Bible society

They have sent me a copy of their Newsletter. If anyone would like to see it I can send it by email - please send your request via the MU Birmingham office.

- Elizabeth Walker

ST JAMES' HILL, SUTTON COLDFIELD



Many St James Hill MU members had lunch at the Fox and Dogs Pub in Sutton Coldfield on the 3rd May.

It was lovely to share a relaxed meal together and get to know one another better.

- Gloria Brookes

AROUND THE DIOCESE — NEWS OF MEMBERS



Anniversaries

St John the Baptist, Knowle

Ian and Dorothy Birchall celebrated their Diamond anniversary on 5 May.

Birthdays

St James' Hill

Sandra Joyce, 50

Margaret Chapman-Smyth, 80

St Alphege, Solihull

Jennifer Owen, 90

St Peter's, Balsall Common

Dot Price, 90

St John the Baptist, Knowle

Doreen Pinto, 95

Pat Chaloner, 93

In Memorium

St James', Shirley

Janet Hill - Her quiet determination and strength of faith are missed by all who knew her.

Former member

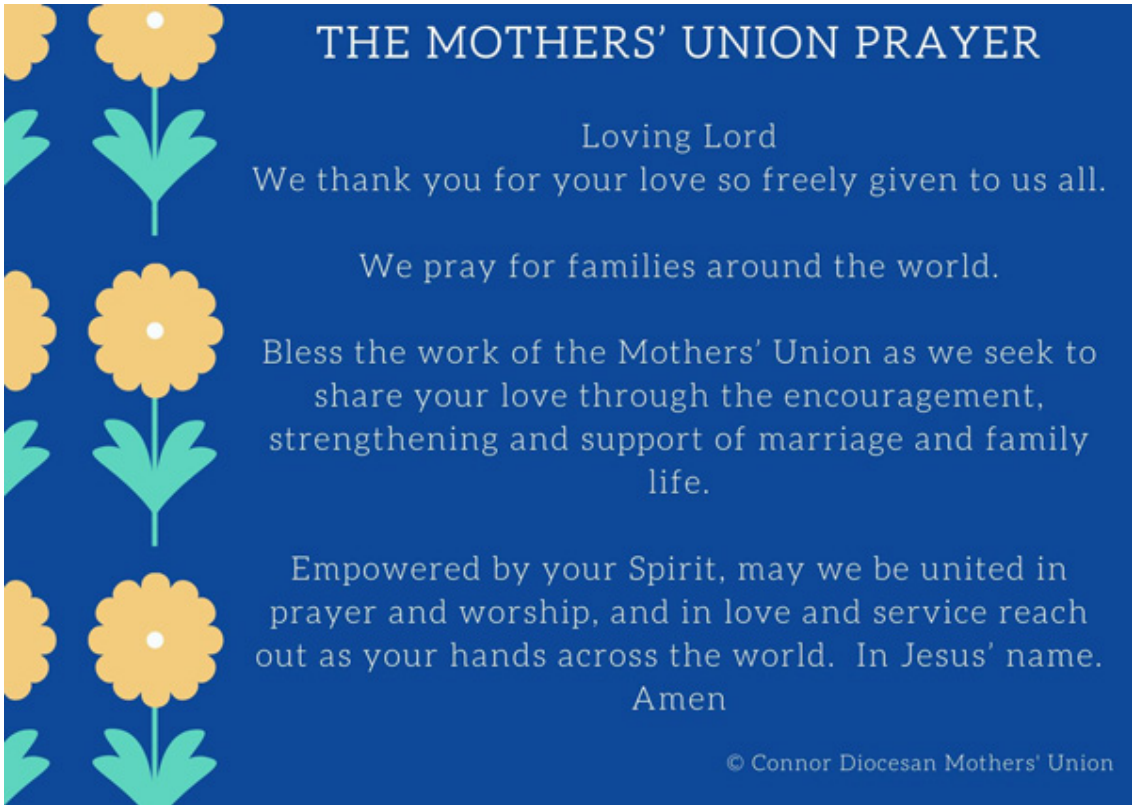
Mary Hinds - passed away on 23rd May

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With warm wishes,
Deirdre Moll, Diocesan President

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