

in touch

London Diocesan News



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Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of London



Dear Friends,

I have only just sent out my Autumn Letter, so you have already received much of the news that's happening in the Diocese.

I wrote my last letter on a beautiful sunny afternoon, and it's the same today. Enjoy whilst we can as I'm sure once the clocks alter so will the weather.

I need to begin by thanking all those who voted for me to be your Diocesan President for the next three years. I am privileged to be taking Mothers Union forward, working with Trustees in order that MU in London grows and is relevant.

I enjoyed a very peaceful summer, much was still happening but with no school runs it seemed more relaxed.

I had a welcome break in Dorset with my sister and played catch up with the rest of the family which was great – it had been 2 years since I had seen my sister.

I appreciate that life has been very challenging but I hope that life is gradually getting back to normal. Due to branch leaders dying and an unwillingness of others to take over, some branch's are finding it difficult to function. Some branches have already closed. We need to retain these members as Diocesan Members so please get in touch with Fiona, in the office, who can send out the paperwork. You could also join with a nearby branch. We need to hold on to members, just because you have no branch doesn't mean you need to cease to be a member. You can still support our projects, join in whatever is happening locally and in the Diocese. Moving forward into the next 3 years we shall be needing to produce a new edition of "Who's Who". In order for this to be a relevant document we need to have current accurate information from branches. We appreciate that changes have happened so could you please ensure that Fiona is in receipt of new details, i.e branch leaders name, current phone number and e mail address. Thank you for your co-operation.

We have all been effected in some way by the pandemic, it was inevitable. It is also inevitable that life will not be the same again. We are all more anxious, we have become used to meeting via zoom but we must try and resume normal service – it may be slow but with our usual MU determination and prayer, we will get there.

I would like to thank many for their kind donations. Monies have been received from churches and from members, who have died, and remembered us in their wills. Our projects and general fund are certainly more healthy because of this generosity.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas, a peaceful and healthy New Year. I look forward to meeting with many of you in the months ahead and am excited by the theme for next year "Transformation – now. Keep doing what you all do so well and we will manage to transform.

Blessings
Sue



Dear members,

Words fail me that we are still managing so many challenges because of the world wide pandemic that is coronavirus. Thankfully however, many of us have regained some sense of normality in our lives, as you will read in some of the articles in the magazine.

As our President has stated, we have also lost many branches around the Diocese but we pray that many members will become members of the London Diocese. I pray that we will all keep the faith and continue to believe. I still find it confusing by the uncertainty. I imagine that we will have to live with this virus indefinitely. We will need to reimagine our lives in the future and create a different type of normal life. What an exciting prospect!

In the meantime, technology has become an integral part of our lives. I have remained as busy as ever because of Zoom and Teams meeting with the groups I am involved in. I am particularly pleased about being able to talk to fellow Mothers Union members, and especially other friends and family all around the world in such a simple and cost effective way. I hope that you are also able to enhance your communication with friends and family in this way.

Personally, I have been privileged to have been asked again to participate in a wonderful documentary about the NHS..A hidden history, shown in July 2021. It was a celebration and acknowledgement of the work and contribution made by the immigrants who came during the Windrush Generation and beyond. I applaud their courage and tenacity in cementing the face of multicultural Britain.

As we celebrate Black History Month, I am reminded that there is such an exciting and important legacy for us all to embrace. I would like to share this experience I had last week at a secondary school in Newham. My daughter and I were asked to talk about our experiences, me during the Windrush era and both of us on our 40 year participation in the Notting Hill Carnival. During a Q&A session, a young boy asked me "Miss, can you tell me how you cope with being black, because I am having a bad time?" Social distancing would not allow me to hug him, but we could talk in depth about the issue and the school is now addressing his concerns. Prayer is at the heart of all that we do, so I ask you all to pray for this young man and all children across the world in similar circumstances.

I wish you and your friends and family a blessed Christmas and a new year full of wondrous possibilities. Please keep well and stay safe.

Allyson Williams MBE, Editor



Reimagining Mothers' Union

I had been asked by MSH to host a get together for "Reimagining Mothers' Union".



As the branch at St Paul's, Winchmore Hill are one of the few branches that have recommenced meeting in person, I asked them if it would be OK for me to take over their meeting. It was a very pleasant afternoon and I was able to send to MSH some useful feedback. I won't go into more detail as I am hoping to incorporate the activity into the Diocesan Meeting in November. Thanks to all the members who participated in the exercise.

Sue DP

Harvest

The branch at Christ The Saviour Church, Ealing met on Saturday morning 25th September with a theme of Harvest. We gave thanks in prayer for all the many gifts that God has given us and discussed how important it is to follow Jesus' teaching to share with others. Members brought items to donate to the local food bank. We then gathered around to view the Mothers' Union National General Meeting.



Festival Service

This seems a long time ago but the last edition of "In Touch" had already gone to print. There are some comments included in this edition. It was a wonderful service via Zoom. The number of people who join was fantastic. It was wonderful to have our World Wide President join us and share her very encouraging words with us. Grateful thanks to all who took part especially Rev. Helen Asquith who led the service for us. Also Antonio Joseph who handles all the technical bits – music etc. Even though everyone was muted I can only imagine how great the singing was. All my hope on God is founded, In Christ alone, One day at a time, sweet Jesus (a favourite of many) finishing with How great though art.

Looking forward to next year, when we can be back in our Cathedral with banners and the commissioning of our new Trustee Board.

Put this date in your diary...15th June 2022.

Blessings Sue

Prisons

MSH has been holding Community of Interest meetings for those involved in Prison Ministry. It very beneficial to learn what is happening in the Province. Here in London, we have the most involvement in Wormwood Scrubs – hopefully our other prisons will be opening to families again soon.

The Scrubs have sent details of what they hope to be doing soon and I am hoping that volunteers will put themselves forward.

Coffee mornings on Mon, Weds and Fri. 8am-8.30

Peer support groups - Tues and Friday 11.30 -12.30

Mother and Children Drop in Sessions - Weds and Suns 11.30 – 1.00.

We shall be purchasing toys for the Drop In when we have been informed what is required.

Interested? Please get in touch with me so I can pass your details to the appropriate person.

Solace

Back in the summer I requested starter packs for the refuge. I asked for 15 and, to date, I have received 2. Please refer to my Autumn newsletter!!

Items required are:-

Cutlery, plates, cups, cooking utensils, knives, chopping board.

It has been suggested that one person does the shopping and then everything will be the same. I would prefer branches to do their own shopping as everyone having the same will not work. They will be using the items while in the refuge and then take them when they move on so all different would be preferable.

Looking forward to your supporting this project.



Zoom at St. Mary's Tottenham Experience

The Mothers' Union (MU) branch at St. Mary's The Virgin, Tottenham N17, meet 10 times a year on the first Saturday of the month. We currently have 25 registered members, this will be considered one of the larger branches.

The pandemic struck, church went into lockdown in March 2020 and of course MU meetings were suspended as well. The last meeting held was on Saturday 7th March 2020. The following months saw ladies keeping in touch through phone calls to check on each other. It was lockdown and it became uncertain the future of the group, but we persevered and prayed for an answer.

On Saturday 1st August 2020, we resumed meetings but using Zoom for the first time. This was a challenging time for the group, not everyone was able to embrace the new technology. But for those ladies not able to join meetings via Zoom, the Secretary would send the minutes and other correspondence to them by post.

Subsequent months in 2020 and 2021, MU meetings followed on zoom. More and more ladies joined in and some taking up new devices for the first time. Ladies became more confident engaging in the discussions, in the prayers, sharing testimonies and singing.



This Zoom app had definitely saved our group and without it chances of a much reduced group or no group at all was imminent. We thank God for keeping the group together and stronger through zoom. Who would have thought!

The last zoom meeting was held on Saturday 4th September 2021 and we returned to face to face meetings again on Saturday 3rd October 2021 to everyone's relief!

Hannah Katakwe (Secretary)

St.George's Freezywater, Enfield Branch, Edmonton Area

For many years our Branch has held a Garden Party at my house – good excuse to tidy up the garden; the gazebo was put up to give shade in case of hot weather - thank you Rebecca (my granddaughter) for your help – but glad to say the weather was perfect (it had rained the day before and the day after!



It was great meeting up again this year after the last 18 months and be together to take part in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer which goes around the world with each Country/Diocese participating at certain times of the year and praying especially for their links.

The Wave of Prayer ended with the blessing : Lord, as we have celebrated your goodness together, may our unity deepen and grow. We are the family of God. His love draws us to himself and out to one another. We reach out as your hands across the world.

I thought a very fitting ending to a lovely afternoon and being together again.

Margaret Blazey



Look what's on telly tonight

Our NHS: A Hidden History

BBC ONE, 9PM

There has been every reason to applaud the NHS in the past year, as its workers dealt tirelessly with the pandemic and vaccine roll-out. In this one-off documentary, historian David Olusoga celebrates the foreigners who have helped to make the health service what it is and who were integral to the NHS from the very start.

However, speaking to a passel of retired medics who came from abroad – the Caribbean, Ireland, India, Central Europe – to fill shortages in the Fifties and Sixties, he discovers a story far from heartening. Tales of being racially abused by patients, passed over for promotion and of being forced into the less popular “Cinderella” services of mental health and geriatric care eschewed by their white counterparts. The documentary is largely anecdotal: we see elderly doctors and nurses recounting their stories of discrimination directly to the camera. But, through their testimony, they come across as resilient and distinguished, with their contributions giving the



On the front line: former nurse Allyson Williams

film emotional heft. Today, with 40 per cent of the NHS in England and Wales comprised of people from ethnic minorities, it is by far our most international institution, says Olusoga. Vicki Power

The Wave of Prayer

We are delighted to say that we were able to observe the Wave of Prayer in church on the Saturday morning for the first time in 7 years. Our new Vicar is very supportive of the Mothers' Union (his mother was an Enrolling Member). He retrieved the Banner and stood it against a pillar with a lighted candle in front of it. He and our Lay Minister and 6 others said the Service, he included a previous Mothers' Union Prayer and I shared a short word on something that had happened that week. (We omitted the hymns due to the current restrictions).

The Vicar suggested that we meet for prayer on, say, a quarterly basis. (He had previously indicated that he would be delighted for the Mothers' Union members to meet in church for prayer, but then the lockdown intervened). We hope to meet again in October. Thanks be to God.

Valerie and Tony Stemp, Willesden Area Members at St Paul's Church, Ruislip Manor

Prayer Hour on Tuesday 6th July 2021

Hello and Welcome

Introduction:

I know that you will have received information about the Summer of Hope blessings and it got me thinking about "hope" and is the theme of today's prayer hour. Please bear with me if you are going to follow the August programme. I've deliberately not looked at it so I won't be influenced by it unless, of course, great minds think alike!

So let's get started with a prayer, this one is from the South Africa Council of Churches:

Praise the name of the LORD

Praise God who has given us hope.

From high blue skies to hot deep mines

From dusty deserts to towering peaks

From grey littered streets to green fields and forests,

From oceans edged with warm white beaches

To concrete cities and long black highways

The LORD'S will is sovereign

Sing glory to the name of God who inspires hope. Amen.

And that's what we are going to do now!

As you are muted, you can belt out the hymns we are going to sing today, something I've really missed during the lockdowns.

I wonder if you can guess what is our first hymn?

Lord of all hopefulness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNILEI8rkSA> (2.5mins)

In its most general sense, hope is a positive attitude or disposition towards the future so will include wishes, dreams and fantasies. In biblical terms, hope is the confident expectation in God. Christian hope is its confidence, grounded in a historical judgement regarding Jesus Christ and personal faith of God's presence in life. Christian hope is placed in God – not in science or technology or evolution or progress or human nature or the government or anything else. Christian hope is partly about our own experience next week or next year or at the end of our life.

But we need to have something to hold on to and for that I love Isaiah ch 9,2 ,6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for ever more.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The dominate theme in the preaching of Jesus is the coming of the kingdom of God and we focus on the expectation of God's imminent intervention in the affairs of the world, in which God's people will be delivered and their enemies destroyed, with the present world order being overthrown and replaced with a restored creation. That's great but I believe that the kingdom of God is here and now and it is up to us to make sure it gets bigger and stronger.

I'm a practical person so I've broken down the word 'hope' into an acoustic:

H for helping

O for opportunity

P for –can you guess – that's right, P for prayer

E for exaltation

So I hope you will come with me on this journey!

H for helping

Reading: Luke 10, 30 -35 LIZ

I know it is so well known but it is basically a story about someone helping another person. The injured person isn't known to the Samaritan, but he helps him by bandaging his wounds and taking him to shelter.

There are other passages when someone helps another.

Angels came to Jesus when he was in the wilderness and waited on him – they helped him after his fasting and withstanding the temptation of Satan.

We understand that there were women who helped Jesus in his ministry by supporting him both practically and financially.

I know that every single person here volunteers. It may be for hospital visiting, or prison visiting; for arranging the flowers in church; for hearing children read; for working as I do with a uniform organisation. You could be working in a covid testing unit or giving the jab itself. You might be volunteering at the end of a phone to listen to people or volunteering to pray for people in your parish on a regular basis. As a volunteer, you are helping another to develop, to see God's love working on a day-to-day basis, to help someone get over a difficult patch in their life, to help someone feel more confident during this pandemic.

Volunteering is part and parcel of being a member of the Mother's Union.

"We seek to share your love" is part of the Mother's Union prayer which we will say later. We help other people to show God's love in the world. The Guide promise includes "to help other people". We are helping to beat this pandemic by following the rules of "hands, face, space and fresh air".

So lets sing another hymn! I the Lord of sea and sky

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0p1ak22jNLI> (4.5mins)

Let us pray:

God has created me to do some definite service.

He has committed some work for me which he has not committed to another.

Somehow, I am necessary for his purposes;

I have a part in his great work; I am a link in a chain,

A bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for nothing, I shall do good, I shall do his work.

I am here to serve you, to be yours, to be your instrument. Amen

O for opportunity

Reading: Ruth 3, 1-5 LIZ

Naomi was a canny woman. She saw an opportunity for her daughter in law to become known to Boaz and explain who she was – a distant relative who funnily enough needed his help and his compassion. That opportunity led, through the generations, to Jesus.

Jesus never missed an opportunity to heal someone if they had faith. As a teacher he gave the disciples opportunities to grow in faith and understanding. One of my favourite incidents is in Luke's version of feeding the five thousand when Jesus turns to the disciples and tells them "You give them something to eat" – he gave them the opportunity to take control of the situation.

And what about the opportunity given to Philip to explain what Isaiah was saying when he met the Ethiopian.

I wonder how many of us realise later that we missed an opportunity to help another; or to be able to tell the good news of the gospel? Often it is because we are too busy or too occupied with something else or late to do something. Hindsight is a good thing as it makes us realise we aren't listening to the Holy Spirit enough when we are being prompted to do something there and then. It takes practise to be aware of what the Spirit is urging us to do in a situation or to remember that situation and learn from it. But God is so gracious; his hope is that we do remember, and it becomes natural for us to notice what the Spirit wants us to do with a similar opportunity.

This is a poem which is also a prayer. It is by Cara Heafey and is from the United Reform Church prayer handbook. The title is "Rushing, stirring, calling".

Rushing in like a violent wind stirring and unsettling us

Throwing our certainties into disarray: Come, Holy Spirit!

Flowing through our hearts like rivers of living water,

Like stream in the desert, renewing and refreshing,

Giving life to new opportunities: Come, Holy Spirit!

Dancing like tongues of flame, setting our hearts on fire to love the way you do:

Extravagantly, joyfully, indiscriminately: Come, Holy Spirit!

Come to pour out your grace

Come to transform our hearts

Come to awaken our love

Come to show us the way

Come, Holy Spirit!

P for prayer

“Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance but laying hold of his willingness”. A quote by Martin Luther

Did you take part in the ‘Praying for Purpose’ opportunity, earlier in the year? I downloaded the booklet. I’m not good on writing and saying prayers in church services so I was encouraged by some of the quotes and graphics.

Some of the quotes really speak to me:

“Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.” That by Max Lucado

Charles Spurgeon wrote: ” True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that – it is a spiritual transaction with the creator of heaven and earth”

Perhaps the quote that sums up my idea of prayer is by John Wesley: “Prayer is where the action is”, and the action for me is usually when I’m out and about, travelling on the tube or watching sport! A thought will pop into my head: somebody I know or an event or some news report and I say a quick prayer. I suppose it is how the Spirit moves me.

Of course, Jesus was great at stopping, finding a quiet place and praying. He taught us how to pray. Don’t be a show off; pray to God with sincerity; pray what is on your heart – words aren’t always necessary and then he gives us a prayer that encompasses everything we need to say, everything we need to do.

The BIG question: Does prayer work?

No!

There is still conflict in the world. There is still disease. There is still addiction to drink and drugs. There is still people trafficking. There is still poverty. There is still hunger. QPR have not reached the Premier league.

But! There is always a but! Our prayers are full of hope.

We pray that there will be peace in our world, and we see that tensions and conflict are diminished by the work of organisations and people who negotiate between the fractions.

We see that countries work together to destroy the chains of drug and people trafficking.

We see that people respond generously to appeals when disasters happen, or people are in need or charities need support for their work.

We want our prayers answered TODAY but we don’t know the timeline of God’s plan; we only know that our prayers are helping to bring the kingdom of God to more people so making it bigger and stronger.

One of my favourite ways of praying is using the Psalms. They say the words I want to say but don’t know which to use. The Psalms express my feelings far more eloquently and precisely than I could ever do, and they allow me to express my love and thanks for a loving God.

So let’s finish this part with a Psalm and then a prayer!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAqPZQeDcFs> (2mins)

Let us pray:

O creator and mighty God, you have promised:

Strength for the weak,

Rest for the labourers,

Light for the way

Grace for the trials

Help from above

Unfailing sympathy,

Undying love

O creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your promise.

Amen.

Finally:

E for exaltation

OK, I admit I could have used the P for praise, but I couldn’t think of a word beginning with ‘E’ which would be about prayer!

If we had been born 3000 years ago, we would have a different perspective of God. He would be sometimes cruel and vindictive. He would demand us to follow his rules and woe betide us if we stepped out of line!

Reading: Leviticus 26, 21 – 25 GOGO ROSE

Luckily, we live after the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have a God who so loves the world that he gave us his only Son and then sent us a comforter in the Holy Spirit. He knows that we will sin and sin again but as a loving Father, he forgives us and hopes that we will learn from our mistakes and not commit that sin again. Above all he has given us a gift of his grace. He will always love us, no matter what we do or think or say. He only wants what is best for us. How can we not shout out to the world about his goodness and compassion and his love?

I go back to the Psalms

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Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Praise the Lord!

Or my favourite: 150 GOGO ROSE

So to exalt his name, we are going to sing again, to use trumpets, lutes, harps, tambourines, strings and cymbals and let's stand if you can and dance and even if you can't stand you can still dance with your arms!

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c> (2.15mins)

Hope is mentioned 179 times in the Bible, sometimes with not a good outcome:

Job 30, 26: Yet when I hoped for good, evil came

But we are a community who help, who seize opportunities to promote the kingdom of God; who use prayer in every situation and exalt our loving God!

So for us it is Romans 15, 13:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

My final prayer is from 'Praying with the Jewish Tradition' and is thought to be from the first drafting of the Talmud, probably in the 2nd century AD.

O Lord our God,

Inspire in us love and respect for your wonderful works.

Let every created being return to you;

May they act in harmony, with hearts unimpaired, that your will may finally be fulfilled.

For the earth is yours, you are all powerful, you give strength and love to all that you created.

O Lord give honour to your people and glory to all those who fear you.

Give hope to those who come to you in love.

Amen.

So let us finish with the prayer that encompasses everything we need to say and everything we need to do

Join with me to say "Our Father"

Mothers' Union Quiet Day on 4th September 2021

The Quiet day was led by Rev. Mike Barnyard, the Mothers' Union Chaplain to Canterbury Province, and assisted by Sue Johnson, the President of the London Diocese.



Three members from St Aldhelm's church, Madonna Roach, Pam Sylvia Sinclair and Dorothy Nnene, were among the twenty members who participated in the Quiet Day. There was self-introduction of those who participated.



The day consisted of prayers, reading and meditating on the Word of God. The theme for the Day was; Questions in the Bible.

During the first session, we discussed and meditated on the question God asked Adam, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3).

At the next session we considered the question Jesus asked the blind Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" We reflected on his





response and action. Jesus said to him, “Go, your faith has made you well.”

During the third session, we were able to meditate on, where we are with God as we considered God’s unanswerable questions recorded in Job 38 and 39. We considered what we want Jesus to do for us and what we can do as Christians and member of the Mothers’ Union. Some members described how the Mothers’ Union is supporting their communities. A new member was enrolled.

The day was concluded with a Eucharist. We gained several things from the Word of God on the Quiet Day, including the power of faith, and how to be at peace, even in difficult times. We also had the opportunity to meet members from other areas.

Madonna Roach

Pam Sylvia Sinclair

Dorothy Nnene- Branch leader, St Aldhelm’s and AVP Edmonton Area.

CONGRATULATIONS

Joan Prescott celebrated her 90th Birthday on 14th February 2021, Joan was enrolled in 1980 (St Hildas Ashford Branch)

Sheila Freeman 90th Birthday on 3rd April 2021, Sheila was enrolled in 1965 and has been our Enrolling Member/ Branch Leader for at least two terms (St Hildas Ashford Branch)

Jenny Granger 100th Birthday on 8th August 2021 Joined July 2004 (St Hildas Ashford Branch)

Elaine Taylor 50 years membership (St Hildas Ashford Branch)

IN MEMORY

Den Blazey

1939 - 2021

To All my dear friends in Mothers’ Union,

Thank you for all your very kind wishes and love at this very sad time of my husband Den’s passing; it has meant so much to me and all my family.

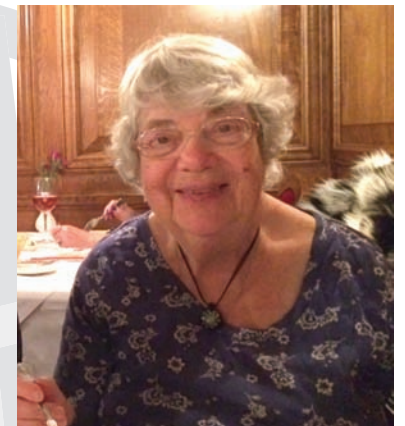
May He Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Margaret Blazey

Tribute to Ann Ralph

It is with sadness that we report that Ann Ralph died on 2nd September 2021 at the age of 89. She joined Mothers’ Union in the 1980s and was leader of the St Giles’ Ickenham branch (Hillingdon Deanery, Willesden Area) from 1994 to 2000, from 2006 to 2008 and again from 2014 to 2019.

Realising how invaluable the fellowship was for members, she continued to lead the group despite increasing physical difficulties. With no volunteer to take over as branch leader, in January 2020 the branch became committee-led and Ann was delighted that monthly meetings would continue.



Ann was active in many aspects of church life: as a server, in the church choir, as part of the Prayer Ministry team, and as a member of the Bereavement Support Group showing care and compassion to those she supported.

Music was an important part of Ann’s life and she sang in different choirs, gave piano lessons and even learnt the organ so that she could help out at services when no organist was available!

She also contributed to the community by serving for many years as Brown Owl, giving joy and direction to generations of children.

We miss this prayerful and selfless lady but we thank God that she lived among us so that we could benefit from her words of wisdom, sincerely and quietly expressed.

Mary Barralet, Brenda Baxter and Jenny Reid (co-leaders of the Ickenham branch)

Refresher on GDPR

What is GDPR?

General Data Protection Regulations, which came in to force in 2018.

What are they for?

Their purpose is to protect everyone's personal information when it is held by any organisation, including Mothers' Union – at all levels from MSH to branches.

The intention is to ensure that the data is not misused either by the organisation or by third parties.

What are my responsibilities?

What information do I have?	Names, addresses, phone numbers and emails, Membership lists, MU handbooks, Who's Who
Do I really need this information?	1. You may hold these details, with the owners' permission, to contact people for MU business. This includes members and anyone you may have helped through projects. 2. If you have moved away from a post which involves this business, then you should no longer hold that data. 3. If the person moves away from MU, or the project is finished, you should no longer hold their details.
Can I pass this information on?	Only with the owner's permission.
How do I store this information?	Store the information securely: Computer, tablet and phone records should be password protected. Records in paper format should be stored in a secure place, e.g. locked cabinet. Do not leave them lying around. When you stand down from the relevant office, the information should be handed on to your successor and then you should destroy your own records. Paper records should be shredded.

What are the London MU Diocesan Trustee Board's responsibilities?

To appoint a Trustee with responsibility for GDPR compliance

To keep members reminded of their responsibilities towards handling

personal data.

To ensure and record that members comply with the GDPR.

To investigate any breach of GDPR and to report any serious breach.

To inform anyone whose data may have been misused.

Sally Goulden, Trustee.

Trustee Board for 2019 - 2021

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**Articles & pictures for the next issue should be received by
Sunday 10th April 2022 to appear in the next issue.**

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES - MU OFFICE

**The Office will be closed from Tuesday 21st December 2021 until
Tuesday 4th January 2022**

MOTHERS' UNION CALENDAR – LONDON DIOCESE 2022

“Transformation – Now!”

JANUARY	10 th	Monday	New Trustees Board Get Together – 11am to 4pm	LDH – 4 th Floor Training Room
	11 th	Tuesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
FEBRUARY	10 th	Thursday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
MARCH	2 nd	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	15 th	Tuesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
	27 th	Sunday	Mothering Sunday	
APRIL	7 th	Thursday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
	15 th	Friday	Good Friday	
	17 th	Sunday	Easter Sunday	
MAY	10 th	Tuesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
	26 th	Thursday	Ascension Day	
	TBC		Thy Kingdom Come – Global Moment	Coventry Cathedral
	TBC		Quiet Day	
JUNE	9 th	Thursday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
	15 th	Wednesday	FESTIVAL SERVICE (7pm)	St Paul's Cathedral
JULY	9 th – 11 th	Sat/Sun/Mon	WAVE OF PRAYER	London Diocese
	12 th	Tuesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
AUGUST	9 th	Tuesday	Mary Sumner Day	

SEPTEMBER	8 th	Thursday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
	TBC		Quiet Day	
	23 rd -24 th	Fri-Sat	ANNUAL GATHERING Cathedral Service on Friday Annual Gathering on Saturday	Belfast
OCTOBER	11 th	Tuesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
	TBC		Prison Week	
NOVEMBER	10 th	Thursday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom
	TBC		AGM/Diocesan Open Meeting	
	25 th to 10 th Dec		16 Day of Activism	
	TBC		Global Day of Action	
DECEMBER	6 th	December	Prayer Hour (11 am)	Via Zoom

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TBC=To be confirmed



Future dates

AGM and Diocesan Meeting – 20th Nov. Details to follow but it will be via Zoom

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

Global Day – Sat 27th Nov. Details of both these event are in the Prayer Diary received with Connected.

Dates for 2022 will be organised with the new Trustee Board.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of London

Vision: Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.

Aim and Purpose: To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

Mission:

- To promote and support married life
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity



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