

# NEWSLETTER

## December 2017



Birmingham  
Mothers' Union



<http://muenterprises.org/birmingham/>

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

### Thank you Thelma

We would like to say a huge thank you to Thelma, who has been our Indoor Members rep for many years. She has reluctantly decided to retire from this role which she enjoyed immensely.



We are very lucky that Anne Pycock has stepped into the role and we would like to welcome Anne as our new Indoor Members rep. Anne worships at St Laurence, Northfield and can be contacted on 0121 476 3117

or at [anne-pycock@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne-pycock@blueyonder.co.uk)

### Social Media Training



24 February 9.30am-12.30pm

1 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2BJ

Would you like to learn more about how to use Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp safely? Kit and Sally can teach you how to use privacy settings as well as helping you with general use of these apps. All you need is a fully charged smartphone, ipad or tablet. You may bring a lead for laptops; plugs are available and also free wi-fi.

Contact: [sallycox999@gmail.com](mailto:sallycox999@gmail.com)

### Women's Ecumenical Network Prayer Hour

**Friday 1 December 10.30 – 11.30  
Carrs Lane Church Centre**

The Prayer Hour is being led by Revd Katherine Lloyd-Roberts and all are welcome to attend. Coffee & Tea will be served from 10.00 am.

### Mothers' Union Enterprises

<https://mueshop.org/>

*'Last year – thanks to MUE Reps and customers – we received over £320,000 in total – almost half our community development budget, from the profit on the income generated by MUE. That's 12% of our total income – a fantastic total. But we look to a time when our trading arm (MUE) can sustain community development entirely. When you shop using our online catalogue, or ordering by post, all the profit goes towards the vital work of the Mothers' Union charity. Guaranteed. So the more you buy, the more people we can help, and the more equal and fair a society we can create.'*  
Mothers' Union.

If you would like a stall at an event, please contact Rowena or Lynn.

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## Meeting needs and empowering women



Mothers' Union practically meets the needs of those affected by gender-based violence, in many ways. In the DRC, Mothers' Union members work closely with

survivors, in particular those affected by sexual violence as a result of conflict, by providing emotional support, meeting basic needs such as housing, and equipping them with skills to become economically empowered. In the UK, members work closely with local domestic violence refuges, providing essentials such as toiletries, food and clothing for women and children who have been forced to flee their home due to violence.



<http://www.mothersunion.org/16-days>



This Christmas, as we remember the violence of the search for the Christ child, we pray for all who are in danger, and those who work to protect them. Wherever the world is in darkness Lord, **Let there be light**

## St Mary's Handsworth



St Mary's Handsworth have set a date for their enrolment service for Sunday 11 February 2018. Please try and come along if you can to

support our latest new branch in a really famous historic Birmingham Church.

*Erica Parker, Vice president*

## Teddy Knitters



Please knit to the pattern and instructions on the website. Until further notice please send/bring finished teddies to me at 311, Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1ED. If I am out, please leave them in the porch with a note saying where they are from. Thank you, Eric

## OPPORTUNITY

To be trained as a parenting facilitator Venue/time tbc in the near future. Please Contact Jackie Brocklebank or ring the office. [brockle241@gmail.com](mailto:brockle241@gmail.com)

## Dates to remember

Branch Members Report forms	31 Jan 2018
Branch Officers Report Forms	31 Mar 2018
Subscriptions	31 Mar 2018

**Thank you**



**Give as you Live®**

Make Christmas an excuse to sign up! It's really easy! Raise money for Birmingham Mothers' Union [giveasyoulive.com](http://giveasyoulive.com)



Organists needed! If you are interested in playing the organ at a Deanery Festival we would love to hear from you.

## Mums in Brum

'Thank you so much for the £150 grant. We were able to buy floor mats, clay working mats, lots of cooking equipment and storage boxes.' Janet Bradley



St Anne's West Heath have been involved in running 'Messy Church' and wanted better equipment to encourage young children and families into Church.

## Advent prayers

- † Pray for refugees spending Christmas away from home and family
- † Pray for families who struggle to provide necessities and treats for their family
- † Pray for families who will be apart or in conflict this Christmas
- † Pray for the homeless that they will find shelter during this season
- † Pray for the bereaved spending their first Christmas without a loved one
- † Pray for areas of the world where there will be no peace this Christmas

<http://www.themothersunion.org/content/advent-and-christmas-prayers>

### Website Information

Find useful information and resources here:

<http://muenterprises.org/birmingham/>

<http://www.mothersunion.org/>

### Office opening hours

**Mondays - 10.30am-12.30pm**

**Tuesdays - 10.30am-12.30pm**

**Wednesdays - 10.30am-12.30pm**

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## A challenge from Nikki Sweatman our Provincial President

'I am proud to be a MU member because...'  
Discuss at you next meeting and let us know how you get on.

## Future dates

Cathedral Prayers 12.05 - 12.30pm

Monday 12 February 2018 Aston & City

Monday 14 May 2018 Polesworth

Monday 13 August 2018 Coleshill & Yardley

Monday 12 November 2018 Moseley & Shirley

Deanery Festivals

West Birmingham 19 June 2.30pm St Paul's Blackheath

Polesworth Wednesday 15 August 7pm at St Editha's Polesworth

Diocesan Council Meeting

3 March 2018 Carrs Lane 10.00 for 10.30am

6 July 2018 St Laurence Northfield 6.45 pm for 7.15 pm start

27 October 2018 Carrs Lane 10.00 for 10.30am

eNewsletter Deadline February issue: 15 January 2017

Festival Service Birmingham Cathedral 11am 21 April 2018

Fundraising

19 May 2018 Afternoon Tea 2.30pm St Laurence, Northfield

28 July 2018 Summer Lunch 12.30pm All Saints, Four Oaks

General Meeting 2018 17-18 September 2018 Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, Wales

Link Magazine Deadline 20 January 2018

Media Training

24 February 2018 at 1 Colmore Row

Wave of prayer

15 - 17 January 2018

Worldwide Council

8-10 May 2018 High Leigh Conference

Centre, Hertfordshire

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ  
Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in  
advance for us to do.  
Ephesians 2:10