

Wishing all our readers a Happy and Healthy 2015

Members supporting the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence



At **Hadley** we decided to use our Advent Communion Service to also mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. Led by The Revd. Heather Page, we had an interactive service which included making the Christmas decorations and decorating the tree using the Mothers' Union prayers for the 16 Days.

A few of us wore orange, from T shirts and scarfs to ribbons. The service was very thought provoking and reflective.

Branch Leader Gill Ireland spoke at **All Saints Wellington** women's "Revive" day about the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence then on the 25th Nov they wore orange to support the linked UN campaign "Say No to Violence Against Women". The UN are asking us to wear orange on the 25th of every month to support the campaign. Why not join in!



At **Cheddleton** members took on all aspects of leading the Advent Gift Service, *[where gifts are given by members of the congregation and received by staff from the local women's refuge]* using prayers from the 16 days. We invited people to write prayers to be added to the prayer tree – which had been decorated with purple and gold material and ribbons. Representatives from the refuge spoke about their work and the difference our support would mean to their clients. They gave out white ribbons, the symbol used by the 'Men working to end men's violence against women' campaign, this campaign uses the day before the 16 days as their promotional day.

JOB VACANCY

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Christmas Tree Festivals can be a good way of promoting the work of Mothers' Union.

VACANCY FOR PART-TIME DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

Applications are invited for the above post.

The position will be for 10 hours per week by arrangement, for 44 weeks per year in our very busy office at Doxey, where interaction with members is essential.

The ideal candidate will be educated to GCSE (A-C) English and Maths and have a broad sympathy with the Christian faith.

Experience in office administration and knowledge of Mothers' Union would be helpful.

A comprehensive working knowledge of computing using Microsoft software is essential.

Application forms and role description can be obtained from the Mothers' Union Office.

You may also contact the office if you wish to have an informal discussion about the post.

The closing date for applications is Friday 27th February 2015.

Helen Palfrey
Unit Coordinator for
Finance and Administration

Kinver members decorated their tree with angels.



All Saints **Streetly**
This year we decided to use the wheels appeal as the theme for our tree. The main feature was that of wheels made out of wooden discs decorated and the cake picture taken from the wheels appeal leaflet thanks to a quantity being supplied by Mary Sumner House. Finished off with blue and pink flashing lights.



We again invited people to add prayers to our **Mothers' Union Diocesan** tree in Lichfield Cathedral.

This year we decorated it with clear baubles into which we had put a photo of and a written description of the different projects and programmes that are run throughout the world.

Make a Mother's Day This Mothering Sunday help change a life

Sunday 15th March 2015

Last year many branch leaders had extra catalogues via the diocese [*at the workshop days*] to help promote Make a Mother's Day. Lots of you worked really hard to build relationships with local schools and clubs and they agreed to have catalogues to give to the children. I do hope you will be able to do the same this year.

This year branch leaders will be sent the usual package of resources from Mary Sumner House, please promote the campaign and use these in your own church and branch.

This year if you would like more catalogues you can order them yourself and have them delivered to you at home. This is the message I have received from Mary Sumner House.

Branch leaders are able to email or phone Natalie Doel or Brenda Molloy for extra catalogues, whichever they'd prefer.

Phone the switchboard on 020 7222 5533 and ask for Natalie or Brenda, alternatively email natalie.doel@mothersunion.org or brenda.molloy@mothersunion.org

This year we are able to give branch leaders up to 200 extra catalogues, however, if they require more than that, please ask them to get in touch with Naomi Mardon (020 7222 5533 or naomi.mardon@mothersunion.org) to discuss the quantities. Unfortunately we will need to charge postage and packaging on orders of 20 catalogues and over. The postage costs will vary but shouldn't be more than £6 for a package of 200 catalogues.

Please don't let this put you off sending for extra catalogues, reclaim the postage costs from branch expenses. Please encourage non-members to buy from the catalogues and support the wonderful work the Mothers' Union does throughout the world.

Sue Egerton

Mums all over the world need your help and support. Each gift will enable us to support mums and their families. Gifts range from just £5 - £100.

[Stand up for mums](#)

£5 can help end violence against women and girls

Mothers' Union members actively campaign against gender-based violence and teach women skills that improve their status, readdressing the power balance in communities so that violence will stop

[Opportunity of a lifetime](#)

£15 can help people around the world learn to read and write through the Literacy & Financial Education Programme

Our work gives families around the world opportunities by helping them become literate, start businesses and save together to increase their income

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Please use your copy of families worldwide to pray for all our members every day.

Don't forget that our Wave of Prayer link dioceses and dates have changed.

Dates from 8th – 11th February

Our new Link Dioceses are

Lainya in South Sudan; Ankole in Uganda; Abuja in Nigeria and Karnataka North in India.

If you are unsure of the time slot allocated to your branch please e-mail the office.

We also have a friendship link with Matlosane in South Africa



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