

Mothers' Union supporting the Community



Berkswich

When branches were asked to consider putting together a cushion cover that can be used as a tool to assist healthcare professionals in their assessment of patients who may possibly be suffering from dementia or other related illnesses, two of our ladies felt it was something they would like to do. The cushion, with its cover, will sit on the patient's lap and has zips, Velcro, poppers, buttons, hook and eyes, etc. in bold, eye-catching colours in a variety of textures and will be used to help establish their level of motor skills.

Thank you to Gill Bentley and Jean Alden who have risen to the task and put one together with wonderful results.

Imagine my delight to receive on behalf of my mother-in-laws care home these fiddle mitts. The residents are all living with dementia and have forgotten how to do the smallest of things i.e. fastening buttons, tying bows and what to do with a zip so I'm sure they will enjoy using them. They were knitted by our very own Edna Marshall on behalf of our branch and I thought she deserved a mention for all her hard work.

Leslie Harris - Treasurer **Bloxwich** Branch



Thank you to all our members and supporters who knit or sew for our various projects – everything you do is so appreciated by the people who receive them.

We ask you to make sure there are no loose ends, small parts or sharp items on or in anything you make, especially things for children.

What are you doing to support the local community? Let us know so that we can share it with other readers.

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Attention

All Branch Leaders

You should have recently received a pack from Central Mothers' Union 'Keeping Branches Resourced and Informed'. If you have not received this through the post please contact us at the office so that we can inform Central Mothers' Union.

A new CEO

We welcome Mrs Bev Jullien as she takes on the role of CEO for Mothers' Union.

Looking forward to 2016

and celebrating 140 years since the founding of Mothers' Union. Later this month a special 140th Anniversary logo will be available.

Theme for 2016

'A Celebration of Faith'

Goodness of God Celebration

We know that many members from across the diocese were able to go to this event, we hope you had a wonderful day and that you managed to look at all the displays in the foyer including our own!





Members of **Cannock Branch** dressed the part at the Medieval Fayre to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of their Church.

PELSALL BRANCH

An Afternoon Tea Experience was held on Monday the 3rd of August at St Michael's for members and guests, including our Archdeaconry Leader, Val Hanna and her husband George.

Our Church Organist Keir Pedley, also a well-known local entertainer, gave us a humorous light-hearted insight into the origins of afternoon tea and how it would have been taken by the gentry a few centuries ago and how the tradition continues to this day.

Keir spoke of the etiquette of tea drinking and there were a number of different teas for us to try. He told us of his passion for antique furniture and china tableware and explained the different types of tables, china and cutlery that would have been used. Keir is qualified in the training of hotel staff to a high standard as well as being Village Activity Facilitator in Lichfield - a very accomplished young man.

Christopher Booth played the piano during tea, his music added to the atmosphere and pleasure of the afternoon.

The food was excellent and each table, beautifully set out, was served by its own waiter or waitress. The afternoon was a huge success and the fellowship enjoyed by everyone.

Doreen Bethell Branch Leader



Prayers for the Refugee Crisis in Europe and the Middle East

Lord Jesus, as a child, you fled from persecution; you have lived the fear, desperation, hunger, cold, and isolation that being a refugee brings. Bring comfort and peace of heart, Lord, to all those risking their lives to seek safety, Protect and guide their journeys, Lord.

“Faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity. “Father, bless those who see the plight of refugees, and who are meeting those needs. For those who are exhausted, give them renewed strength; for those who feel overwhelmed, give them courage; for those who feel fearful, we pray for peace and compassion.

Lord, we want to hear your voice again, Guide us as we, as Mothers' Union, reach out in your name to refugees both in Europe and the Middle East and those affected by conflict in South Sudan and Burundi, in Thailand and many other areas across the world. Bless the work of Mothers' Union, and lead us, Lord, to fully play our part.

We thank God that our countries are blessed with resources. We uphold in prayer the governments across Europe and the Middle East, asking for wisdom for leaders to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

Father God, you are our place of refuge and safety, we pray for you to help us at this time of need. Give us compassion combined with wisdom to meet need with the right resources. May our practical action be rooted in your love as we reach out as the hands of Christ. Amen



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