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During 2016 Mothers' Union is celebrating its 140th Anniversary

There will be lots of resources available

[via the website and office]

for you to advertise the anniversary
in and around your branch, deanery, church, village

and town.

We would like you to start celebrating this anniversary from January 1st 2016



Celebrating 140 years of Mothers' Union and looking forward to the future



Monday November 23rd 10am - 2.30pm at St Thomas and St Andrew's Church, Doxey, Stafford

The year 2016 marks 140 years since the founding of Mothers' Union

At this meeting we aim to help you with ideas of how to celebrate this very important year and different ways of promoting and supporting Mothers' Union

With workshops during the day to include social media and finance

Open to all members especially branch and deanery leaders and their committees

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be available

Hosted by the Marketing & Fundraising and Finance & Administration Unit

Remember to plan your programme to include special celebrations for the 140th Anniversary

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Central Website www.mothersunion.org

The communications unit at Mary Sumner House are adding new photos and reports all the time to the main website – the easiest way to access these is to scroll to the bottom of the home page and in the blue area by 'further information' click on the Resource Library – this is where you will find the 2016 theme resources.

Our Website

www.mothersunionlichfield.org.uk

To make our website more interesting and informative to visitors and members it is really important that you send photos and reports for us to include. We should be sharing everything good about what we do with as many people as possible. Please remember if you send photos of children or vulnerable adults you must have written permission – downloadable forms are on the website

Membership Consultation

[Presented by Central Mothers' Union]

This consultation forms part of an existing review of 'what membership is'. The result of which is to produce a more enticing prospect for potential members as well as an improved experience for our existing members in the near future. We are asking all of our current UK & Ireland members to take part in this survey; it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and please consider the questions prayerfully as once you hit submit at the end you will not be able to access the survey again. Updates on the results of this work will be shared in 2016. The survey can be found on the home page of the Central Website.

www.mothersunion.org

As members of Mothers' Union I urge you to spare the time to take part in this survey, thank you, Sue

Do you receive the monthly Central Mothers' Union Enewsletter?

Sign up by visiting the home page of the main site www.mothersunion.org and follow the SUBSCRIBE TO ENEWSLETTER link
The Enewsletter has direct links to Faith & Policy Watch and updates on many aspects of the work of Mothers' Union

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BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES A SAFE HOME

Berkswich Branch have been pleased to support Staffordshire Women's Aid by providing five complete sets of bed linen which will be used to help equip a two-bedroomed flat in their new refuge. The refuge is in the process of being built and will be ready for occupation by women and children fleeing from domestic violence by the end of the year.

I know of other branches who support Staffordshire Women's Aid and other refuge centres – please tell us your story, how you got involved and what you do to help.

Congratulations

to members from our diocese as they are elected to serve in the following positions at Mary Sumner House

Helen Davis [Rugeley Deanery Leader] to be a Representative Member Liz Binsley [Diocesan President] to work on the Faith & Policy Unit

Rosie Walker [past president & Gadget Grandma] to work on the Fundraising and Communications Unit

<u>Jean Price</u> [past president] re-elected to work as Provincial Representative Trustee

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Autumn Council Meeting Saturday 7th November 2015 Parish Church of St. Thomas and St. Andrew Doxey, Stafford, ST16 1EQ

10am	Tea/Coffee		
10.30	Welcome and introduction		
10.35	Opening Prayers		
10.45	15.09	Apologies for absence	
	15.10	Identification of Any Other Business	
	15.11	Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2015	
	15.12	Matters Arising	
11.05	15.13	President's Report	
11.20	15.14	Unit Coordinators' Reports	
12.00	Midday Pra	Midday Prayers	
12.10	15.15	Archdeaconry Leaders' Reports	
12.30	15.16	Any other Business	
12.45	Lunch (Tea	a/coffee available. Bring packed lunch)	
13.30	Our Gues	t Speaker: The Revd. Rose Hudson-Wilkin,	
	Chaplain	to the Speaker of the House of Commons	



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