

An Amazing Day –

More people accepted the offer of prayer than the offer of Cake!

The Wedding Fayre at Wednesfield on 20th February was a resounding success, we met so many couples and had the chance to chat to them about their wedding plans, it was all very exciting. We gave away a 'goody bag' with Mothers' Union information leaflets in it, then if they were having a church wedding we gave extra leaflets about some of the things they might be interested in. We offered wedding cake to eat and the chance to pray for the couples in the weeks before the weddings. The response to our offer of prayer was amazing, we had prayer requests for couples getting married at the church across the road to as far afield as Gretna Green, Lanzarote and Perth Australia.



The first couple we would like you to remember in your prayers are Rebecca and Jason who are getting married on 29th March in Lanzarote

The stand at the Wedding Fayre

We would like to attend Wedding Fayres in each Archdeaconry during the year, if you know of one happening near you please let Adie know via the office email so that we can try to have a stand, thanks.

Spring Council April 21st 2016 Change of Speaker

Mrs Rebecca Tamba

Stafford in the World

Saturday 23rd April – Market Place

Promoting charities and companies who are based in Stafford and have links worldwide. We will be there showcasing Mothers' Union.

I wonder if anyone has more links than our worldwide links in 83 countries

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Have you let us know what you are doing to celebrate 140 years of Mothers' Union?

If not please do tell us, we really are very interested in what you are doing.





Remember you have until the end of March to let us know if you have any members who will be 90 years old this year and you would like them adding to the Queen's Birthday Card –
See February E-newsletter for details.

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**We are thrilled to announce that
Mrs Rebecca Tamba
a former Mothers' Union worker in Zambia has agreed to come and share
her experiences in Zambia with us.**

Please encourage all members to come and support her



Rebecca pictured with some members of St Mary's Branch, Stafford

Advance Notice for Spring Council

Enrolment of new members

Some of our Diocesan and Deanery Members have not actually had an enrolment service and have asked to be enrolled at Spring Council. If you would like to be enrolled at the meeting please let us know at the office.

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[Lambeth Palace] The Archbishop of Canterbury said he “praises God” for the Mothers’ Union during a service at Lambeth Palace this week to recommission Lynne Tembey as worldwide president of the global Anglican women’s organisation.

The service was attended by the Very Revd Nigel Godfrey, Dean of Peel Cathedral; Mothers’ Union chief executive Bev Jullien; the Mothers’ Union board of trustees; and Lambeth Palace and Anglican Communion Office staff.

Lynne Tembey was reappointed to be the worldwide president of the Mothers’ Union from 2016 to 2018, having first been appointed three years ago.

During the service Archbishop Justin Welby said: “The Mothers’ Union in so many places is an organisation that listens to the voices of weeping. Whether it’s in Burundi, the Congo or South Sudan; whether it’s in homes in cities where when the local football team loses there is a 50 percent increase in domestic violence; whether it is in the loneliness of weeping by people who are not suffering physically but are spiritually empty and lost; it is the Mothers’ Union that exists in the vision of Mary Sumner to speak of those things that God has provided that bring hope, help and a future.

Central to this vision, he said, is “an extraordinary movement to support the family.”

“There has never been a time when the family was not a place that needed the light of Christ shining within it to become what God has called it to be. And you hold that treasure in your hands, and as we go to the reaffirmation that is part of the vision.”

He added: “But there is also such a need for global women’s groups. And you are among the most embedded, the most effective, the most widespread.

There are few that can rival you – if any.”

Read more at www.mothersunion.org

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Our Wave of Prayer was celebrated in many different ways during the three days of 9th/ 10th/ 11th of March. The worship service was used individually and during church services and members gathered together in groups large and small to pray for our link dioceses throughout the world.

We urge you to use the daily prayers in families worldwide, if possible as near to mid-day as you can, if not at a time that suits you. Our worldwide membership is over 4 million and I find it very humbling that those members uphold you and I in prayer, not just during our wave of prayer but every single day.

There are lots of resources on the websites
Including prayers, branch ideas, and fundraising ideas

Printable resources such as the
140th Celebration Bunting and posters for your displays

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