



This is how God showed His LOVE among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:9

From the members of the Trustee Board, to all our readers

May God bless you this Christmas and in the year ahead.

I find it amazing that I have nearly completed my first year as Diocesan President, the time has flown by.

It has been a great privilege to visit many of you as you have celebrated Mothers' Union in this special 140th Anniversary year.

Please do invite me to your Branch or Deanery events during 2017, it is lovely getting to know you all that little bit better.

With my love and prayers to all members, their friends, family and all those you love, Sue x

Adie thanks you all for your prayers and concern during her recent illness. She is hoping to be back at the office soon into the New Year



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Wedding Prayers

Couples who have asked for our prayers this month are;

we have no individual request now until May 2017 so we ask you to pray for all couples who are getting married over Christmas and the New year

We are still looking for Wedding Fayres to attend.

Please let us know if you see one advertised in your area.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

Mothers' Union stand at a Wedding Fayre at West Bromwich

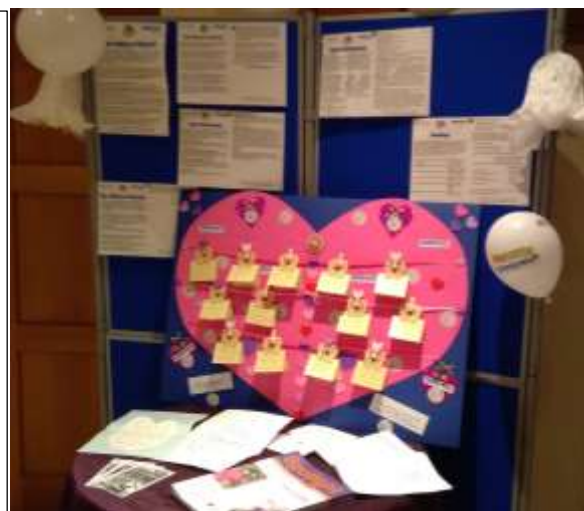
It is not difficult to look after the stand, you give out the white paper carrier bags and ask people if they would like to add their names to the prayer request book.



Please if you know of a wedding fayre help us to promote Christian Marriage.

And an added bonus is that you get to chat with so many lovely people who are so excited about getting married.

This is the display put together by members of Christchurch Burntwood for a wedding fayre at their church



Mothers' Union at Christmas Tree Festivals

Penkridge



St Mary's Stafford



All Saint's Streetly



Lichfield Cathedral



Celebration Events

during the 140th Anniversary Year

We have issued 100 certificates and we are still hoping to reach our target of 140.

There is still time to ask for a certificate for an event your branch or deanery has been involved in this year. Did you remember to ask for one for that Strawberry Tea you held? Or the village fete/ carnival you had a display at? Or the Carol Service you are having? Or the Christmas Tree Festival where you have promoted Mothers' Union?

If not please email the office and we will get a certificate to you as early in 2017 as we are able.

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Celebration Eucharist for 140 years of The Mothers Union – St Giles Church, Whittington

It was a bright autumn day when our group of Stafford St Mary's Mothers Union members travelled through the beautiful countryside to St Giles Church, Whittington. We were invited to join in a Celebration Eucharist honouring the Mothers Union Worldwide on their 140th anniversary.

We had a warm and friendly welcome from everyone at St Giles, Fr Jason, who we knew already from his time with us at St Mary's. It was a joyful service with Organ music and hymns and Preb. Rev. Deborah Sheridan preached. She talked about the Inspirational women like Mary Sumner who had the empathy for the needs of others and had the vision to help vulnerable women. She quoted examples from the yesteryears such as Josephine Butler and Mary Ward and also Miriam from the bible, who had helped others like the 'water from the Rock' in a parched and needy world. At the Service an offering was taken to support the different Mothers Union Charities.

After the service we met together in the Church hall where we had our packed lunch and tasted their hospitality with delicious cakes with tea and coffee the members had kindly provided. Rev. Deborah cut the special MU 140th anniversary cake and we had a lovely time of fellowship making new friends and catching up with old friends from Lichfield Deanery. We praise God for this opportunity and are thankful to Fr. Jason and all the wonderful people at St Giles for taking the trouble to make this a memorable day for us all as part of the Worldwide Mothers Union.

Monica Srinivasan Branch leader, Stafford St Mary's MU



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