



Who do you think they were waving to?

It was to you and me and all the members in our link dioceses

Dorothy Latimer, Branch Leader, Burntwood Chase Benefice Mothers' Union has sent this photo and told us;

'We had the best turnout ever for our **Wave of Prayer** last Thursday morning: 10 Mothers' Union members and 4 congregation. It was a truly special 20 minutes praying for our link dioceses. It was obviously worth advertising in our weekly news sheet. Our Vicar at Christ Church took the photo and within the hour it was on our Church's Facebook page. Later our Benefice magazine compiler rang to say it was going into the next magazine! MU members from all of our Benefice Churches supported it. We finished our session with refreshments'.

As your Diocesan President I felt so honoured to know that members worldwide were praying for me and for all the members in this diocese.

I often use these words in my intercessions - The power of prayer may not be easily explained, but it can be experienced. The 9th - 11th February was certainly one of those times, Sue.

Mothering Sunday Resources

The Central Mothers' Union website has lots of different downloadable Mothering Sunday resources for the use of Churches and Children's groups. They are divided into various elements, from which a service or children's session may be compiled, as appropriate. They have also included service outlines as examples of how the material may be used. Visit www.mothersunion.org



Don't forget that we have a Prayer Chain for each Archdeaconry – you can ask for prayer support for anyone who needs it – contact the office for details

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Our vision is to see a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.



Wedding Prayers

Couples who have asked for our prayers this month are;

*Tracy & Malcolm
who are getting married
this spring
on the beach in
Australia*

We are still looking for
Wedding Fayres
to attend.

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

Wedding Fayre

at

St Chad's Church Longsdon
ST9 9QF [on the A53]

12noon to 4pm

Saturday 4th March

weddingfayre@unitedbeneficechl.r.co.uk



Make a Mother's Day

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Putting mothers at the heart of everything this Mothering Sunday

Mothers' Union would like to offer you a very special and powerful way to celebrate your mother this Mothering Sunday. With a gift from your heart you can say thank you to, or remember, your own mum and also help mothers like Violet to flourish.

With a husband and two children to care for, Violet lived a hand-to-mouth existence in Zambia. Unable to find work, the family survived on what little maize would grow in the dusty land. In years of poor harvest, they simply starved. It's hard to imagine the daily heartbreak of struggling to raise a family while never knowing where your next meal might come from.

Thankfully Violet no longer fears going hungry.

She received training from Mothers' Union that helped her start a small baking business and now even earns enough to send her children to school.

This Mothering Sunday you could buy a gift for your mum from our **Make a Mother's Day** collection that will bring about real change for other mothers, like Violet, who find themselves marginalised.

You could give the life-changing gift of learning to read and write, helping a woman find a job or take an active role in her community. You could help women overcome inequality and violence, or put a local church group at the very heart of change in their parish.

For each one of these empowering gifts that you buy we'll send you a beautiful card to give to your mum on Mothering Sunday, or keep in her memory.

By celebrating your mother in this special way you can give women, in the UK and overseas, the faith, education and training they need to transform not only their own lives, but those of their families and communities.

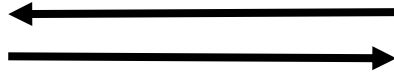
To check out the Make a Mother's Day range of gifts
visit www.makeamothersday.org



Calling ALL MEMBERS in the Wolverhampton and Walsall areas [and those who would be willing to travel there]



**Church/
Mosque
twinning work
in
Wolverhampton
and Walsall**



We have been asked by Revd Ray Gaston [who works with the Christian Muslim Forum] if Mothers' Union branches would be willing to work with the forum on developing some Church/Mosque twinning work in Wolverhampton and Walsall.

They would like the work to be more than just the usual meetings between the faith leaders and want to involve other groups as well.

One idea they have is to link women's groups in the Churches and Mosques.

The launch for the project will take place at All Saints Darleston on Thursday 23rd March between 2pm-4pm. The Bishop of Wolverhampton and Imam Rashid Raja of Wolverhampton Central Mosque will speak briefly and Revd Rachel Parkinson the Chair of Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Methodist District will hopefully be chairing the proceedings. The idea is that groups, Churches and Mosques will be twinned in partnership for a year.

They envisage Mothers Union being twinned with some of the Women's groups at UKIM Mosques in Walsall and Wolverhampton who have very active women's groups.

The commitment that each pairing makes is to;

- Nominate two reps who will meet 3 times over the year with the partner reps for relationship building
- Arrange visits or meets between wider membership of both groups one meeting in Christian setting the other in Muslim setting and each introduce the other to their work and organisation
- Engage in a project for the common good together.
- Agree to attend a follow up meeting at the end of the year (March 2018) and report back about the experience and consider together next steps.

The aim is to make it enough to be significant but not too much to be a burden.

Val Hanna [Walsall Archdeaconry Leader] and her husband George are attending the meeting, but before the meeting we need to know if we have member support for this venture. As trustees we do not want to commit to something you the members are not able/ willing to continue.

If you would like to attend the meeting Val and George would be more than happy for you to be there with them.

Please email you thoughts/ comments on this venture to the office email address.

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You may like to use this as part of the worship at your Branch Meetings

What good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Someone might claim, "You have faith and I have action." But how can I see your faith apart from your actions? Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action. James 2:14, 18

Lord, we hear your word; let us be doers of your will.

Christ our Lord, you showed the world your love through actions of mercy as well as words of life.

Your practical deeds of kindness are ours to emulate. Your loving model of servanthood is ours to follow.

Heavenly Father, help us to follow your ways to enable our work to flourish. May the love of God be seen in us as we live out our faith through action. Amen



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Our Hands



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