

September 2018

Friends,

Some of you may still be enjoying holidays, day trips, visits from families etc, whilst others may now be back into the "routine" of a new term. Whatever you have been busy with this summer, I hope that you have been able to enjoy a relaxing time with friends and family.

First, a reminder - there are still a few tickets for the MU General Meeting and service of celebration in Swansea 17th/18th September. If you fancy a last-minute trip to Swansea to join members from around the country for these inspiring events, please contact Nicola in the office, or myself.

I hope that those of you who subscribe to Families First have seen the order form for renewing your subscription for 2019. Please complete and send back the form to Mary Sumner House as soon as possible, to ensure that you receive your magazines in 2019. For more information, or if you know of members who would like to begin a subscription in 2019 and need a form, please contact Nicola.

MU Diaries and Calendars for 2019 are now available. Please send your orders in to the office as soon as possible.

It may seem early to be thinking about Christmas, but the Autumn/Winter catalogue from MU Enterprises has some beautiful cards and gifts for you to purchase. Please contact Nicola with your orders, or if you would like a copy of the catalogue.



If you have not already done so, I encourage you to take a look at the newly launched MU website: www.mothersunion.org Here you will find MU news, stories, pictures and plenty of resources for your branch, deanery, or simply for your own reflections. The theme for 2019 is "Listen, observe, act - in step with God".

2 special dates coming up: **Members' Day on Saturday 13th October** 10.00 (coffee) for 10.30 – 3pm at St James Church Southam. We plan to focus on some of the activities that MU is involved in that really make a difference to the lives of others. We have a few items already planned, but if you would like to contribute something that MU is doing in your community to make a difference, then please get in touch. We want to share with all our members the wonderful things that are happening around the diocese, so please come and tell us all about what you are doing.

Our **Advent Service** will be held at St James Church Bulkington on Monday 3rd December at 11am. This is always a special time to join together to worship and reflect on the season of Advent. All are welcome, please feel free to invite friends along.

From Mothers' Union website:

"2019 is a year of new beginnings for Mothers' Union, with the start of the next triennium, many new officers appointed at all levels of service and updated constitution and structures. It is also the year which sees the coming together of our global conversations to prayerfully inform our way forward as a movement. As we gain clarity about our God-given purpose and direction in both local and global context we will be energised and inspired for what lies ahead."

As we plan ahead this Autumn and prepare for 2019, I pray that we may all be in step with God, with His purposes for MU in our families, communities and in the world.

With blessings on all your ministry, Jane