

December 2018

Friends,

I trust that this Advent is a time of hope and expectation for you – anticipating the joyous birth of our Lord. I know that it's also a time of frantic preparation for Christmas festivities, so I hope all your plans are going well!

Please note that the office will close at 2pm on December 19th and will re-open at 10am on 7th January. We look forward to receiving your Branch Returns and 2019 subscriptions in the new year.

Some of you have asked for an updated list of speakers. I am attaching a document with some new contacts for speakers. Otherwise, the list sent in October 2017 is the most recent. We are looking for someone to take on responsibility for gathering contacts as speakers for MU meetings, and keeping the list updated. If you or someone you know would be willing to do this, please let me know.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend one of our **Branch Leaders / Officers' meetings**: either Jan 21st 9.45 (coffee) for 10.15-12.15 at St Michael's Budbrooke, CV35 8QL, or Jan 28th 9.45 (coffee) for 10.15-12.15 at Exhall St Giles Church Hall, St Giles Rd, Ash Green, Coventry, CV7 9GZ. If you are unable to attend, please ask a representative from your branch to attend.

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Christopher to our **Commissioning service on Saturday February 2nd, 2pm St John's Church Kenilworth CV8 1HY.** I hope that many of you will be able to join us. Please pray for the new Trustee Board, as they begin the new Triennium in January 2019.

As we approach Christmas, I wish you all joy and peace as you celebrate with friends and family, and I look forward to our continuing journey as we serve God in our communities, through the work of Mothers' Union.

With love and prayers, Jane

