

September 2019

**To: All members via Branch Leaders/contacts, Deanery Chairs and other Diocesan contacts:**

Friends,

A group of us were able to attend **Mothers' Union General Meeting** in Portsmouth last week, and were inspired by hearing our Worldwide President Sheran Harper, and other speakers, telling us about the amazing work of MU both in Britain & Ireland and around the world. A reminder of what a wonderful organisation we all belong to and the part we each play in serving families and communities through MU.

Some of this will be shared at Members' Day, including (technology allowing!) an inspiring video interview with our **new Central Chaplain**, Bishop of Penrith, Emma Ineson.



Our **"Evening with Arabian Bites" on October 1<sup>st</sup>** has proved very popular and all the tickets (100) have now been sold. We are looking forward to raising awareness of the Arabian Bites project, whilst sharing some of the wonderful work of MU in Coventry Diocese. We are considering holding this event again, perhaps in another part of the Diocese, so if you have been disappointed not to get a ticket this time, please look out for a further date.

I hope many of you will be able to attend our **Members' Day**, on **Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>** 10.30-3pm (BYO lunch) at St Andrew's Church Shotton, Stratford upon Avon CV37 9HQ. Coffee will be served from 10am and the theme is **"Renewing, Re-energising, Re-focussing"**. As well as the usual business items, and having an update on current developments in MU, there will be opportunity to hear how MULO sessions have been received in branches and how we might continue to grow and develop our work in Coventry Diocese, as a result of this process. The day is open to all members and friends of MU – all are welcome.

St Andrew's Church is set in a lovely part of our Diocese, and in order to enjoy the surroundings, members of Shotton branch would like to invite us, at lunch time on Members' Day, to take a beautiful short walk along the river to **Anne Hathaway's Cottage Café**. Of course, this is optional and weather dependent.

**Communication** is often a challenge in organisations such as ours, with 600 members dispersed around the Diocese. Please help us by passing on this message and other information you receive to all members. We know that not all our members are able to access the website or social media, so we try to get out information in different ways. We are in the process of **reviewing and developing our Website and facebook group**, so please send any feedback or suggestions to Nicola in the office, if you feel that we could improve or change some of the ways in which we contact members.

At this time of year, many of you will be involved with **Harvest meals and services**. Maybe you could also consider making a donation to **Mothers' Union Harvest Appeal**?



*God, we praise you for the human labour that is part of harvest –  
the preparing and sowing, the cultivating and growing,  
the reaping and packaging, the transporting and selling.  
**Once more you have blessed us, we give to you our thanks.***

With love and prayers for all that you do in the Lord's name, Jane