

February 2021

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

Dear friends,

March 14th is Mothering Sunday and we would love to make this a day when Mothers' Union members can bless Mums in their neighbourhood – and **here's a suggestion that every member can get involved with.** Why not put together some little bags of "goodies" to say thank you to Mums? For example: small toiletries/beauty products, a pretty face mask, chocolate, a packet of seeds, a card/bookmark, colouring sheets and some of your own ideas! Knitters amongst us might also include a knitted heart, cross or prayer square, or current favourite – fingerless gloves (pattern attached).

It would be helpful for Branch leaders and/or Deanery Chairs to co-ordinate the collection of gifts, and if you have local contacts you may be able to distribute them directly to Mums. **Additionally, as a diocese, we would particularly like to bless the Mums at Coffee Tots for Mothering Sunday.** So, I would be delighted to receive any items that you are able to contribute for the gift bags that we will be putting together. Please send or bring items to me by Wednesday March 3rd (The Old Bakery, Manor Lane, Kineton, Warwick CV35 0JT) and I will deliver them to Catherine Bartlem. For more information, please get in touch: janehillcovmu@gmail.com



If you would like to support the work of Mothers' Union further afield:

Give a gift of togetherness this Mothering Sunday:



This year, you can celebrate or remember someone special by giving a gift of togetherness. At a time when the chance to come together has been more precious than ever before, your donation can help to strengthen kinship in communities and empower women and girls to flourish.

Saba is 18 and lives in Gambella Town, 289 miles from Ethiopia's capital. Saba grew up as an orphan and decided to marry for financial security when she was just 16. Pregnancy meant she had to drop out of school. Now Saba has joined her Mothers' Union early marriage support group, where she finds the guidance she needs, and the ambition to get back into education and work. This Mothering Sunday, you can give a girl like Saba the gift of empowerment.

For more information: <https://makeamothersday.org/shop/>

And finally, **Knitters....** we have also been asked to **knit some little chicks (30-40) for Easter** – just big enough for a crème egg or similar: <https://eviesgran.wordpress.com/2012/03/15/easter-chick-easy-knit/> Please send chicks to me by Monday March 22nd, and they will be distributed with Easter cards to families at Coffee Tots.

With love and prayers for you all, Jane