

Come along and be 'Inspired' by the work of Mothers' Union



in our own diocese,
in this country,
and worldwide.

Election of Your Trustee Board for the next Triennial

The process now continues with the Election of Archdeaconry Leaders and Coordinators for the following four units; Action & Outreach, Faith & Policy, Finance & Administration, and Marketing & Fundraising.

**Nomination papers have
been sent out and must be
returned as directed by
Friday 29th May**

*Please pray for the continued
work of the present Trustee
Board during this year.*

Thursday 21st May

10am – 3.30pm

at

Doxey Church Stafford ST16 1EQ

Learn about the work of the Action & Outreach and Faith & Policy Units

*there is no charge and everyone with an interest
in Mothers' Union will be made welcome*

**In the afternoon
meet and listen to our
Guest Speaker;
Rachel Aston
from Central Mothers' Union**

*Please bring a packed lunch,
tea/coffee available on arrival and at lunch time*

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YOUR HELP PLEASE

We need prizes for the games and competitions that will be going on all day and ask every branch if it would supply a bag of 'funsize' sweets or chocolate bars. These can be brought to the office at a convenient time, if you will be bringing them or a cash donation to the AGM on July 9th could you let us know in advance please.

We are looking for members and their husbands, wives, partners, friends to act as Stewards for our various activities at Summerfest on 11th July at Dovedale House.

You will not be asked to pay entrance, *[please bring your lunch]*, tea/coffee/juice will be free and you will have the chance to look around during the day and enjoy everything. Even just an hour during the day will be a great help to us. Please contact the office if you would like to help - thank you in advance.

Tickets are now **on sale for our Family Fun Day**
Contact the office to order them



Saturday July 11th
at Dovedale House, Ilam
11am – 6pm

come and meet

Lynne Tembey
Worldwide President
of Mothers' Union

All branch leaders should have now received posters and fliers to advertise this event, please display them in as prominent a place as possible and ask for the event to be advertised in your church magazine, newsletter, weekly pew sheet etc. Your parish clergy will also have received posters and fliers, if you need more please contact the office and we will send you some.

**Admission: adults £5, children 4-16yrs £1,
under 4yrs free**

All activities included in price, weather protected

Please bring a packed lunch
Tea & coffee 50p, and fruit squash free,
will be available all day

Beefburger or Hot Dog and Chips £2 -
will be served at 5pm after the closing worship

Introducing; Captain Gordon Banks

Stafford Area Mission & Growth Partner

On Lady Day 1991 I was enrolled as a Mothers' Union member at St Mary Magdalene, Prudhoe in the Diocese of Newcastle.



At the end of my five year contract there I was unemployed for 15 months. This was a tough time, especially as we had three very small children. During this period however the Mothers' Union blessed us with a week away (AFIA) in a caravan in Whitley Bay. I love the practical way the Mothers' Union seek to demonstrate God's love. I can't tell you the times I have sat in Council meetings enraptured and occasionally moved to tears as stories are told of the way members are engaging with the least, the last and the lost. (Something dear to my own heart as a Church Army Officer) And that practical demonstration isn't just in this country – when you begin to look across the world it becomes staggering. For many people the Mothers' Union and its various initiatives and programmes are life savers. Sad to say, in this country, there is something of a prevailing image of the Mothers' Union that is long passed it sell by date and the MU is finding it hard to shake it off.

However whether you are a member or not you can play your part to help change the perception of the Mothers' Union. Find out what the Mothers' Union is doing in this country and across the world. Speak up for Mothers' Union if anyone gives one of those 'looks' at the mention of Mothers' Union. Plus of course you can join – and you don't have to be a mother – just have the heart of a mother like Jesus who wants to gather hurting chicks under the loving and caring wings of God, who is both Mother and Father to us all.

Mission & Growth Partner

- a) To partner parishes in the putting together, reviewing and delivering their Mission Action Plans.
- b) To be a Resource Person.
- c) To help parishes in Vacancies to maintain a mission focus.

Gordon wishes to work closely with Mothers' Union, we are sure you will meet him soon!! He will be at our AGM on July 9th at Doxey.

Introducing Adie Harris – Our Diocesan Administrator



I am Mum to Jacob who is 12 and Martha who is 8. Until July 2014 I was managing Woodseaves Pre-School which I set up and opened in 2010. I was fortunate enough to be able to take some time off work in September to support Jacob with his transition into secondary school and also begin exploring my own vocation.

I am an active member of my parish, licensed as a Eucharistic minister, I am also part of the Benefice Worship team, run the Sunday School and a monthly children's club.

I was a member of the Mothers' Union within the Chester Diocese a number of years ago, My Nan was a branch leader for many years and I spent much of my childhood being driven around Malpas Deanery to deliver Mothers' Union mailings. I am excited about my new role and looking forward to being involved with this fantastic organisation once again.

Adie works in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings and we know she will be a great asset and friend to us all.



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