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### **Election of Your Trustee Board for the next Triennial**

Although it seems as if 2015 has only just started, Mothers' Union is looking ahead to the start of the next triennial period which starts in January 2016. A new Diocesan President needs to be elected, followed later by a new board of trustees.

The members of Diocesan Council are those who nominate and vote but it is hoped that discussion will take place in branches and deaneries as to who you the members wish to be nominated for the roles.

The process starts with the Election of Diocesan President, and nomination papers have already been sent to all members of Diocesan Council. If you are unsure as to whether you should have received nomination papers please email the office so that we can verify this for you.

Nomination papers for Diocesan President must be returned as directed on the nomination form by 12noon on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

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

# Spring Council

# Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7 - 9pm at Doxey

at The Parish Church of St. Thomas and St. Andrew, Doxey, Stafford ST16 1EQ.

# Speaker; Reg Bailey, CEO of Mothers' Union.

Spring Council is open to all members and to all those who are interested in the work of Mothers' Union.

It is really important that every branch and deanery has at least one person there to represent them, so if you are the Branch or Deanery Leader and cannot attend, please encourage someone to come in your place.

There will be correspondence/posters etc to be taken back to each branch/deanery.

The office will close for Easter on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and re-open on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

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# Indoor Members Representative

Christine Banham has kindly taken on the role of Indoor Members Representative

If you have branch members who can no longer attend meetings, please ask if they would like to become Indoor Members.

Also if you have members celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> [and above]
Birthday or Golden, Emerald or Diamond Wedding Anniversary, please contact Christine so that a card can be sent.

Please email the office with your request and it will be forwarded to Christine.

## Come and be INSPIRED -



10.15-1200

1300-1445

Come and Share

Come and Hear

prayer, worship, fellowship and ideas Rachel Aston (MSH)

as we explore more ways of supporting, families, churches and communities as she brings us up to date on the Social Policy front

(issues we are addressing and surveys of members on topics which we feed back)

To be held at

The Parish Church of St Thomas & St Andrew, Doxey, Stafford, ST16 1EQ

on

Thursday, 21° May 2015

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

Open to all, including Deanery and Diocesan Members You will need a packed lunch – tea/coffee available

It would be helpful for us to know numbers, so please let the office know if you hope to come—otherwise please just turn up.

Do you knit Comfort Teddies, Premature Baby Clothes, Cot Blankets for Refuge Centres or even Boobs?

Do you provide Toiletry Bags for hospitals?

Do you provide Welcome Packs for Refuge Centres?

If so can you please let us at the office know;

- Where you send the items to?
- Do you have a contact person that you deal with, if so their name and job title?
- Do you take them direct or are they collected by your branch leader?
- Are they brought to the office?

We know that so many of you provide these services, but, we do not know which organisations benefit from them.

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Please encourage all your church members, messy church and children's clubs, your family and friends to come to Summerfest



invite everyone to a day of fun, games, puppets, face painting, magic, bouncy castle & slide, juggling, 'messy church' activities and more at

# Dovedale House, Ilam DE6 2AZ Saturday July 11th 2015 11am-6pm

with live music from 'Clutching at Straws'

visit www.clutchingatstraws.com to see what they have in store for us

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

All activities included in price, weather protected

### Please bring a packed lunch

Tea & coffee 50p, fruit squash free, available all day Beefburger or Hot Dog and Chips £2 served at 5pm after the closing worship

#### Pre booking advised

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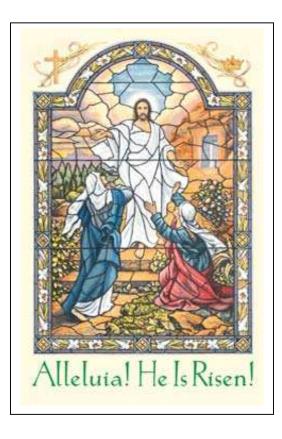
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**Every** branch will receive posters event.

and fliers for this If you would like to advertise it for us please contact the office and we will send vou posters and/or fliers or email copies if you prefer. **Thank** 

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As you celebrate
the joy of the
Risen Lord
this
Caster
may you and everyone
you love
be blessed with
Peace and Happiness



#### Receiving the newsletter

If you do not wish to receive the newsletter in the future please email the office and you will be removed from the mailing list

If your friends, family or other members would like to receive the newsletter please email the office with their details and they will be added to the mailing list

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