



....to the latest newsletter.

Dear friends and fellow members of Mothers' Union

This is intended as a 'mini' newsletter to remind you of a few events happening in the next few days.



We have just started the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and Abuse and I hope that you are using the special prayer diary which was enclosed with the recent edition of 'Connected'. Tomorrow, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> is designated as a Global Day when many of you will be taking part in special prayer services. If you cannot join with others, if you can't do anything else, please wear a purple scarf to show solidarity with those who suffer violence and abuse of this type. Also at 1.03pm please join in with 3 minutes silence to represent the fact that 1 in 3 women and girls will suffer in this way during their lifetime.

Members should have recently received a mailing from Mary Sumner House with the prayer diary for 2022. Included would also be details of the Big Give Christmas appeal to support women across South Africa, Kenya and Uganda. Donations made online between November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> will be doubled. Last year the target was met within a few hours of the 'window' opening!

The mailing also included an invitation:

**Invitation**  
You're invited to our  
virtual Carol Concert

On Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 7.00pm

Join us for a selection of carols and choral pieces along with bible lessons and readings. This promises to be a truly special way to join together as one year ends and a new one begins.

The service will be broadcast both on

 [www.facebook.com/MothersUnion](https://www.facebook.com/MothersUnion) and  
 [www.youtube.com/user/MothersUnion](https://www.youtube.com/user/MothersUnion)

Save the date now! We look forward to seeing you!

Please take some time out from what I am sure will be busy time of preparation to 'join' this virtual time of worship.

The trustees intend to produce a 'bumper' newsletter in December so watch this space and the updated website!

Yours, with love and prayers, Helen

### Connected Magazine/Prayer Diary

It is hoped that those of you who are subscribing members of Mothers' Union have received your Autumn copy of this magazine, and now also the 2022 Prayer Diary which are dispatched direct to you from central Mothers' Union. We understand that there have been one or two hitches with members not getting the recent mailing. This may be because, on the form which came with the first edition, you ticked the 'Opt Out' box for 'Fundraising' and returned the form to MSH. Unfortunately this means you have said you don't want to receive the magazine as well as the Prayer Diary and any information about appeals such as The Big Give and Make a Mother's Day. If you think you may have 'opted out' email [office@mothersunionlichfield.org.uk](mailto:office@mothersunionlichfield.org.uk) with your details and a request to 'Opt In' again.

### Lichfield Beacon

The November edition of our Diocesan magazine has been produced and awaits distribution. Bundles for some branches were collected at the recent Autumn Council meeting and the rest are ready for posting out at the beginning of the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November. Diocesan Members will also receive their copies soon.

### Subscriptions for 2022

The subscription for the year beginning 1st January 2022 will be £27.50. This is the same for all types of membership, whether branch, group or individual diocesan member. More information will be sent out in due course. We hope you will continue to support this amazing worldwide organisation

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Rev Chris Rushton has recently retired from Parish Ministry at Hartshill but intends to remain one of the Diocesan Chaplains for Mothers' Union. Contact details will be made available in due course.

### Autumn Council

It was a joy to welcome about 50 members and friends, including members of Sue's family, to our Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at Doxey on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The service and a reflection of photos from the past 3 years are available on YouTube. The links are:

#### **Links from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

The service YouTube link.

<https://youtu.be/EpHPyRMbrRI>

The YouTube link for the triennial reflection video

<https://youtu.be/4pWzwxkNDp4>