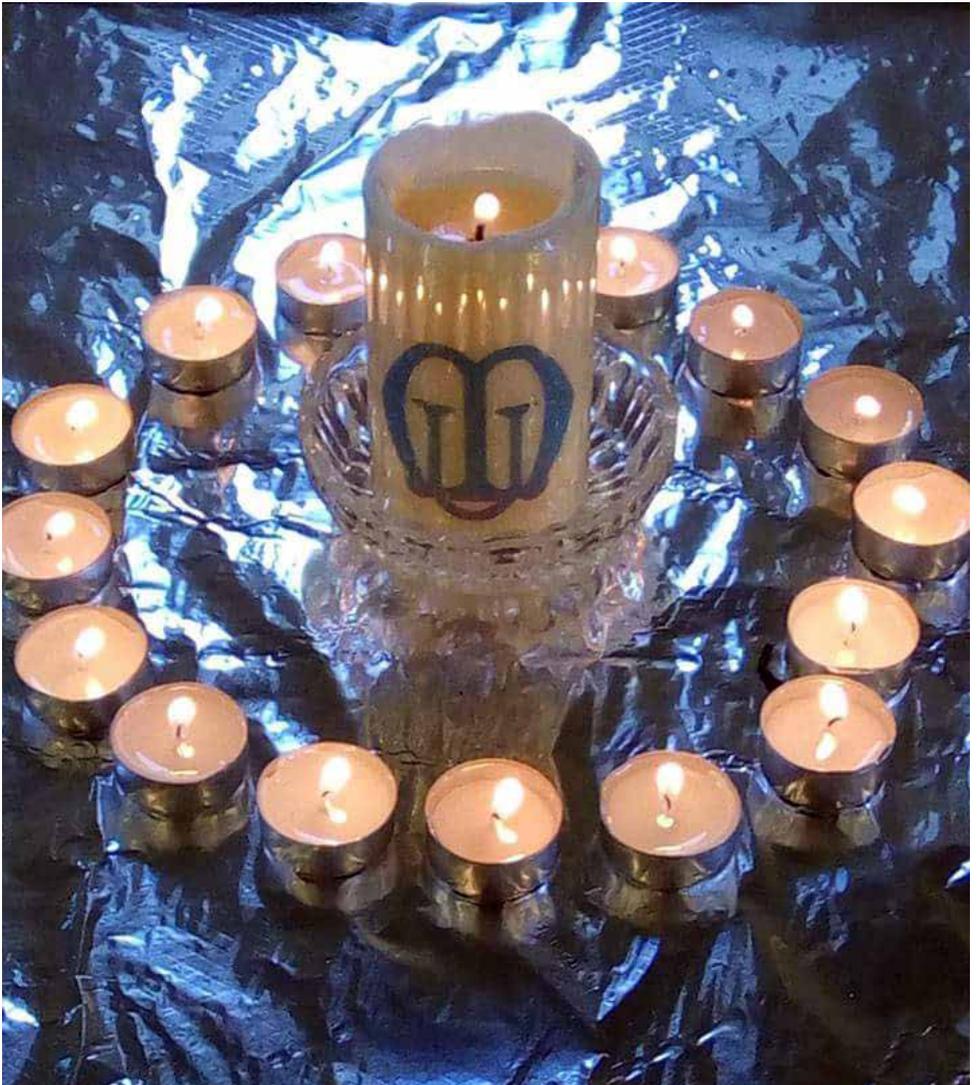


# newsletter

The Diocese  
of Rochester

Autumn 2017



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



My Dear Friends

*"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)*

So we have almost arrived at the end of the second year in our Triennium. What has the year held for you? Joys and sorrows, hopes and challenges? With God' help we come through. All things come to pass but His love for us remains a constant.

From a Mothers' Union perspective, as your Diocesan President, there have been some real challenges, but above all I have enjoyed sharing many occasions of joy and encouragement with so many of you this year. There are a few snapshots of such occasions in this bumper edition of our RDMU newsletter. My apologies if I've missed anything out. Make sure you copy any photographs or articles to Susan Brooker to avoid disappointment in future editions.

**RDMU Newsletter Copy dates 31st March and 30th September 2018.**

By the time you receive this you will have received notification that our subs are to be set at £25 for 2018. Please check with your branch treasurer for

any local arrangement. Subs are due with our Diocesan Treasurer by or before 31st January The dates and notices for Treasurer's were distributed at Autumn Members' Meeting. Online copies of all forms may be found under the new forms heading on our RDMU webpage. [www.rochestermothersunion.co.uk](http://www.rochestermothersunion.co.uk)

We have set a realistic budget for 2018 and hope with your help to have reduced our reliance on our reserves and attain a balanced budget for the financial year end 31st March 2018 .Please ensure your branch and Deanery accounts are in order by year end 31st December 2017 and ensure all monies raised or accumulated is paid away to the Diocese for allocation. Come to our AGM & Spring Members' Meeting to find out how we did.

Aside from the joys of budget setting with our Treasurer this summer I have also enjoyed the chance to catch up by telephone with some of our Diocesan and IMPC members. Their faith and loyalty is so inspiring. I hope next year to manage some visits so we can share our stories. Please do remember our loyal and faithful servants who are sick, frail and housebound. Our care begins at home and I ask you to pray or better still visit any IMPC members in your locality. Remember too our Diocesan members in your locality and keep them updated with notification of events such as our member meetings and Mary Sumner Day Prayer Pilgrimage in August. Joining together to encourage, support and inspire must be a priority for us all. Do help by offering lifts to enable all to attend and keep in touch.

Mrs Yvonne Wright can confirm any IMPC or Diocesan members in your locality in need of such care.

As well as being out and about in the Diocese I have also spent time with my fellow DP's from our S.E. cluster group. Our cluster is formed of DP's from Canterbury, Chelmsford, Chichester, Guildford, London, Oxford, Rochester, St Albans and Southwark. Our Provincial President also attends as does Central Trustee, our own, Jocelyn Wright. We are part of the Province of Canterbury which with 30 Dioceses is the largest of the 5 Provinces or areas in the UK and All Ireland. The full list for our Province may be found on our Diocesan website. It is good to be part of such a family of members for support, encouragement and advice.

Our year under the theme of "Faith in Action" may be drawing to a close, but the work continues. We move forward with our brothers and sisters in Christ seeking to develop together a Mothers' Union fit for purpose. In March I travelled to Dublin for a truly Worldwide Council of Central Trustees, Central staff, Provincial Presidents and

Diocesan Presidents. The motion was carried to enable the work to begin on updating our Central Constitution. We remain committed to the core values set forth by our founder Mary Sumner. Whilst we move forward with hope and develop new ways of working we hold fast to the basics. Never forgetting from whence we started.

With our hands firmly placed in God's let us look forward to what 2018 may bring. Our theme for the year "In the footsteps of Mary Sumner" to guide us.

God bless you and all you are doing in your communities. Please do continue to invite me to your meetings and activities, adding a ray of sunshine moment to my days. May we always encourage, support and inspire one another.

With my love and my prayers

**Julia Jamieson**  
Diocesan President  
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## ANNUAL THEME RESOURCES 2018 "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps"

Mary Sumner House staff have produced a selection of themed resources to help us celebrate through the year, in large and small settings which you can find on the website. Do take time to look at them and use them in your meetings during the forthcoming year to re-connect with the Mary Sumner story and invite others to learn more about our past and present activities.

In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Listening Resource notes & extra ideas.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - prayers and reflections.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Story of Mary Sumner.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps- Listening Resource.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Bible reflections.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Notes for Service of Thanksgiving.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Service of Thanksgiving.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Bible verses and Mary Sumner qotes.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Mary Sumner Day service.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - Rationale.doc  
In Mary Sumner's footsteps - reflective prayer activity.doc  
In Mary Sumners Footsteps - Activities for local groups.docx  
How can we follow in Mary Sumner's footsteps.pdf  
In Mary Sumner's Footsteps - Mary's Game.docx  
In Mary Sumner's Footsteps - Mary's Game Picture Cards.pdf



## SUBSCRIPTIONS 2018

The Member subscription for 2018 will be £25. This comprises £13.50 (26p per week) for our central subscription to Mary Sumner House and £11.50 (22p per week) to cover RDMU running costs and project support. These subscriptions represent exceptional value for the fellowship and practical good which it enables.

### Where your Money Goes – Central Subscriptions

Mothers' Union is a federation of organisations. We work in partnership to carry out our vision with local Mothers' Union charities in the UK & Ireland as well as Mothers' Union in over 80 countries worldwide. We train and resource our members to support their communities. This could be through setting up projects in their local communities, campaigning or praying. We are moving away from the traditional model of dependency established by 'developed world giving' to that of enabling national or regional level Mothers' Unions to develop their own financial self-sufficiency. This means we will fund training that equips national Mothers' Unions to manage the funding and training of their regions. In this way, the giving of mainly developed world donors will be used strategically and where it is needed most, enabling Mothers' Union to grow and flourish.

Mothers' Union provides funding for core programmes such as:

■ **Literacy & Financial Education Programme:** operating in Burundi, Ethiopia, Malawi, South Sudan and Sudan, by the end of 2013 over

130,000 people will have become literate, many moving on to learn how to set up small businesses and savings groups.

- **Parenting Programme:** this operates in 18 countries worldwide, including the UK. It brings parents together to find solutions to the issues with which they are struggling.
- **Loving for Life:** our members across the world provide relationship support for couples. This could be help with marriage preparation or offering support to couples already married.
- **Community Development Coordinators:** 300 staff who support local Mothers' Union groups in meeting the needs of their communities. This enables them to undertake activities ranging from running small-scale farming initiatives in Africa to setting up family support groups in prisons around the UK.
- **Church & Community Mobilisation Process:** in many areas Mothers' Union is starting to use Bible studies to initiate economic, social, spiritual and physical transformation for struggling communities. Members see that God has already provided for them, and has given them the skills

they need to live - and live well. This process helps to unlock the potential of communities living in poverty.

Where national Mothers' Unions are not yet able to become financially self-sufficient grants from central Mothers' Union will continue to help initiate programmes and projects that can transform communities.

### Where your Money Goes – Diocesan Subscriptions

We are one of the few Diocese that

do not have our own offices and are thus able to keep our overheads down. Our diocesan subscription fund the legitimate expenses associated with running our diocesan organisation. This includes paying for the hire of venues for diocesan meetings, insurance for branches, the newsletter, printed materials for distributing information to members, postage and purchase of materials in support of our activities. Our Trustees are not paid, but receive legitimate travel expenses where appropriate.

## AWAY FROM IT ALL (AFIA)



The AFIA holiday scheme is funded by members of the Mothers' Union, helping families who normally wouldn't be able to have a much-needed holiday or break.

Applications are welcomed from families, couples and individuals living in the Rochester Diocese who are experiencing financial or emotional stress.

Applications need to be supported by a referral from a Professional e.g. social worker, head teacher, G.P. or member of the clergy. Applicants do not have to be church members. Applications this year were supported by members of the Clergy, School staff and Social workers.

The holidays we arrange are based in the UK and AFIA fund the cost of the accommodation for up to 7 days. Other costs, including travel and food, are met by the applicant.

Most of the holidays we arrange are at holiday parks as they offer a wide range of activities for families, although coach trips, day trips, theatre trips, school holidays and play scheme breaks have also been arranged to meet the individual needs of each application.

This year we have been able to arrange holidays for 6 families at Camber Sands and 1 family at Selsey. The needs of the families this year are mainly financial, although one application was for a single parent who has a terminal illness. She has a young child and the holiday has allowed them to spend some quality time together and 'make memories'. The family also have financial difficulties as the Mother lost her job due to the amount of time she spends in hospital. Other needs include depression, AHD, Autism, Dyspraxia and ME.

The feedback from the families and the referrers we receive shows us that the holidays we arrange are really appreciated and help to make a positive difference to their lives.

**One social worker said:**

*'Can I take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful support provided by Mothers Union over the past few years. You have given a number of my clients fantastic holidays with their children and they have been greatly appreciated'.*

**Some of the feedback we have received from families after their holiday includes:**

*'I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for our wonderful holiday in Camber Sands. I can still not believe how incredibly kind you have been to us, and it means so much to me and my children.*

*We enjoyed every minute of our holiday, and being away from home, meant that for the first time in so long, my children relaxed and were themselves again! Seeing their smiles has been so lovely.*

*'I send this email to say a huge thank you, our holiday to Camber in August was the best my kids and I have ever had. Even now my 3 year old still wants a token and go on the red and blue cars and wants to go back to mummy's caravan bless him.'*

*'My son and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of your team for making our holiday possible. It was the first time we have ever stayed in a caravan and we had such a fun week. It is so well equipped for children. My son was busy all of the time.'*

As you can see from the feedback, providing holidays for these families is very important, so we would like to thank you for your continued fund raising as it will help us to provide more holidays and breaks for needy families.

For further information and application packs please contact:

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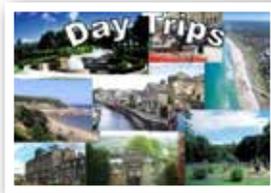
### JANUARY

**8th January** Malling Deanery Branch enrolled two new members, Jill Rutland and Dulce Peddar with our vicar, the Rev. David Green at the Church in St Mary the Virgin, West Malling. Lesley Marsh, VP Tonbridge was able to attend which was much appreciated. The enrolment was during the monthly family service



### MARCH

**12 to 13 March-** World Wide Council was hosted in Ireland and was attended by our DP, Julia Jamieson. This meeting looks at central governance of the Mothers' Union and is currently reviewing the Constitution. Representatives from the worldwide provinces participate and value this opportunity to meet and share experiences of Mothers' Union in their countries and plans for the future.



**On being told the holiday application had been successful one applicant emailed saying:**

*'I cannot thank you enough for offering me and my children this amazing gift. I just can't believe someone has done something so nice for us. The kids are over the moon, and I just can't wait to see them just being kids on holiday, with no worries. It means so much to us, so thank you from the bottom of my heart.'*

*Camber Sands Holiday Park was fantastic! Our caravan was lovely, and the site had so much for the kids to do. They loved it!! It was a fantastic place, and they haven't stopped talking about it.*

*For us, this wasn't just a holiday, it was an escape from everything, and it has shown the children that we can have happy times again, and it has made such a difference to how they are feeling. Thank you so much for everything'.*

*'The children said "This is the best time we have ever had".'*



Worldwide delegates with WW President Lynne Tembey, CEO Bev Jullien and former WW President Lady Christine Eames



WW Quiz The Canterbury S.E. Cluster try and figure it all out!



Bev "We're making progress"



Historic moment. The votes being counted on whether to make changes to our central constitution

**Tonbridge Archdeaconry Service on Lady Day** St Peter & St Paul Teston Archdeacon of Tonbridge Ven Clive Mansell, Fr Nick Williams Rev'd Elaine Chapple (Coxheath) Vice President Tonbridge Lesley Marsh.



**APRIL**

**17th May** - Julia joined in the Celebration lunch at Cuxton & Halling with a presentation to Shirley Crundwell.



**JULY**

**2nd July** - Christchurch next Milton, Gravesend. Julia spoke on Mothers' Union, enrolled new members and welcomed others back to the branch at their Annual Service. 'God's Gang' made a poster which they presented to her during the service.



**6th July** - A Fundraising lunch was held at Larkfield with members from East Malling Teston and Watringbury. A member was enrolled and Julia Jamieson spoke about our commitment to helping those in distress at home and overseas.



**Ride London 30th July** – Gail and Nick Crutchfield both celebrated their 70th Birthdays this year, but decided that it was just a number and so took up the challenge again to do the Ride London 100 miles in support of Mothers' Union. Grateful thanks to them both for this marvellous achievement. They have raised around £1000.



**Visit from members of the Erith Deanery to Canterbury** – Erith Deanery members visited Canterbury at the end of July for their annual outing. They arrived by coach at St Dunstan's Church Hall, and several members of the Canterbury Archdeaconry welcomed them with tea and coffee, together with a wonderful array of cakes and biscuits which were greatly appreciated. They then attended the 12.30 pm Holy Communion service in the Cathedral. The group were welcomed to the service and praise given for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world. The service was well received and the Erith members went on to meet up for lunch, with some going on a river trip and then meeting up again for tea and the journey home, in the late afternoon.

## AUGUST

### 3rd August -Mary Sumner House Open Day

Members visited Mary Sumner House and met with members of the Trustee Board, staff and other members from around the country.



**9th August** - Members attended the annual Prayer Pilgrimage and Evensong service at Rochester Cathedral to celebrate Mary Sumner Day.



### USA Mothers' Union Annual Conference 2017 held in Washington from Friday 11th August to Tuesday 15th August.

Mothers' Union in Winchester last year, Pippa and I were invited by Annie Beckley the USA MU President, to attend the USA Conference in Washington. The USA MU has only been going for 2 years but my word what they have managed to do in that time is astounding!

The itinerary of the Conference was full on. The day started with morning prayers at 7.00 a.m., lunch time prayers at 12.00 noon and ended with evening prayers at 9.00 p.m. We really enjoyed the fellowship of the prayer sessions and they were closely linked to the topics we were discussing.

The opening session was Friday evening when about 80 ladies met together so congenially and it stayed that way for the whole of the conference. We enjoyed meeting our National President, Lynn Tembey in a different part of the world but she was just the same. Everyone adores her wonderfully, homely manner of making everyone at ease.

Different branches, represented at the Conference, had brought displays of their MU work. (One of these was from Tamba in Florida). Valerie West was there with three friends from Trinidad and there were two representatives from Canada. Each gave a talk on their MU work.

The conference was very well organised and the issues were profound and highly topical. On Saturday we listened to the speaker, Dr Kimberly Mehiman-Orozco who talked on "Human Trafficking", was a top lawyer defending girls who had been manipulated through drugs and kidnapping. She explained the difficulties





of trying to prosecute the men and women involved and has written a book, "Hidden, in Plain Sight." After a thought provoking session, we had a fun workshop of packing bras, which we were all asked to bring to create gift packs for the 'Blue Campaign' which reaches out to the needy and vulnerable girls.

On Sunday we enjoyed a lovely service in Washington Cathedral. We then were taken on a sight- seeing trip

of Washington. There were many statues and the same message kept coming over to us "human rights". Whether this is adhered to is another matter! The lady Rector Kim, organised a visit to the Theological College where she trained. We enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea on the patio. (very English) In true Anglican style, glasses of wine were also offered.

We were overawed by the wonderful sculpture of Elizabeth and Mary which stood in the grounds of the Seminary. The next day we had a talk by the artist herself. She was interested in our thoughts as the statues depicted Elizabeth and Mary as black women. Monday's talk was on "race relations". This was very eye opening and we began to understand what it was like to experience racial prejudice. Many ladies present did say that they had not experienced prejudice in England. We made collages depicting aspects of people coming together and seeing the face of God in each other.

The last evening was a Banquet in the Ballroom. Lynn our National President made a lovely speech and led the dancing.

The issues we discussed at the conference were almost similar to those Mary Sumner addressed all those years ago "Sex trafficking" etc. It was like turning the clock back. I am proud to say that the MU has always been a voice to address these important issues.

*Jenny Beaney, Cuxton MU*

## SEPTEMBER

I very much enjoyed attending Welcare's Annual Meeting with their Volunteer and Supporter's Awards, which was held on **29 September** in the Garry Weston Library at Southwark Cathedral. This is an opportunity for Welcare to thank both their supporters, volunteers and colleagues and to talk about their work over the past year and plans for the future. Bishop Karowei, the Bishop of Woolwich, kindly presented the certificates to the award winners. I attended to represent Julia Jamieson and Mothers' Union in Rochester Diocese. For several years we have provided Away-from-it-all (AFIA) holidays for some of their client families. These are very much appreciated by the families who benefit and who are struggling - usually on several fronts.

In 2016 Welcare helped 417 children and 238 families with intensive support. In addition 916 children and families benefitted by attending groups, programmes or activities organised by Welcare. 81% of parents and children reported that Welcare's intervention had made a positive change in their lives. Next year they plan to increase this figure even further.

I was delighted to learn that Gillian Sclaes, Chairman of Bromley Supporters, who is known to many of us, won the "Supporter who made an Outstanding Contribution" award by winning a certificate in British 10K London Run for being the fastest in the aged over 80's category!

I particularly liked their "A Prayer for Welcare" and wanted to share it with you:

Living God, you have made us in your own image and we live and grow best in companionship with others: bless the work of Welcare with parents, carers and children. May Welcare staff, volunteers and supporters continue to provide places and spaces where trust is grown, understanding enabled, relationships developed, new confidence found and potential released. Amen.

**Pam Thomas**

## EDINBURGH GENERAL MEETING

This year's General Meeting was hosted by The Province of Scotland and took place in Edinburgh. Vice Presidents Lesley Marsh, Anne Williams and I with respective husbands, were able to join with around 900 fellow members for our General Meeting in Edinburgh over the weekend of September 29th -30th September. Ahead of the meeting we gathered for Evensong. It was a wonderful occasion of worship with



*Miri Lewis Trinidad&Tobago, Julia Jamieson, Sheran Harper Central Trustee and Anne Williams at Edinburgh*



exquisite accompaniment from the choir. The address was given by Bishop Mark Strange, the youngest Primate to be appointed. His address challenged us to step out of our comfort zone to reach out wider in our communities. The heavens opened as we left the Cathedral but it didn't dampen our spirits.

Some of us went on to the iconic Roxburgh Hotel for an evening of traditional Scottish Fare and a Ceilidh.

We experienced such a lovely welcome from our hosts. The meeting next day was in the superb Edinburgh International Conference Centre. One of the best venues we have had. There was plenty of room to enjoy buying souvenirs, browse the market place which was buzzing with many examples of successful initiatives nationwide and comfortable areas to catch up with friends over refreshments.

Bev, Lynne and Canon Sarah addressed us and bought peace and reconciliation down to the foundations laid in families and communities. Full account is available on the Mothers' Union website. Here are a few extracts.

Canon Sarah Snyder, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor on Reconciliation, called on Mothers' Union members to be Ambassadors of reconciliation.

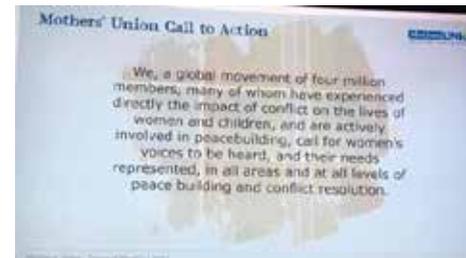
In response, Mothers' Union's CEO Bev Jullien, proposed two pledges to members. Firstly they voted overwhelmingly to support the following call to action.

"We are a global movement of four million members, many of whom have experienced directly the impact of conflict on the lives of women and children, and are actively involved in peacebuilding, call for women's voices to be heard, and their needs represented, in all areas of peacebuilding and conflict resolution. "Secondly members made individual pledges.

"Much of what we do in our communities is the work of reconciliation, but we don't put a name on it," explained Bev Jullien. "We just get on and do it. We are out on the front line". Canon Snyder has encouraged us and inspired us to today to build on what we are doing. **Julia Jamieson** *Diocesan President*



## EDINBURGH - ANNUAL MEETING 2017



**24th September** - Service at St Justus Rochester Rev Helen Burn with Julia Jamieson, Diocesan President of Rochester and Bishop Givan Gaula from Kondoa. The Bishop gave effusive affirmation of the importance of the work of Mothers' Union. He spoke highly of the support given by Mothers' Union to his diocese for the Empowerment of Women programmes. He sends greetings to all members and his wife Lilian is very excited for the opportunity to meet with Julia and other members later in November.



## OCTOBER

Responding to the central appeal from MSH, Margaret Poole and Lesley Marsh VP Tonbridge walked 5km around Coxheath and raised over £250 for the families in need project .



**15th October** - Pembury Mothers' Union parish Eucharist. Julia Jamieson and Lesley Marsh attended a lovely MU focus service at Pembury. This is an annual event which is fully led by members of St Peter's Pembury Mothers' Union. Judy Cuthbert preached at the service, which has been a regular event for the last four years. Previous guest speakers have been Lynne Tembey, WW President, and Julia Jamieson.



*Lesley Marsh, VP Tonbridge, Judy Cuthbert, John Cuthbert (behind banner)  
Tina Walters Branch leader, Julia Jamieson DP Rochester*

## 25TH NOVEMBER TO 10TH DECEMBER - 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE



## How Mothers' Union works to address violence against women and girls

Mothers' Union is dedicated to promoting conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children, supporting those in adversity, and challenging injustice. We work to fulfill our mandate through our 4 million members in 83 countries around the world, by supporting individuals and communities practically, and encouraging and advocating for change at the local, national and international levels.

Mothers' Union is committed to seeing God's love demonstrated around the world through healthy and flourishing relationships. One of the greatest threats to individuals, families and societies around the world, is violence which is carried out against women and girls because of their gender, or which affects women and girls disproportionately. One in three women in the world will be affected by gender-based violence at some point in her lifetime, with severe consequences.

### Practical, emotional and spiritual support

Meeting needs and empowering women: Mothers' Union practically meets the needs of those affected by gender-based violence, in many ways. In the DRC, Mothers' Union members work closely with survivors, in particular those affected by sexual violence as a result of conflict, by providing emotional support, meeting basic needs such as housing, and equipping them with skills to become economically empowered.

In the UK, members work closely with local domestic violence refuges,

providing essentials such as toiletries, food and clothing for women and children who have been forced to flee their home due to violence.

### Literacy and Financial Education Programme:

Mothers' Union's Literacy and Financial Education Programmes around the world seek to educate and empower women in particular. In areas where this programme has been run, women often report a decrease in domestic abuse, and more equal and positive relationships in the home. Men, whose wives have benefited frequently report that as a result of the programme, they now see their partners as equals, and where once they would have been violent towards them, they now treat them with dignity and respect.

### Prayer, emotional and spiritual support:

In the DRC, Mothers' Union runs bible study sessions for women who have experienced sexual violence, looking at what the bible says about the issue, encouraging women to understand that they are made in the image of God; rebuilding self esteem, worth and confidence; and breaking stigma and shame.

**Check out the website for more details of case studies and resources to use during this campaign.**

*Note: The Diocesan Quiet Day will be held at the beginning of this week. Contact Karen Forster-Pearce for details of this event.*

## WAVE OF PRAYER 2018

ROCHESTER ARCHDEACONRY FRIDAY 13TH JULY 2018	
MORNING 9.00 am – 1.00 pm	AFTERNOON 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Christ Church, Milton next Gravesend	St Mary the Virgin, Stone
St Michael & All Angels, Wilmington	St Mary, Horton Kirby
St Francis of Assisi, Strood	Diocesan Members
Cuxton & Halling	MUCH - e-members
	St Margaret, Rainham
	St Matthew, Wigmore
BROMLEY & BEXLEY ARCHDEACONRY SATURDAY 14TH JULY 2018	
MORNING 9.00 am – 1.00 pm	AFTERNOON 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
St Paulinus, Crayford	St Giles & St Nicholas, Farnborough
St Martin, Barnehurst	All Saints, Orpington
St Peters, Bexleyheath	St Mary with St Barnabus, Joydens Wood
St Mary, Hayes	St Mary with St Paulinus, Cray Valley Benefice
St Augustine, Bromley Common	St Nicholas, Chislehurst
St Francis, Petts Wood	Holy Trinity, Lamorbey
St Mary, Plaistow	
TONBRIDGE ARCHDEACONRY SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2018	
MORNING 9.00 am – 1.00 pm	AFTERNOON 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
St Margaret, Barming	St Peter, Pembury
East Malling, Teston & Wateringbury	St Luke, Tunbridge Wells
Coxheath Area Branch	St Mary, Speldhurst
St Peter & St Paul, Yalding	All Saints, Langton Green
IMPC Members	St Mary, Riverhead
West Malling Deanery Branch	St John the Baptist, Sevenoaks
St Mary, Hadlow	

## FORWARD DATES FOR 2017/2018

Please put dates in your diary and pray for all events and Trustee meetings

### 2017

**28th November** - Open House with Rev Lilian Gaula - contact Julia Jamieson

**30th November** - Trustees and DAC's Meeting - Rochester

### 2018

**5th & 6th February World Wide Council at Swanick** - Julia Jamieson attending

**7th to 9th February** - MULOA launch Julia Jamieson +2 representatives from the diocese attending.

**20th March** - Chaplain's conference MSH hosted event.

*Please note that Lady Day will be held on 9th April 2018*

**21st April** - AGM and Spring Members Meeting - Mathematical School Rochester.

**13th to 15th July** - Wave of Prayer.

**24th to 26th July** - Britain & Ireland leadership meeting at Swanick with feedback on MULOA -Julia Jamieson.

**17th Sept** - Mothers' Union Annual Service - Swansea.

**18th Sept** - Mothers' Union General meeting - Swansea.

**29th to 31st October** - Provincial Conference at High Leigh - Julia Jamieson attending

**9th August** - Prayer Pilgrimage and Mary Sumner Day Evensong at Rochester Cathedral.

**18th October** - St Luke' Day - pray for all indoor members and those who are in need of prayer.

Deadline for articles and photos for the next edition is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

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**Tell us about:**

- Special events that you have hosted
- Fundraising activities
- Celebrations of note amongst members
- What is your branch doing in your community

**We want to be inspired by YOU!**



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