

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

Dear friends,

Easter Greetings!

Firstly, I would like to confirm that information about the Annual Gathering which is due to take place at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast from 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 is now available on the central website.

Simply click on this link to purchase tickets and download the event pack:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/events>

Secondly, the spring edition of Connect has arrived and amongst its many interesting articles is Catherine Kyte's reflection on why the Holy Spirit is at the heart of meaningful transformation.

I am also delighted to share with you a letter from our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, as she reflects on the miracle of Easter and the beginning of Hope for all.

News just in:

Bishop Christopher will lead a Call to Prayer for Peace in Ukraine on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at Broadgate, close to Lady Godiva Statue. (Details attached)

There is also the Lord Mayor's Show to raise funds for Ukraine on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the Albany Theatre at 7pm. Tickets now available to buy on-line. (Details attached)

Finally, it has been a wonderful three months and I would like to thank:

- Revd Claire McArthur, Janet Pocklington and branch members of Stoke St Michael's, Coventry for inviting me to attend their branch meeting and to enrol several new members. This was a new and joyful experience for me.
- Revd Gail Phillip and branch members of St Giles, Exhall for an uplifting Lady Day Service. Congratulations also to Sue Foster who was enrolled as Deanery Chair during the service.
- Branch members of St John's, Kenilworth for inviting me to attend an Easter tea.
- Revd Dr Mark Bratton and diocesan members of St John Baptist, Berkswell for inviting me to speak on Mothering Sunday and enrol several new diocesan members.

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- Revd David Benskin of St Andrew's Church, Wilmcote and branch members of Alcester Deanery who have invited me to attend their Mary Summer Day Service in August.
- Revd Alison Evans and branch members of Holy Trinity, Attleborough for offering to host the Advent Service on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of November at 11am.
- Members that contributed to the success of the Mothering Sunday initiative within our Diocese. In particular, diocesan members, Joy Morgan and Jacket Jackson who were instrumental in creating the meaningful 'gifts of love'. Pictures will be displayed via Link Up very soon.

Indeed, I have been humbled by the many acts of kindness and love shown. All of which has encouraged the Trustee Board during these first three months and I am looking forward to visiting more branches soon.

During the season of Passiontide and Holy Week and as I prepare to commemorate the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord, I am particularly aware of God's steadfast love for us.



On behalf of the Trustee Board, I wish you and all those whom you love a Happy Easter!

With every good blessing,

Karen

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