

## Prayers May 2022

***Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'***

John 11:25-26

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of Spring, for flowers beginning to bloom, birds singing and the warmth of the sunshine. May we feel the glow of your love and radiate it to others.

We pray for **Diocesan President Karen and our Board of Trustees** as they meet on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for their commitment to the work of Mothers' Union in Coventry Diocese, and we ask for God's wisdom and discernment as they discuss, make decisions and plan for the future.

From May 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Karen will be joining Provincial President Kathryn, and Diocesan Presidents from all of **Canterbury Province for their conference**. We pray that it will be a time of fellowship and fun, as well as developing ideas and activities to benefit families and communities across the Province.



Families are at the heart of all we do in Mothers' Union and we particularly pray for families around the world on May **15<sup>th</sup>: International Day of Families**. This year, the focus is the role of digital technologies on social development and the well-being of families. Many of us have benefited from technology, by

having easier communication between family members, whether close to home or further afield. Telephone calls, WhatsApp groups and Zoom chats have brought us together, even when we could not meet in person. However, we must also exercise caution when we hear about the mis-use

and abuse of others through technological devices. We pray that digital technology would always be used for good and positive outcomes, amongst adults and children.

Let's pray for our time together at **Members' Evening** at Stoke St Michael's Church on 23<sup>rd</sup>. May it be a time of worshipping God, prayer, fellowship between members and an opportunity to share all the good things that are happening across our diocese.

As MU members receive their copies of **Link Up**, we pray that this publication will be a blessing to all who read it. We thank God for Felicity, for her commitment to producing this communication for our members, and others in the wider community.

***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.*** Acts 1:8-9

On **Ascension Day, 26<sup>th</sup>**, as we remember Jesus lifted up into heaven, we are reminded of the promise of Jesus, that we would receive the power of the Holy Spirit, to witness in all the earth.



We give thanks for the Holy Spirit empowering us as we share the gospel, through our actions of love within our communities and further afield.

**"Thy Kingdom Come"**: a global wave of prayer, calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>) for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus. May we pray and worship together - **Join the online service led by Mothers' Union on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm**