



Email News November 2019

Welcome to the [Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester email news](#).

If you are a branch leader, please forward, or otherwise share the contents with your members.

This is the first email news since holidays forced a break after the July edition!

16 Days in 2019



Awareness & Action

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign which takes place each year from **25th November** (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to **10th December** (International Human Rights Day). The campaign raises awareness and promotes action to combat GBV in all forms in all countries. Information and a prayer for each of the 16 days is available on our website. Mothers' Union works alongside communities to help end GBV and to support those affected by it every day of the year.

Mothers' Union at the General Synod!



For the first time ever a Mothers' Union Worldwide President was invited to attend a meeting of the General Synod, the Church of England's governing body. Sheran

Harper attended the July meeting, held over four days at York University. She gave an opening address and participated in debates, as well as taking a promotional stand and organising a fringe meeting about Mothers' Union work with church and communities in Britain and Ireland. Bishops and clergy and lay representatives from every diocese gave Sheran Harper a standing ovation as she spoke of the work of Mothers' Union throughout the world at the opening of Synod. She told stories of the difference that members were making, often in very simple ways: *"The opportunities to know Christ and make him known are numerous wherever we are placed, and Mothers' Union is like the fertile soil that accepts us just the way we are. It nurtures us and helps us grow and discover the gifts and talents that we never knew existed and, even better, uses them for the furtherance of God's kingdom."*

Modern-day slavery

Margaret Rouse is organising a study day on Friday 22nd November, 10.30am to 3pm at St Denys Church, Evington. This is open to anyone. Tea, coffee, biscuits, and soup at lunchtime, will be provided; please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge for the day but donations will be welcome for refreshments. More details will be available at Diocesan Council.

Prayer Focus for November 2019

- Please pray for Thurnby cum Stoughton Branch and for Glenfield Branch who have both made the difficult decision to close at the end of this year.
- Give thanks for the encouraging report in MUs paper from members at Kibworth who very successfully continue as a group of Diocesan Members.
- Give thanks for all the ways that membership of Mothers' Union has encouraged us in our Christian faith and enabled us to serve our churches and communities.
- Please pray that God will continue to inspire, lead and sustain us to do all that we can to work and witness for him.

With best wishes,

Sue Wilson, Diocesan Trustee