



Email News November 2020

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.

Diocesan Council 17th November

40 people joined the Diocesan Council meeting on Zoom. We would rather have met with you all in person, but it was very encouraging to see each other onscreen!

16 Days 2020

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 and has been sent out by email to leaders and Diocesan Members. Mothers' Union works alongside communities to help end GBV and to support those affected by it every day of the year.

Diaries and Christmas cards

Linda Poole still has diaries and Christmas cards for sale.

Prayer Diary

The 2021 Prayer Diary is being sent direct from Mary Sumner House to every member at the end of November. If you do not receive one, please contact Heather as we have been sent some spare copies.

Midday Prayers

You can join with members from around the world in live online Midday Prayers organised by Mary Sumner House each day. You can watch even if you don't have a Facebook account, and the video remains online so it can be watched later. Access

is from the Facebook button on the central Mothers' Union website or by searching for watch Mothers' Union Midday Prayers live.

Facebook

Linda Poole has set up a Facebook page for MU Leicester. You can access this from our website or by search.

MUspaper

The deadline for the next edition is 3rd February 2021. Please send any items direct to the Editor, Julie Rock.

Projects

Please look out for local needs, particularly during the current national situation, and for ideas for new ways that we can help in the community in future.

Finance

Thank you for all your subscriptions and donations during 2020. I am pleased to say that our diocesan finances are healthy at present, but 2021 could be more challenging.

Finance forms for branches and deaneries are being sent out by email: End of Year Return (November); Annual Report Forms (January); Subscriptions/insurance forms (January). These can be returned by email or post. We are also pleased to receive payments by bank transfer if your account has that facility.

Triennial Elections 2021

2021 will be election year throughout Mothers' Union. We will need to elect a Diocesan President and seven Trustees to take office in 2022. More information will be provided in the spring, but please be thinking about these positions in the meantime.

Prayer focus for November 2020

As we move towards the end of the year and look with hope for a brighter year ahead, let us give thanks that: *The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.* (Psalm 9:9-10)

With best wishes for a peaceful and safe Christmas,

Sue Wilson, Diocesan Trustee