

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Dear friends,

31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2024

First and foremost, may I extend my warmest thanks to you all for the many ways in which you have contributed over the last year, through prayer, financially, and by selflessly giving of your time to furthering the aim and objectives of Mothers' Union, enabling families locally, nationally and globally, to have a better life.

As you know, what makes Mothers' Union so very special and sets us apart from most other organisations is our commitment of service to others. Indeed, the value of membership lies very much in the difference we can make in our communities, especially through nurturing loving, flourishing relationships, and strengthening families, rather than the benefits received.

In order for MU to continue to flourish and to remain financially sound, our subscriptions for 2024, after prayerful discussions amongst the Trustee Board, will increase by £2.

Therefore, subscriptions from January 1<sup>st</sup> are as follows:

Branch Membership:	£34	Joint: £61
Diocesan Membership	£36	Joint: £64
Indoor Membership	£27	

This increase means, we cover the cost of the contribution we send to our central charity at Mary Sumner House (from £21 to £23) to ensure the continuation of the direct delivery of Connected magazine to each member personally twice a year; as well as the Annual Prayer Diary and access to the wide range of resources available through the central website. These include Facebook, midday prayers, and a wide range of faith, membership, and group resources.

From a Diocesan perspective, we will continue to support our missionary work, re-imagine our administrative processes and look for ways to reduce our running costs to ensure the faithful and committed work of the membership through the branches, Deaneries and across the Diocese continues.

I am also aware that financial pressures may mean tough choices ahead and I prayerfully hope, by not increasing the Coventry Diocesan portion of the subscription, it is still affordable and those that can give a little more will continue to do so via our various Diocesan projects.

I know our central charity has tried very hard to keep their increase to a minimum with the leanest central staff team and resources in recent history and Mothers' Union continues to offer one of the lowest subscription rates in the wider charity and membership sector.

Therefore, please be assured we will continue to operate with the lowest of costs to ensure Mothers' Union continues to thrive in the most cost effective way possible.

Our next event is our Celebratory Lunch at St James Church, Styvechale on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> of October where Alison Fernades, Mothers' Union Regional Development Manager will be joining us.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Trustee Board to thank you once again for your on-going commitment and devotion to Mothers' Union and more.

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen', is enclosed in a light green rectangular box.

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