

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Dear friends,

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS 2026**

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 we look towards Mothers' Union 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year, we can all do our bit to share our good news stories by telling our friends and family about Mothers' Union campaigns and the transformational projects and initiatives that continue to reach out in love to those that need it most. Indeed, everything we do is built on a foundation of prayer and your support is invaluable if we are to protect Mary Sumner's legacy and grow our membership.

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 2026, after prayerful reflection and discussion amongst the Trustee Board, will increase by £1 per member.

This means subscription rates from January 1st will be:

Branch Membership £38 Joint Membership £66

Diocesan Membership £40 Joint Membership £69

Indoor Membership £31

If you already pay by direct debit, you need to do nothing, and your subscription will be collected at the end of January. Should you wish to set up a direct debit, please contact Patricia Rich, Mothers' Union Finance Administrator at the Mothers' Union Office, 7 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX or via <a href="mailto:Patricia.rich@coventry.anglican.org">Patricia.rich@coventry.anglican.org</a> or telephone 024 7652 1350. Should you prefer to pay by cheque or bank transfer, we will write to you early in the New Year with details of options.

This increase means, we cover the cost of the contribution we send to our central charity at Mary Sumner House (from £24.50 to £25) and will 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 which are available through the website. These include 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 to be transformative.

I am also aware that financial pressures can mean tough choices ahead and I prayerfully hope this small increase in the subscription means that it is still affordable.

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.

We have a series of events to look forward to next year to celebrate this momentous 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and I do prayerfully hope you might be able to join us for one or two. Please look out for dates in Link Up or via the Mothers' Union Coventry website (covmu.org). Family and friends are also welcome.

In the meantime, we look forward to the Mothers' Union Quiet Day on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Trinity Church, Attleborough, 10am for a 10.30am start, with Revd. Denise Burgess leading and then gathering at St Giles Church, Exhall on Monday 1st December at 11am, for our Advent Service, where Revd. Gail Phillip, will be preaching.

May I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your on-going commitment and devotion as a member of Mothers' Union.

With love,

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