

Mothers' UNION

Diocese of Coventry

Mothers' Union Coventry News Bulletin

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JOIN US, JOIN IN!

Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' – Lighting the Way for Generations to Come

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Dear friends,

September is here and what a joyful summer of Mothers' Union 150th celebrations it has been but fear not – it's not over with yet – we also have the Mothers' Union Worldwide Gathering in Durban to look forward to and more. God is great!

We now turn our attention to more good news as God continues to bless the Mothers' Union movement abundantly as members continue to demonstrate God's love through practical action.

Mothers' Union new Chief Executive

Alison Marshall, currently CEO of Age International, has been appointed as Mothers' Union new Chief Executive. Alison brings more than 30 years of experience in international development, advocacy, campaigning and charity leadership. Alison will commence her role in December.

Bishop of Warwick

The Revd Canon Dr Tim Lomax, currently Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of St Albans, has been appointed as the next Bishop of Warwick. Having served in St Albans since 2016, Revd. Canon Tim leaves a strong legacy of equipping local churches, leaders, and vocations across the Diocese. He will be consecrated at Southwark Cathedral on Friday 6 November.

Please pray for Alison and Tim and their families during this period of transition whilst also bidding a fond farewell to their many friends and colleagues.

150 Years of Faith: online prayer Gathering: Wednesday, 16th September 8am or 7pm

Members are invited to join an online prayer gathering in honour of Mothers' Union and our work in supporting justice, peace, women and families across the Anglican Communion.

The gathering will include scripture, readings, music, hymns and prayers, with a keynote talk from our Worldwide President Kathleen Snow alongside contributions focusing on families, peace and justice.

Others speakers include:

- Families: Revd Christine Mbona, International Anglican Family Network (Middle East)
- Peace: Sue Claydon, Chair of the Anglican Pacifist Network and Secretary of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network (England)
- Justice: Prof Hanna Kim, International Anglican Women's Network (Korea)

Please note you must register first and to do this, please visit the event section of the Anglican Communion website:

<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/events/>

OR the following links for the relevant meeting time:

Sep 16, 2026 08:00 AM London:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/NEi8iKD4SICGLM4TL3f3aw>

Sep 16, 2026 7:00 PM London (Spanish interpretation offered at this meeting)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/LnqrYWYhSVqY5-XVigqzOw>

Once done you should receive an email with joining instructions.

MU Fosse Deanery 150th Service

Join Us, Join In! for the Fosse Deanery 150th Service on Monday, 21st September, St Andrews Church, Shottery at 2:00 PM. All welcome.

CCN Sunday

Mothers' Union is proud to be part of the Community of the Cross of Nails and on Sunday 27th September (CCN Sunday) communities around the world will come together to celebrate the work of reconciliation and the connections that bring us together.

Coventry Cathedral has a dedicated day of celebrating, starting with their 10.30am morning service. The day also provides an opportunity to reflect on why the CCN matters, why Coventry still inspires, and where our own stories connect.

For more information about the Cross of Nails and/or CCN Sunday please search this link:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/reconciliation/community-of-the-cross-of-nails>

MU Communion Service and 150th Anniversary Celebration Lunch: Saturday 10th Oct at 11.15am

Join Us, Join In! for the MU Communion Service and 150th Anniversary Celebration. Please note the deadline date of 5th October to confirm your place along with any dietary requirements. Photos and memorabilia are most welcome. Family and friends most welcome!

MU Virtual Business Meeting Change of Date

The date of the MU virtual Business Meeting has been rescheduled to take place on Monday 12th October at 6.30pm. This is due to members attending the MU 150th Worldwide Gathering in Durban. Apologies for any inconvenience caused and with grateful thanks for your patience and understanding in this regard.

MU Quiet Day

The MU Quiet Day is due to take place on Friday, 13th November at St Peter's Church, Mancetter, 10am to 2pm where there will be a focus on hymns. Please save the date.

Closing Prayer

As we move closer to International Day of Peace, it seems apt to close with Sue King's meaningful prayers taken from this month's Prayer Diary:

Almighty God,

We thank you for the Community of the Cross of Nails, begun in Coventry to work for peace and reconciliation. We pray that you may continue to bless this work and make it fruitful. 'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.' Litany of Reconciliation.

We also pray for all those who work for peace in the troubled areas of the world. Give them strength to continue when there are setbacks, and persistence in seeking to maintain good relationships even when there are differing opinions. Amen

With love and abundant blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Karen Morris', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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