

MSH Update – April 2024 edition

Dear Members,

Welcome to your April edition of Mary Sumner's House Members' update.

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Connecting the Global Mothers' Union Family in Faith and Fellowship

Our beloved Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, will be visiting Mary Sumner House in London in the week starting April 29th.

This is a truly special occasion for our global community, as we will have the opportunity to join her in this sacred time of collective worship and reflection as she delivers Midday Prayers from our chapel. This is a moment not to be missed. Your engagement will be a testament to the strength and resilience of our global community.

As the Worldwide President takes her place at the altar, she will be surrounded by the staff at the central office who work for you to support our mission of strengthening families and communities worldwide. This will serve as a powerful reminder of the unity and purpose that binds us together, wherever we may be.

Watch Sheran delivering Midday Prayers on 2nd May at 12pm on our Facebook page. And then, keep coming back every day to share in prayers and reflections with our members!

Former Mothers' Union Leaders Reunite for a Special Visit



L to R: Rosemary Kempshall, Lynne Tembey, Sheran Harper, Pat Harris, Trish Heywood-Brown, and Lady Christine Eames

Mary Sumner House will play host to a distinguished group of visitors as five of our past Worldwide Presidents visit the historic office. This special reunion holds deep significance for the charity, fostering connections across generations of leadership. Their visit will not just be social, they will actively participate in the movement's life by leading Midday Prayers from the MSH chapel. This act underscored the enduring significance of faith and prayer in our mission but also highlights the enduring unity and continuity within the movement and will serve as a source of inspiration for current staff and members.

This reunion celebrates the legacy of these past presidents and highlights the enduring unity and continuity within Mothers' Union. As the movement moves forward, it carries the spirit and dedication of its remarkable leaders.

Paula's Marathon Milestone: A Triumph for Mothers' Union and Families Worldwide



Congratulations to Paula who took on the arduous task of running the London Marathon to support Mothers' Union (MU) and uplift families around the globe. Fuelled by her dedication to family and a belief in the power of collective effort, she took on the challenge. Her journey began not at the starting line but in her heart, where the desire to make a difference sparked her determination. Paula's commitment to her family served as the driving force behind her decision to lace up her running shoes and take on the 26.2 miles challenge.

A week to the race, Paula wrote on her Just Giving page "With just a week to go I am feeling incredibly nervous." Despite the nerves, she took on the challenge and finished the race.

In celebration of Paula's remarkable achievement, let us stand together and continue to support the invaluable work of Mothers' Union. Together, we can make a difference that resonates far beyond the streets of London and our communities, touching the lives of families in every corner of the world.

If you would like to give towards Paula's race, you can still do so by visiting her Just Giving page using this link.

JUST GIVING PAGE: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/paula-waters-1707572702323>

Electing the Next Generation of Worldwide Advocates for Families



This is an exciting month in the calendar for the global Mothers' Union community as we embark on the process of electing a new leadership team to guide our worldwide movement for the 2025-2027 triennium.

The new leadership will continue the legacy of upholding our core values, driving our mission forward, shape the organisation's future, its direction and impact, ensuring that Mothers' Union continues to be a powerful source of hope and empowerment in the lives of families everywhere.

As the current Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, prepares to pass the baton/torch, we reflect on her tireless efforts to strengthen our global community and amplify the Mothers' Union's impact. Under her leadership, we have seen the organisation expand its reach, launch innovative programs, and deepen our commitment to supporting families in times of joy and sorrow. With faith, unity, and a steadfast commitment to our mission, we look forward to the bright future that awaits our global family.

Thy Kingdom Come



Thy Kingdom Come, **9 -19 May**, is our annual invitation and encouragement to Christians and churches to seek the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that we might live out and share the Kingdom of God.

At the heart of Thy Kingdom Come is our **focus to 'Pray for Five.'** It is an invitation to bring five people before God – family, friends, neighbours, or colleagues who are not yet following the Jesus.

Mothers' Union are asking members to 'Pray for Five, Invite One.' So, as well as an encouragement to pray, we are using this as an opportunity to invite one individual each to a Mothers' Union event.

For more information: <https://www.mothersunion.org/ThyKingdomCome>

Best wishes,

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