

MSH Member Update – November 2024 Edition

Dear Members,

Welcome to your November edition of your monthly MSH Member Update.

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The Christmas Appeal launch is coming soon; Save the Date – 3rd December!

We are beyond excited to be able to take part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge this year and the launch date is fast approaching!

We love this appeal as it's your chance to double the value of every pound you and your loved ones give...Bringing in lots of extra income for Mothers' Union!

We have set ourselves a challenging target this year and the match funders have stepped up and increased the amount we can unlock, but we really need your support to do so. This will be our biggest target yet, so please do spread the word and get everyone involved!

Save the Dates: 3rd – 10th December

Please set a reminder in your calendar. Your gift during this week will be DOUBLED, ensuring that your kindness goes twice as far. Together, we can transform lives, just like Francine's, and create lasting change in Burundi.

Spread the Word!

Share this message with your friends and family so they too can take part in this incredible opportunity to make a difference.

Please visit: www.mothersunion.org/christmas24 for more information

Pamela's Inspiring Journey: From High Leigh to Sheffield



Ahead of the MU Board of Trustees meeting, Pamela Abana, Zone C Trustee, engaged with members in Canterbury at their provincial conference at High Leigh. Pamela then travelled to Sheffield where she spoke with members at a Branch meeting at Wath Deanery where the theme was 'Dementia Friends' and attended a Trustees' Meeting at Sheffield Cathedral, sharing experiences. The Solomon Islands where Pamela is from has links with the Diocese of Sheffield and this was a wonderful opportunity to come together.

Celebrating Epiphany: 6th January 2025

Epiphany, which is celebrated on 6th January, is a special and significant day for Christians as it marks the day when the star guided the Magi (Three Kings or Wise Men) to visit the baby Jesus after he was born. The term *Epiphany* which comes from a Greek word meaning 'to appear' or 'to reveal' refers to when the baby Jesus was revealed to the world.

As we commemorate this significant event, we invite all members to join us on our Facebook page for midday prayers. Let us come together in unity and celebration to honour this sacred occasion.

May this Epiphany bring you joy and inspiration as we reflect on the profound meaning of this day.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

From the 18th to the 25th of January 2025, Christians around the world will gather in a spirit of unity and reflection for the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. This year's observance holds special significance as we celebrate 1,700 years since the historic Council of Nicaea, a pivotal moment in the history of the Christian faith.

The worship resources for this year's Week of Prayer have been thoughtfully prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy. These resources will be available on the Mothers' Union Faith Resource page, offering guidance and inspiration for congregations and individuals alike.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus, as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each of us is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: **"Do you believe this?"**

MU LIVE - Reminder to Complete it & Share Your Success Stories.

This is a friendly reminder to complete your MU Live submissions! Your contributions play a vital role in showcasing the incredible work we do to support families and communities around the world.

Why is this important?

- **Share Your Impact:** Highlight the unique activities and initiatives your branch has undertaken.
- **Inspire Others:** Your stories can motivate and encourage other branches to enhance their efforts.
- **Strengthen Our Community:** By participating, you help foster a sense of unity and collaboration among all Mothers' Union members.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Jeanette Lawrence at jeanette.lawrence@mothersunion.org.

Celebrate the Success of the RISE UP! Campaign

We are really excited to see how the Rise Up campaign is gaining momentum. As we approach the end of the year, we just want to give a shout-out and celebrate our collective achievements! We have reached 168 registrations and counting! This remarkable achievement showcases the incredible commitment of our members to drive positive change and stand against domestic violence to support those affected by it.

Celebrating Our Achievements

Bronze Award: An impressive 136 branches have successfully achieved the Bronze award, demonstrating their dedication and hard work in laying a strong foundation in their efforts to combat domestic violence.

Silver Award: 8 branches have reached the Silver award, reflecting their outstanding efforts and extraordinary dedication and impactful actions.

Gold Award: A special shout-out to the 4 branches that have attained the prestigious Gold award!

Thanks to everyone who has participated in this campaign. Your hard work and dedication are making a real impact, and we can't wait to see what we accomplish next! Let's keep this momentum going and continue to rise up for our communities!

Make Your Holiday Extra Magical with MU's Christmas Shop!



Make this festive season extra sweet, savoury, and special with the MU Christmas Shop! Our delightful collection of Christmas food is perfect for adding a dash of festive flavour to holiday stockings and gift hampers.

What's in Store?

- **Delicious Shortbread:** Indulge in buttery, melt-in-your-mouth shortbread that embodies the essence of Christmas.
- **Cosy Hot Chocolate Tins:** Warm up with rich, creamy hot chocolate, perfect for chilly winter evenings.

These little delights are ideal for bringing joy to every foodie on your list. Tuck them into stockings or add them as the finishing touch to your gifts. Each treat is crafted to add warmth, wonder, and a taste of Christmas magic to the holiday season!

Why Shop with Us?

- **Unique Gifts:** Stand out with thoughtful and delicious gifts that show you care.
- **Support a Good Cause:** Your purchases help support the vital work of the Mothers' Union.

Don't miss out on making your Christmas celebrations even more memorable. Visit the MU Christmas Shop today and discover all the festive treats you need! We are waiting for you.