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# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

June e-Newsletter 2020



*A lighthearted message of thanks from all of the team at Mary Sumner House to the wider Mothers' Union movement for the astounding response to our [Urgent Appeal](#).*

Dear Friend,

With so much pain and suffering going on across the world, filling our television channels and news feeds, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and fearful. It is also easy at times like these to believe that the world is a dark and tragic place, and to forget the goodness in our fellow human beings.

This year in particular calls for deep faith – faith in God, and in ourselves. It is a powerful thought that a relationship with God can bring any person around, no matter how irredeemable they or their situation may appear. As detailed below, members are stepping up their response throughout Britain and Ireland and overseas, instilling faith and combating fears.

Just as we lit candles to signify the light of Christ during our Thy Kingdom Come service last month, we must be the light in the lives of others. That is what Mothers' Union members do best, staying connected and staying supportive. Each member is woven into the life of their communities just as the Holy Spirit is woven into our hearts.

If you are reading this newsletter and don't feel like the light in the lives of others, that's OK too. We have resources to help build you back up and all manner of ways of staying connected to the wider movement.

With love and prayers,

The Fundraising and Communications Team



## Mothers' Union's Response continues

The national situation changes week by week and day by day. Within Britain and Ireland, members are not only producing much needed equipment for front line workers and carers, they are crafting soothing items for those who cannot be with their loved ones.

You can read about our membership in action [across all of the island of Ireland here](#).

Meanwhile, the fight against the disease is taking on different dimensions across the world. The challenges facing members in international contexts are as diverse as they are difficult.

You can read about how Mother's Union in Tanzania (pictured) are [facing unique challenges here](#).



## COVID-19 Resources

We continue to produce resources to support people for as long as we find ourselves in this difficult period. New resource additions include indoor member reflections and a resource for looking after your mental health during COVID-19 written by mental health counsellor Raymond Farrell.

It is our aim to combat feelings of loneliness that may arise and help everyone stay upbeat during these challenging times. Feel free to download and use our wealth of resources at the below link:

[The Resources Page](#)



## Daily Hope and Prayer Line

We are thrilled that our UK members who don't have access to the internet at home will still be able to hear our Midday prayers thanks to the Church of England's Daily Hope line. Just call 0800 804 8044 from a UK mobile or landline and press option 4, then option 8.

We are still running midday prayers Monday - Saturday on our public [Facebook page](#). Thousands of you have viewed these already, but for those interested and not aware, feel free to watch and comment.

Please remember to share the following sign up link with anyone you think may be interested in receiving this newsletter:

[bit.ly/mothersunionemails](http://bit.ly/mothersunionemails)

You can subscribe to our YouTube channel to receive our updates and video content:

[bit.ly/mothersunionyoutube](http://bit.ly/mothersunionyoutube)



## Thy Kingdom Come service Online

Our Thy Kingdom Come service was held online in May and was a huge success with around 500 people watching live and over 6,300 people viewing the service later across our online platforms.

If you were unable to watch the service live, you can view it on YouTube [here](#).

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## Other 2020 Event Updates

As mentioned in previous issues, the Growing in Hope & Confidence Together conference is having to be rescheduled as it was due to take place in June. The Conference Planning group will be letting everyone know about the future plans as soon as possible and also about other ways in which we can share and learn from each other in the meantime.

Mothers' Union Annual Gathering (formally the General Meeting) 2020 will no longer be taking place on 26th September. We can confirm that it has been rescheduled for the same venue, the ICC in Belfast, on 25th September 2021. There will be a thanksgiving service taking place in the Cathedral on Friday 24th September 2021.

An updated information pack will be available towards the end of this year.



## Royal Parks Half Marathon

Do you live in the UK and enjoy running? Have you been quarantined? We are looking for somebody to fill our final place in the Royal Parks Half Marathon.

The race starts at 9am on the 11th of October. You'll be starting and finishing in Hyde Park; racing past landmarks like Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square to name a few.

Since its inception the event has raised over £43 million for more than 1000 UK charities. To support Mothers' Union, the minimum fundraising goal is £500 which would cover the cost of your place as well as raise crucial funds for MU.

To register your interest email [membership@mothersunion.org](mailto:membership@mothersunion.org) and our team will get back to you.

For more information on the race click [here](#).

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