

September Newsletter



Mums In May – '21 in 21' Walks

June Butler will complete her third 7km walk in our diocese on **Tuesday 26th October**. The venue is still to be confirmed and full details will be posted in next month's newsletter. It would be great to have members come out and support June on this final leg in CFO and to join her for all or part of her walk.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MumsinMay21



Mary Sumner Day Virtual Around the World Prayer Walk



Mary Sumner Day

It was great to be joined by members from both our own diocese and several others throughout the country on the morning of August 9th, for our Mary Sumner Day 'Virtual Around the World Prayer Walk'.

Many thanks to the Trustees who took part, praying for and telling us about MU projects and programmes around the world. The service is available to view on the Mothers' Union YouTube channel.

Annabella Hayes

On Saturday August 14th members from around the country came together via Zoom for a coffee morning and to hear all about the life and times of our founder Annabella Hayes. We were also joined by a Heritage Representative from Fingal Council.

The following week (21st) two services were held to remember Annabella:

- The first was in St. Fintan's Cemetery in Sutton where a rededication of Annabella's grave took place following extensive restoration, which was funded by the National Heritage Council.
- The second was a commemoration service held in All Saint's Church, Raheny, where Annabella worshiped for many years.

Both of these services were attended by The Most Revd. Dr. Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough, and the Deputy Major of Fingal, Daniel Whooley.

They can be viewed on the MU YouTube channel.



Mums' Marvellous Meals



The new MU cookbook '**Mums' Marvellous Meals'** has arrived over the summer and is full of recipes provided by MU members throughout Ireland. It sells for just **€5**, with all monies raised from the sale going to the 'Mums in May' fund.

It is hoped that all members will purchase a copy (and sell a few within their community too) so as your branches begin to re-open please let me know how many you will need.

The Annual Gathering 2021

The Mothers' Union Annual Gathering will be a virtual event again this year, on **Saturday 25th September**, streaming on YouTube Premiere. It will be a comprehensive review of all things going on in our organisation, with a variety of speakers, worship and updates, from across the movement. For more information please see the events page on the MSH website – www.mothersunion.org.

The event will take place in two sessions:

- The morning session is premiering from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm.
- The afternoon session is premiering from 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm.



Drawing on our 2021 theme of **'Rebuilding Hope and Confidence'**, this event will be a celebration of what we have achieved over the past year, and an opportunity to look forward to the future and the new triennium. The programme will include an address from our Worldwide President Sheran Harper and our CEO Bev Jullien, as well as a financial update, and a range of inspiring and informative contributions from members across Britain & Ireland and beyond.



16 Days of Activism



This year we are asked to mark the **Global Day**, to be held on **Saturday 27th November**, by wearing a purple scarf. We are also being encouraged to gather, where possible, for a three-minute silence at **1.03pm** (linking to the 1 in 3 theme). Mothers' Union would like to make this as big as they can, combining the voices of our four million members around the world – calling for action on an international scale, and in the countries where we live.

As many restrictions still remain regarding gatherings, further details of any planned events in the diocese will be given on next month's newsletter.

Connected Magazine

The Autumn edition of Connected magazine will be sent directly to anyone on the database list. If you know of any member whose name has not been added please let me know as soon as possible.

Although some extra copies will be sent to me for distribution it is important to have as many names as we can on the database.



It is important that any and all paid up members are included on the database, as the cost of Connected, the annual Prayer Diary and other mailings are included in the subscription cost.

Zoom Morning Coffee

Next January I will be attending a 3-day residential conference, called Re-Imagining Mothers' Union, which will be held in Derbyshire. There is a bit of homework to be done by the diocese beforehand, which must be submitted to MSH in the coming weeks.

I need about **20 members** to join me for a **zoom coffee morning**, on **Monday 13th of September** at **11am**, to discuss the pre-set questions on how we might re-imagine Mothers' Union in future years.

If you would like to attend, please email cfodpmothersunion@yahoo.com asap, so that I can send you the invitation link details.



Elections

Nomination papers will be issued within the coming weeks to all those entitled to vote in diocesan elections.

The vacant positions on the Trustees Board are:

- Unit Co-ordinator for Action and Outreach
- Worldwide Representative
- Honorary Treasurer