

MSH Member Update – March 2025 Edition

Dear Members,

Welcome to your March edition of your monthly MSH Update.

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1. The Commissioning Of Our New Leadership.

We are delighted to invite you to a truly special occasion – the Commissioning of Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow, and her Board of Trustees. This momentous event will take place on Monday, 24th March, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

This is a wonderful opportunity to witness the commissioning of our new leadership, gather in fellowship, and pray for the journey ahead.

Secure Your Place!

300 general spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

200 VIP spaces are reserved but may be released to the general pool if not taken up.

Don't miss out. Register now to be part of this special ceremony!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/commissioning-service-mothers-union-worldwide-board-general-admission-tickets-1245159107409?aff=oddtcreator>”

Let's come together in faith and celebration as we mark this new chapter for Mothers' Union. We look forward to seeing you there!

2. Give the Gift of Peace this Mothering Sunday!

Mothering Sunday (30th March 2025) is a time to honour and celebrate the mothers and caregivers who nurture, love, and guide us through life. This year, Mothers' Union invites you to make a lasting impact by giving a Gift of Peace - a gift that transforms lives.

In the **Solomon Islands**, where over **85% of children experience violent discipline**, parents are desperate for change. Our **Worldwide Parenting Programme** is helping families break the cycle of violence, build strong relationships, and create **homes filled with love and understanding**.

For parents like Sidonia, this programme has been life-changing:

"Before, our home was filled with conflict. But through the parenting programme, I learned to guide my children with kindness instead of punishment. Now, our family is at peace."

By purchasing an ethical Gift of Peace, you can help more parents like Sidonia raise their children in safe, loving homes. Each gift includes an **exclusive Mothering Sunday greetings card and a gift card** explaining the impact of your donation – making it a **meaningful way to honour a loved one**.

How You Can Help:

✓ **Purchase a Gift of Peace** – Choose from an Intensive Positive Parenting Course, a Stationery Bundle, or Training the Trainers, among others, at www.makeamothersday.org

✓ **Host a Fundraising Event** – Organise a **coffee morning or church collection** to support the appeal.

✓ **Spread the Word** – Share the appeal with **friends, family, and your community**. Tag us using **#MAMD25** or **#MothersUnion**.

Order by 21st March 2025 to guarantee delivery before Mothering Sunday!

This year, when returned with order forms, **dedication cards will be displayed in the chapel at Mary Sumner House** — a beautiful way to honour your loved ones.

Together, we can bring peace and hope to families worldwide.

[Give a Gift of Peace Today](#)

3. March: A Month of Reflection, Prayer, and Action with MU

March is one of those really full months in the life of MU to support you in making the most of this month the faith desk has produced a number of resources to help you:

Lent begins this month, a time of preparation for the events of Holy Week and Easter. Our MU Lent theme this year is Living Hope. To learn more do have a look at our website <https://www.mothersunion.org/news/welcome-lent>

5th March Ash Wednesday, our WWP will be leading us in Midday Prayers. If you have online access, please do join us at noon on our [Facebook page](#) for our Midday Prayers.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the 7th of March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly Common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. The theme for 2025 is: 'I made you wonderful' based on Psalm 139:14, and the focus country is the Cook Islands.

International Women's Day is happening on the 8th of March with the theme of Accelerate Action. Prayers and resources for the World Day of Prayer and International Women's day can be found here:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/resources/general-faith-resources>

Lady Day is celebrated in many and varied ways. Thanksgiving Services are widely held, which often include the enrolment of new members on March 25th, resources can be found here <https://www.mothersunion.org/news/why-lady-day-important-mothers-union>

Our Mothering Sunday resources are available via this link:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/mothering-sunday-resources>

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4. Strengthening MU Leadership & Governance

We are thrilled to announce that the new **Charity Governance and Trusteeship** training is now available on the resources hub to **equip and empower** members in their leadership roles. It is an **introductory session** in an MU context. This engaging course is packed with **valuable insights and supporting materials** to help you navigate governance responsibilities.

You can access this resource using this link: [Mothers' Union Resource Hub](#)

5. MU Live Submissions

A huge thank you to those responsible for completing MU Live on behalf of your dioceses and provinces! Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and the information you provide through this system helps us share the incredible work and message of the Mothers' Union far and wide.

We encourage you to continue submitting updates through MU Live. If you have any questions or need assistance with the system, please reach out to Jeanette in the Global Programmes team at: Development@mothersunion.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Key Dates For Your Diary

As we prepare to celebrate 150 years of operation, here are some key dates to mark in your diary.

The programme will focus on two main themes:

- **150th Anniversary Preparations and Activities** – both nationally and locally
- **Membership** – retention and growth

Additionally, there will be **worship sessions, leadership workshops, and training on effective communication**, along with an opportunity to share your success stories!

Please respond by 27th March.

1. 150th celebrations!

- 10th June 2026, Evensong at St Paul's is the official 150th celebratory service for Mothers' Union
- 11th June 2026, 150th year Annual Gathering at the Emmanuel Centre, next to Mary Sumner House!

2. First DP Update meeting of 2025 – 8th April, 10.30-12 noon.

Agenda and Zoom link to follow.

We will share more details of the programme as it takes shape.

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