

15.5.2026
Hello Everyone

Yesterday was our May Branch Meeting, when Jo-Anne Van-Leversley came to talk to us. She did not disappointwe heard all about the latest Mothers' Union Plans and all that she does. Everyone agreed that it was most inspirational! We then went to the back of church for a cup of tea and it was then that members took over, filling 250 little bags with a prayer and a tea light. Once we had a system established we did the job much more quickly than first thought. These will go to Sheffield



Cathedral for Mary Sumner Day, where they will be distributed. 500 had already been assembled before yesterday! It was lovely that so many of you were able to be there.



As part of the 150th Anniversary go MU celebrations, we are having an exhibition in church all about Mary Sumner, the history of Mothers' Union and the work we do now. Elaine has some wonderful ideas about all of this including having a tailors dummy dressed as Mary! We need to dress her and have already had the offer of a ruffle necked blouse but need a skirt. This needs to be black and full and I am quite happy to make one but need fabric for this. So this is where I am hoping some of you will be able to help. **If you have any black fabric or an old garment made from fabric which would drape, I can use this to make a suitable outfit.** Different fabrics can be combined in tiers to make the fullness. This is rather like making a theatrical outfit...as opposed to one which actually need to be durable!

This week a "Working Party" met to begin to organise the Church "Take over Day", on July 12th. There were lots of ideas, especially from Elaine...thank you Elaine for your amazing input!! When we have some definite plans I will let everyone know.

Donations for the Women's Refuge continue to arrive. Thank you so much to everyone who has sent things. There will be a huge load ready to be either delivered or collected next week. I will keep 1 fresh Start basket to go on show as part the 150th anniversary exhibition.

I am writing this it on Ascension Day and the prayer is especially for this day. Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with power to live boldly, love deeply and serve faithfully. As we remember Christ's Ascension, keep us in Your mission until He returns in glory. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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