

Dear Fellow Members

Covid-19 update

I trust this message finds you well.

The main thing we can do at this time is pray.

Philippians 4:6-7 – 'Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the Peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

Pray for the doctors and nurses...

Pray for those isolated...

Pray for those who don't understand the severity of the situation...

Pray for those families finding it difficult to live in close proximity...

Pray for the homeless...

Pray for your family and friends...

Pray for yourself...

And don't forget to Thank God for all His goodness. For sunshine and the spring. For each new day...

And now to some details regarding our Gloucester Diocese Mothers' Union.

Like everything else most things are 'on hold'.

The office is not open but emails can be accessed remotely.

Doreen is happy to post any orders that you may have for cards that she has in stock. Just send an email either to her or to the office. If you make an order with Mary Sumner House don't forget to put 'Gloucester Diocese' in the box.

Midday Prayers at the Cathedral are cancelled until further notice.

Roundabout will not be issued – hopefully a bumper double edition for the September issue so do continue to send in any interesting news you have – including photo's.

Harn Hill Quiet Day is cancelled

Council and AGM are cancelled

Our Big Day for AFIA is cancelled.

BUT we have booked 17th July 2021 for this so do put it in your diary!

HOWEVER – we do want you to sell raffle tickets (there's lots more in the office). We have paid for them, and for the licence, so we need initially to recoup that and make enough to fund the prizes.

Hopefully we will still make a profit to go to the AFIA fund. The draw will take place on the day stated on the ticket so there is still plenty of time to sell them. I know that a lot of branches have already sold theirs. Please send your stubs and money into the office as soon as you are able.

MARY SUMNER DAY – 9th August – 2.30-4.00pm at Hucclecote. We pray that this may be our first opportunity to get together. Bring a picnic, your friends and family and relax and enjoy time together.

The AGM will now take place with the October Council.

For those who are hoping to go to Belfast – you will be informed about this as soon as we know anything. No message as yet.

Families Worldwide – again waiting on information about this.

Retreat at Crophorne is still booked at the moment.

Finally, may I suggest that you try to telephone one of your branch members each day. Texts and emails are all very well but it can be really uplifting to hear a voice and have a little chat. And please send this message to ALL your members. It is essential that ALL are informed and included.

With love and prayers from the Trustees and we look forward to meeting together again.

Kay Hensley - President