

Dear Fellow Members

Covid-19 update - JUNE 2020

I trust this, my fourth, letter continues to find you well and coping in a difficult time.

It's a relief to have gradual releasing of restrictions but also worrying to be sure we are still being careful.

You may have heard by now that the Mary Sumner Day Picnic at Hucclecote will not be happening. I do hope that you will observe the day in some way. Maybe you could meet somewhere with some branch members. Cirencester MU will be streaming a service at 10am on 9th August to which you are all invited. Rev. Rosemary Franklin will preside and Pat Harris will be giving an address. You can reach it through www.cirenparish.co.uk. Shurdington will be meeting with branch members locally outside their church bringing their own picnic and sitting distanced.

Roundabout – Ruth would love to hear how you have been keeping in touch and what you have been doing during this lockdown. Do send her a few sentences and a photo if possible. She can then do a little spread in the next issue. Closing date for the next magazine is 31st July but you could mention what you will be doing on 9th August couldn't you!

AFIA – we are starting to look into holidays again for people in need as the holiday site we use is now open again. The Raffle will be drawn in the office on Saturday 18th July by the Trustees. Thank you again all who so generously bought tickets

Knitting – don't forget we are still taking in the knitting – Office open on Tuesdays 10-3 until the end of July. Although next Tuesday (14th) I shall have to leave at 2 as I have an appointment (getting my hair cut!!!)

Ordering – don't forget to be in touch with Doreen to order any cards etc. you would like. Diary and Calendar orders need to be sent in as soon as possible. Email Doreen.mclellan@yahoo.co.uk Or you can order on line – see my previous letter.

BIG AFIA DAY – this has been postponed to 2021 and will take place in Hucclecote on July 10th 2021

Members Day September 14th 2020 - It looks most unlikely that this will take place. However we will let you know if it does. If not Roundabouts will be given to Deanery Leaders to distribute to their branches.

Our MU Chaplain – sadly Rev. Katie Richardson is retiring this month and has handed in her resignation as Chaplain. We wish her all the very best with the next stage in her journey with God. This mean we need to seek another Chaplain. If you have any suggestions please send them into the office. The appointment of a chaplain needs the approval of our Bishop, Rachel.

From the “Book of Comfort” produced by St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese...

*Loving Father, please help us
To be helpful and kind to all we meet*

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I/We feel you have sent us this (COVID-19) to make us all think of other people and not so much for ourselves

Please lead us the way you want us to go and help us to be able to follow you.

This I/We ask in Jesus name Amen.

By Jean Haste, Trimley St Martin, Felixstowe

Please continue with your prayers – they are so valued.

So, finally, may I again suggest that you try to telephone one of your members each day to check they are OK. (I'm sure most of you are doing so anyway) and to keep them up to date on MU matters. It really is important that you let our members know that they are important to us and that their prayers are much valued.

Once again with love and prayers from me and all the Trustees and we look forward to meeting together again.

Keep safe and well.

Kay Hensley – President

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