

# St Alphege Mothers' Union

Newsletter - January/February 2020

## 800 Years Cook Book

We are still needing recipes for the 800 years celebration Cook Book – it's not too late to send yours in, but please send them before the end of January. We need traditional and overseas recipes, soups, salads, meat, fish, vegetarian dishes, puddings, cakes, jams etc. We are short of main course recipes, particularly lamb, pork and beef dishes.

Susan and Philip Leach, will be compiling the recipes, so could you please send your favourite recipes to Susan (esleach@blueyonder.co.uk). Don't worry if you are not able to send them electronically, you can write the recipe out and leave it in the Parish Office.

## Subscriptions

Subs are due on 1st January, and we need to send the money to the Diocese by 31st March. This year the subscription is **£25.00**; we send £24.00 to the Diocese of which £15.50 per member goes to Mary Sumner House and £8.50 is for Birmingham Diocesan Office administration. The extra £1.00 goes towards our branch running costs.

Cheques should be made payable to

### St Alphege Mothers' Union

Please send your subscription to Susan Leach at  
21 Grandborough Drive, Solihull, B91 3TS

Or you can hand it to a committee member or leave it in the Parish Office in an envelope with your name on it. We shall be collecting subscriptions at MU meetings from January onwards. Many members prefer to pay their subscription online:

### Here are the instructions for online transfer:

Bank: HSBC

Beneficiary Name: St Alphege Mothers Union

Sort Code: 40-42-12

Account No: 71771396

Reference Info (to identify payment) MU Subs – (*your name*)

If you pay online, please could you email Susan (esleach@blueyonder.co.uk) to let us know you have paid.

**Please don't pay before 1st January.**

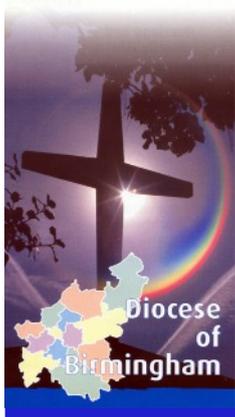


Dear Members,  
Seasonal Greetings to you all. Thank you to everybody who helped to make our Advent lunch such a success - to Elaine who planned the menu and bought the food, and to the members who cooked and served the meal. Thanks go to Fr Simon for leading us in a thought-provoking meditation.

Mike and I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year. God bless you all and those you love,

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## Wave of Prayer

You should all have received an envelope with the Wave of Prayer leaflet, your allotted time for prayer and a blue envelope for a donation to the Overseas Fund. We shall also celebrate the Wave of Prayer at the Eucharist on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please could you bring your blue envelope to a meeting, give it to a committee member, or leave it in the Parish Office? Thank you.

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## PARISH PANCAKE PARTY

This year, the Pancake Party will take place on the Saturday before Shrove Tuesday:

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 5.00pm in the OBH.**

The party is a great family evening and our main fundraising event. We start with races for tiny tots, then we have team races, with a trophy for the winning team.

Come along and join a team. We make up teams on the night (think up a good name for your team). Last year the Mothers' Union team lost their title, so this year we shall be looking to regain it.

There will be a children's tombola; could you donate small toys for the tombola? You can leave them in the Parish Office or in Pat's porch (254 Whitefields Road).

Can you make pancakes? If so, how many? It would help the ladies in the kitchen if you could roll the pancakes and put them in a roasting tin. Please bring them to the hall after 4.00pm.

Last year we held a cake stall selling home-made cakes and jam. Please could you donate to this stall?

**We shall need lots of help on the night** – serving pancakes, manning the tombola etc. there will be a list at the next two meetings for you to sign with offers of help and the number of pancakes you can make. **Contact Elaine (705 3265) (elainediskin@hotmail.co.uk) with offers of help.**



### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place in church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 11.15am following the MU Corporate Eucharist.

Do try to come to the AGM – apologies for absence please send to

Susan Leach - (esleach@blueyonder.co.uk)

### The Mothers' Union theme for 2020 is

#### ***Building Hope and Confidence***

Members will be receiving the programme of meetings and events for 2020, either by email or in hard copy. Many thanks to Amanda and Niki who have once again arranged a very interesting programme; please do try to come and support us at our meetings.

Would you be interested in joining our committee? Our meetings are always enjoyable as well as productive; we would welcome new members and new ideas.

### Forthcoming Meetings

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January** (N.B. this is the second Thursday in the month).

The title of John Kay's talk is *The Best Job I Ever Had*. This will be all about his life in the fire service. When we had our strawberry tea and trinkets afternoon, John showed us some of his mementos from his time in the fire service, and we shall look forward to hearing more about it.

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Padre Stuart Richards is returning once again to tell us more about his role as Chaplain in the Army. Always a popular speaker, this time Stuart's talk is entitled - *Working with the War Detectives; Burying the Dead a Century on*.

## Coming events in January / February

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** - 1.30pm in the O.B.H. *The Best Job I Ever Had* - John Kay.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** - 10.30am in church. *M.U. Corporate Eucharist* followed by **AGM**.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb** - 1.30pm in the O.B.H. *Working with the War Detectives* - Padre Stuart Richards, Station Chaplain, Army Aviation.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** - 10.30am in church. *M.U. Corporate Eucharist* followed by coffee in the vestry.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** - 5.00pm in the O.B.H. **PARISH PANCAKE PARTY.**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar** - 1.30pm in the O.B.H. *The Role of a Pioneer Minister* - Suzette Maguire.