

# St Alphege Mothers' Union

Newsletter - March/April 2021

## Virtual Pancake Party

We couldn't miss our annual pancake party, so this year we had a virtual party. It turned out to be a fantastic fun evening, with 24 families and Mothers' Union members joining on Zoom. We showed our pancakes with unusual toppings, then we broke out into groups for the competitive part of the evening – pancake tossing. There were some real experts, the two winners of the children's section tossed a pancake 93/94 times, the adult winner tossed 99



times in a minute. The world record is 140, so an amazing achievement. The evening ended with a short quiz all about Shrove Tuesday and its traditions. Thanks go to Julia who hosted the party, to Revd Sue who led us in prayer and to all who helped to make this such an enjoyable event.



Exotic  
Toppings



## Next Meeting - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm

Gill Jones will be meeting with us on Zoom for a talk and meditation. Do try to join us.

Susan will email everyone with the Zoom Joining Link nearer the time.

## Diocesan Events

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Members' meeting on Zoom. (Diocesan Council meeting).

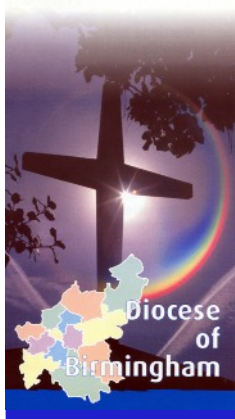
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April** -

Diocesan Festival Service on Zoom.

## News of Members

Anne Kemp is in Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull. Members have been in touch, and if you would like to send a card to Anne, her address is Room 2, Marie Curie Hospice, Marsh Lane, Solihull B91 2PQ.

We are praying for Dorothy Barnsley and Lucy Adeyemo. We hope you will be feeling better soon.



Dear members,

What a busy time we are having, despite Covid-19. We have been holding our monthly meetings on Zoom, and we even had a fantastic virtual pancake party. I should like to thank all our members who have made these events possible. Members have been shopping for elderly parishioners and some of us have been busy knitting and sewing. We are arranging more Zoom sessions, look on the St Alphege MU website to see what's coming by going to [www.solihullparish.org.uk/mothers-union](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk/mothers-union).

With my love,

*Chris*

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God bless,

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## Knit and Natter

Plenty of knitting done, but no nattering, during lockdown. MU members are knitting Squares for blankets to give to SCAH. Thank you to Pat Marshall, Joan Garner, Lynn Smart, Caroline Giddings, Glenda Lee, Sheila Sayers and Val Tew.

If anyone would like to start knitting squares contact Pat Marshall and she will send you the pattern - 705 8761.

We are running out of wool so if anyone has any, let Pat know and she will collect it.



## Charlotte's Christmas Act of Kindness

Charlotte Sabine, age 9, made mini-Christmas cakes for twelve of our more isolated members. She received some lovely thank you cards and emails. This was a lovely way to cross the generations. (see article in February Parish News).



## Fr Andrew's talk

Fr Andrew discussed the place of humour in our Christian Faith, God and Laughter. Did Jesus laugh? Paintings show him looking sad, but we know this was only one side of him. The gospels tell of him mixing with people at weddings and fiestas - he must have had a sense of fun and laughter.

Jesus said "Be of good cheer". In this dark time of the pandemic, we as Christians need to have humour. We must have joy and hope. The good times will return, when we can all meet together in person and enjoy fellowship.

Members are helping the elderly with shopping; if you need help -

Phone Elaine Diskin 0121 705 3265 ([elainediskin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainediskin@hotmail.co.uk))

Julia Hanson 0121 744 3540 ([hansons04@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hansons04@tiscali.co.uk))

Just keep on keeping in touch with each other, the crisis is not over yet!

**Help is at Hand**

## Subscriptions

The subscription for 2021 is now due and this year it is **£30.00** If you haven't paid yet, please could you post a cheque to Susan Leach? if you prefer to pay cash, you can put it in an envelope (with your name on it) through Susan's letterbox. Cheques should be made payable to **St Alphege Mothers' Union** and sent to Susan Leach 21 Grandborough Drive, Solihull. B91 3TS

Many members prefer to pay online If you pay online, please could you email Susan ([esleach@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:esleach@blueyonder.co.uk)) to let us know you have paid.

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