



**Mothers' Union
Bristol
Autumn Gathering**



ON: 12th OCTOBER 2024 10.30am-3.00pm

AT: ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

2 CHARGROVE, YATE BS37 4LG

All members and friends welcome!

**Join us for an inspiring day of celebration,
worship, prayer, stories, information,
fellowship and fun.**

**Including Licensing of our new Chaplains
by Bishop Neil, Bishop of Swindon**

COFFEE FROM 10AM BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

FOR SALE: *MU MERCHANDISE *BRING AND BUY

***GIFTS FOR OUR PROJECTS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED:**

***Tea, coffee hot chocolate –Children's Hospital,**

***Toiletries–Kingsmeadow, Ladies Shelter**

***Pot meals, snacks, chocolate bars, crisps, socks,
gloves, hats etc for Homeless,**

***New pants, socks, leggings, pyjamas etc for Spring of
Hope Ladies Shelter. + spectacles for Uganda**

(Lunch: Bring enough for 1 or 2 only)

My dear friends,

Greetings and love to you on a fine autumn day! It has become cool, but I thank God for the sunshine and that it isn't raining! A big welcome to new members, so glad that you are with us. I hope that you are all well, and that you had a happy summer?

My thoughts and prayers are with those of you who have lost loved ones, had illness or accidents and difficult diagnoses. May God be close to you and bring you comfort and healing. It was great to wave off one of the 6 coaches taking excited families to Weston-Super-Mare this summer in our AFIA (Away from it all) days at the seaside. Mostly the days were fine and many families enjoyed the sand and sea, donkey rides and ice creams. Thank you to everyone who donated to this project.

Bristol Diocese was well represented at the Provincial day in Oxford this summer. It was a fun day, with lots of information and inspiring stories. Unexpectedly, I found myself telling the gathering about our work with the Homeless through supporting Blonde Angels. Our Domestic Abuse banner came with us and was much photographed by other groups.

Your Trustees have met over the summer, looking at ways to grow in faith and in numbers. Mothers' Union offers an abundance of ways to grow as individuals, and we look always to encourage new members and supporters in various ways. I am delighted to tell you that the future of Mothers' Union is in good hands as we have commissioned several new Trustees in the last few months. I look forward to introducing them to you all at our Autumn Gathering on October 12th (Invitation overleaf)

This Autumn Gathering is going to be a bit special as we welcome the Bishop of Swindon, Bishop Neil to our gathering. He will be leading opening worship and Licensing our new Chaplains: Revs Rachel and Paul Barrett. It will also be an opportunity to thank our outgoing Trustees for many years of dedication to Mothers' Union work. As it is a celebratory occasion we will be holding a Bring and Share lunch, which gives us a chance to chat with old and new friends. I hope many of you will be able to join me!

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' Romans 12:12

With my love and prayers

Jacky x

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