

## **Central Charity's Monthly Update – June 2026 Edition**

Dear Members,

Welcome to the June edition of your monthly Central Charity Update.

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## **1. St Paul's 150th Celebratory Service – LIVE STREAM!**

We are very happy to have been able to arrange for the service to be [live streamed](#) via the Mothers' Union Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/MothersUnion>. So, if you were unable to join at the cathedral, you can still be part of this joyous celebration! You may want to watch from the comfort of your home or together with other members.

We gratefully encourage a donation, when prompted. St Paul's do not offer live streaming, so we have had to secure the services of a production company to be able to deliver this to you.

The service is scheduled to start at 5pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Make sure you are logged onto our Facebook page, and if you do not already, follow this page for access to Member good news stories and our Midday Prayers.

## **2. Mary Sumner House – OPEN with Exhibition and Shop Stand**

MSH will be open for visitors from midday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to midday Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June (excluding 10<sup>th</sup>). There will be a fantastic exhibition in the conference hall, showcasing Mothers' Union over the last 150 years together with a shop pop-up stand.

### **Opening hours:**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 12pm – 4pm**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 10am-4pm**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – closed to visitors**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 10am-12pm and 4pm-5pm**



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 10am-12pm**

## **3. New partnerships with Girls' Brigade and The Clewer Initiative**

We are delighted to formally announce two new partnerships with Mothers' Union Britain & Ireland.

As part of the need to build membership and outreach in our communities, and to help with the development of our youth engagement strategy and national programmes, we have partnered with [The Girls' Brigade of England and Wales](#) and re-partnered with a reinvigorated and now independent charity, [The Clewer Initiative](#).

The partnership with Girls' Brigade will ensure that the voice of young people is heard boldly and loudly in all we do, and the partnership with Clewer will deliver Mothers' Union's new National Programme on Modern Slavery.

For more information, please read the following  [Partnership announcement - Mothers' Union and The Girls' Brigade - Happily partnering to support each other to thrive.pdf](#) and  [Partnership announcement - Mothers' Union and The Clewer Initiative - Tackling Modern Slavery Together.pdf](#)

*(Girls' Brigade and The Clewer Initiative are also speaking at the Annual Gathering in June)."*

#### **4. JustGiving Page Launches National Fundraising Challenge**

We are excited to have seen some new fundraising challenge pages pop up on JustGiving, as our wonderful members start their fundraising challenges and activities all around Britain & Ireland! We currently have 8 fundraising challenges linked to our main Mothers' Union JustGiving page, which you can view here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/150th-fundraising-challenge>

If you have not yet seen our guidance for how to use JustGiving during our 150th Anniversary Challenge, please visit the fundraising page (<https://www.mothersunion.org/150th-fundraising-challenge/>) to find out more. This includes a guide for setting up JustGiving pages, information about paying in offline donations, and more. If you would like more support or information, please email Jonnie at [fundraising@mothersunion.org](mailto:fundraising@mothersunion.org) – and do keep sending him any good news stories and photos from your dioceses, so we can celebrate our successes together!

In July we are also planning to send out a simple direct mail to flag the 150th celebrations to members and supporters, encouraging those who've not yet seen emails or heard about the national challenge to support fundraising efforts already underway in their diocese - or alternatively support with a donation to mark the 150th anniversary.

## 5. Annual Gathering - Singing Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer

Thank you to those who requested the recording of the Revd Richard Rice-Oxley singing the version of Mary Sumner's prayer that we're going to be singing at the Annual Gathering. There's still time to practice so please do encourage members to learn it ahead of the June 11th event so we can raise our voices together with confidence and joy!

The words and sheet music can be found in the Resources section of the website. To request the recording, simply email: [faith@mothersunion.org](mailto:faith@mothersunion.org)

## 6. Small Seed Funding, Big Community Impact

Members from Claydon and Barham had a big win with a cake and plant stall at the Claydon Fun Day on 4 May, raising an impressive £152 from an initial investment of just £10 seed funding to secure the table at the event.

The stall proved hugely popular, selling out completely as visitors snapped up homemade cakes and plants throughout the day. More than just a successful fundraiser, the event demonstrated how creativity, teamwork and modest beginnings can generate meaningful results.



This initiative is an inspiring example of what can be achieved with a straightforward idea and a willingness to get involved. It highlights how even small-scale activities can make a valuable contribution while bringing communities together in fun and engaging ways.

With many more Challenge events expected over the coming months, this early success sets an encouraging tone and serves as a reminder that sometimes the simplest ideas can have the greatest impact.

## **7. Sunday Takeover – outline service and talk (Word versions)**

In response to feedback from several DPs, we have now provided a Word version of the service outline and the talk in the Resource Hub (150th Anniversary Assets). The PDF version will remain accessible on the website. We hope this will enable you to adapt and share the resources with your clergy and lay leaders, and with other churches within your diocese, to encourage them to celebrate Mary Sumner and Mothers' Union. Mothers' Union Resource Hub.

## **8. National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups (NMOP) – June 2026**

We shared in the Monthly Central Charity Update in April that we had re-connected with 1277 Make Them Count – thank you to everyone who told us about the church-based toddler groups that Mothers' Union members either run or help with. The NMOP launches on Monday 1 June, and Lucy Bubb, Faith, and Church Engagement Manager, will be attending the launch at the Houses of Parliament along with 2-3 members to share how members live out their faith in action, supporting families and communities within toddler groups. This month presents a great opportunity to reach out to those churches with toddler groups that don't have a connection to Mothers' Union, and we encourage you to start a conversation with them.

## **9. National Programmes Update**

Exciting developments are taking place across our National Programmes, as new partnerships are formed and members continue to transform lives in communities across the UK.

We are delighted to be partnering with The Clewer Initiative to raise awareness of modern slavery and strengthen efforts to combat exploitation in our communities. This important collaboration will help equip members to recognise the signs of modern slavery and take meaningful action.

To measure the impact of our campaign, a survey has been sent to all Provincial Presidents for distribution and coordination across dioceses and units. The survey will establish a baseline of current awareness and activity to help us assess progress over time and identify where further support may

be needed. We encourage everyone to please take part. **The closing date is Friday 19 June.**

We are also looking forward with great anticipation to our Annual Gathering on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, where we will celebrate the life-changing legacy of our National Programmes. Members from dioceses across the country will be sharing stories of their local projects, highlighting both the creativity and dedication that continue to shape our work. Together, we will explore how these initiatives are evolving to meet the challenges of today's world while remaining rooted in our shared mission of transforming lives.

#### **10. MU Live - Your stories bring Mothers' Union to life!**

We encourage you to continue submitting updates through MU Live. Every story shared helps to celebrate the amazing work happening across our movement from small acts of kindness to large community initiatives. These stories inspire others, strengthen our connections, and show the many ways faith in action is transforming lives every day.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the system, please contact us at [Development@mothersunion.org](mailto:Development@mothersunion.org).

Thank you for your continued support!

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