



Nuneaton Deanery Service
at Holy Trinity Church,
Hartshill



'United In Prayer'

Wednesday 3rd June, 7.30pm

Please remain seated

Welcome

Welcome to our Mothers' Union Service of Celebration. We gather to give thanks for our wave of prayer links across the world that we have valued over many years; to celebrate the relationships we have enjoyed and the privilege of prayerful support. We gather to embrace with gladness the new relationships ahead and to commit ourselves afresh to prayer.

Please stand for the Call to worship

God, your name is known everywhere; all over the earth people praise you.
Your right hand is full of goodness.

Psalm 48:10

Lord of all the earth, we come to worship with thankful hearts.

Let us praise his name together. Amen

Processional Hymn: Tell Out My Soul (*words will be on the screen*)
During which the banners will be processed.

Please be seated for the Prayer of preparation

With thankfulness and love we take our place in the family of Mothers' Union worldwide.

Open our eyes to the significance of relationship with members worldwide; with those known to us or not.

With support and love we reach out to our sisters and brothers across the world.

Strengthen our commitment to those with whom we share vision and values; wherever we may live.

In unity and love we link hands with our worldwide family of God.

Unite us in worship; build us in service, as together we seek to share your love.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Confession

Merciful Lord,

who died that we may be accepted into the family of God,

forgive us for the times when our love for each other is strained,

when the bonds between us are loose.

Forgive us when we choose to ignore the joys of shared relationship and focus on weakness and strife.

Help us to change our selfish ways that we may love God and his children with all our hearts. Amen

Absolution

May our heavenly Father open wide his arms in loving forgiveness and grace.
May we know the joy of restored relationship with God and his people. **Amen**

We remain seated for our first reading - Ephesians 3:14-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

Address

We stand to sing In Christ alone

*During which the collection will be taken. The collection will be donated to
Mothers' Union funds.*

Please be seated for the Intercessions

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love.

Colossians 2:2

As we come to give thanks for Mothers' Union Worldwide, and particularly for our link dioceses, may God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

Lord,

We bring to you our praise for the fellowship and prayer support that we have known through our links with Central Zambia, Madagascar and Nigeria.

We thank you for the times when we have built relationships through sharing and visits. We thank you for the times when lack of news has driven us to pray and intercede.

We look back with gratitude for the blessing of being united in prayer with Central Zambia, Madagascar and Nigeria. We pledge to continue to remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

We look forward with anticipation to the joy of being united in prayer with Akot in South Sudan; S.W.Tanganyika in Tanzania; Aba, Irele and Ise Odo in Nigeria and Cuttack in India. Bind us together in mutual love and support as we uphold one another in prayer.

We say together

**Loving Lord,
help us to fully appreciate the blessings of being united in the family of
God.**

**Let us be ever ready to intercede for each other for God's assistance and
protection.**

May God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

We pray for all members. May God be with them in every part of their lives,
encouraging them and leading them, sheltering and strengthening them so they may
work to your praise and glory. **Amen**

We say together the Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union

as we seek to share your love

**through the encouragement, strengthening
and support of marriage and family life.**

Empowered by your Spirit,

may we be united in prayer and worship,

**and in love and service reach out as your hands
across the world.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Please stand for the Sharing of the Peace

God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world.

2 Corinthians 5:19

As we share God's peace together we also reach out in peace to those with whom we
are linked across the world. The peace of the Lord be with you:
and also with you.

We offer each other a sign of peace

Hymn: Jesus is King and I will extol him.

During which the banners will be collected

Final blessing

Lord, as we have celebrated your goodness together, may our unity deepen and grow.

We are the family of God. His love draws us in to himself and out to one another.

We reach out as your hands across the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen

We say the Grace together

*Please join us for refreshments at the back of the church after the service.
Donations for refreshments will be given to the **Big Wheels Appeal.***