**Dear all**

**Families Worldwide**

Mothers' Union at Mary Sumner House have made the decision to post the next issue of Families Worldwide (July - December) to members at our homes; they really want members to have this prayer resource at this challenging time, but recognise the difficulty of distribution by hand at present.  These should land on our doormats sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Branch Leaders, if you or any of your members do not receive a copy, please contact **Jackie Moore** (Faith and policy co-ordinator) with the member's name and contact details.  Jackie is our FWW distributor, and will receive a box of spares, which she will send out to anyone who is without.  Will you please also inform **Julian Brown (**Finance and Central services Co-ordinator) so that he can correct the database if necessary, with the member's permission: please give him all contact  details.

**Appeal letter**

With our copy of the magazine, we will also receive an appeal letter from our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper.  Like many charities, the central Mothers' Union charity has been badly hit by the current crisis, and fears for the future of the hub of our wonderful organisation.  Sheran asks us, **if we are able**, to contribute towards securing the future of our work and the staff who support it.

**Keeping in touch**

I have been greatly heartened to hear many stories of Branch Leaders and members keeping in touch with each other over these last few weeks, ensuring that everyone has what they need, and helping to combat loneliness.  This is at the heart of what Mothers' Union stands for!  Thank you for all you are doing to care for each other!

You will also remember that **Lesley Wright**, our Journal editor, has said that instead of a Summer Journal, we will have an extended emailed Newsletter in June, focussing on the ways in which we have supported each other during this time.  Please do send to Lesley (Journal Editor) **by 18th May** 'little snippets about what you and your members are doing to keep together'.  You can, of course, also include any other news, and significant anniversaries, that you know of.  Pictures are going to be in short supply this time, but do send any you have!

With prayers and best wishes

Barbara