

Central Charity's Monthly Update – October 2026 Edition

Dear Members,

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

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1. Walk, See, Pray: Standing Against Modern Slavery

This Anti-Slavery Day, **18 October**, we are encouraging members to take part in **#WalkSeePray**, a prayerful initiative with **The Clewer Initiative**.

As we look ahead to new resources to help combat modern slavery through our **FREE campaign**, #WalkSeePray invites us to walk through our communities, be alert to the signs of exploitation, and pray for those who are vulnerable.

Through **education, awareness, and prayer**, we can help protect vulnerable people in our communities and play our part in ending exploitation.

Find out more: [Walk-See-Pray | The Clewer Initiative](https://clewer.org.uk/news/walk-see-pray)

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2. Prisons Week, 11 – 17th October 2026

We are pleased to continue our long-standing sponsorship of Prisons Week. Please join us in supporting the entire prison community through prayer and action from Sunday, 11th October. Here are four ways you can act this year:

1. Get campaign materials: Explore the official film and resources at Prisons Week: <https://www.prisonsworld.org>
2. Prepare your worship: Download our adapted faith resources from the Mothers' Union website [Resources - Mothers' Union](https://mothersunionresourcehub.com/shared/j4fgavfl). or access editable templates from the Resource Hub <https://mothersunionresourcehub.com/shared/j4fgavfl>
3. Pray with us: Tune into the Mothers' Union Facebook page for our daily midday prayers. This week's sessions will feature the Prisons Week prayer, aligning with the themed reflections in your 2026 Prayer Diary.
4. Share the message: Amplify our voice by sharing our early and mid-week social media posts with your networks.

3. 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

This year, our **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV)** will take place from **25 November to 10 December**, under the theme:

“Together for Dignity and Safety – Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity.”

New resources will be available from **mid-October** on the MU website and Resource Hub to support members and dioceses in engaging with the campaign.

We will also be contacting **Faith Community of Interest (COI) representatives, chaplains, Domestic Abuse COI representatives, and Diocesan and Provincial Presidents** to let them know when the resources are available.

We encourage members to make use of these resources and join us in raising awareness, supporting survivors, and working towards communities where everyone can live with dignity and safety.

We want to flag that there will be new resources available for 16 days of activism against GBV (25 Nov-10 Dec), which will be added to the website and resource hub in mid Oct – we will send an email to the Faith COI reps, chaplains, Domestic Abuse COI reps and DPs/PPs to let them know that the resources are there. Our theme this year, aligned to the UN Women them, is: ‘Together for Dignity and Safety - Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity.’

4. 150th Fundraising Challenge: We Are More Than Halfway There!

A huge thank you to every member who has been fundraising or donating as part of our 150th Anniversary Fundraising Challenge this year! Between the 16 active fundraising challenges on our JustGiving page and generous donations from members and branches across Britain & Ireland, we have now raised more than half (55%) of our ambitious target.

At the time of writing, the official total stands at over £82,000, and we know there are still many branch donations yet to be reported to Mary Sumner House.

We would love to hear about what has been happening in your branch this year. If you would like to share your fundraising story or need information or support with your 150th Challenge fundraising, please contact Jonnie at fundraising@mothersunion.org If you'd like to share stories about what's been taking place in your branch this year, or you'd like more information or support to help you fundraise as part of the 150th Challenge, please contact Jonnie at fundraising@mothersunion.org.

5. Canon Bev Jullien Honoured with the Cross of St Augustine

We are pleased to see our former CEO, Canon Bev Jullien, recognised with the Cross of St Augustine at this year's Lambeth Awards, alongside a very special group of people whose service is making a difference across the [Anglican Communion](#) and wider society.



Bev was presented with this award by The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, for her outstanding leadership of the worldwide Mothers' Union.

Congratulations to Bev and to everyone honoured at this year's awards. We also give thanks to all who continue to support the work of Mothers' Union and our shared commitment to strengthening families and communities around the world.

6. Give the Gift of Membership This Christmas

Christmas is coming, and what better time to give a gift that can **bring people together, build friendships and transform lives?**



GIVE THE GIFT OF...
MEMBERSHIP

Mothers' UNION

**Celebrate 150 Years
by passing the torch.**

For 150 years, the Mothers' Union has supported families, strengthened communities, and shared faith in action across Britain & Ireland and throughout the world.

As we celebrate this milestone year, we look not only to our past, but to the future.

The next generation of leadership begins with an invitation.

Give someone a year of membership for just £36

A Gift of Membership is more than a present. It is an invitation into a global Christian community of faith, friendship, and purpose; a place where lives are strengthened and hope is renewed.

Our **Gift of Membership** is a thoughtful way to introduce someone you love to Mothers' Union. It could be a daughter, son, daughter-in-law, neighbour, friend, or work colleague who is exploring their faith. Perhaps you have a new neighbour who is settling into the community and would love the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

Whatever the reason, **Gift of Membership is a gift that keeps on giving** – offering a sense of belonging, friendship, faith, and

the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of families and communities.

This Christmas, why not give something meaningful to someone special?

Visit the MU Shop and discover the Gift of Membership – a life-transforming gift for someone you love.

7. 150 Years of the Mothers' Union — Celebrated in Style in Cairo!



On Friday 28 August, Mothers' Union Sudan leaders gathered at All Saints Cathedral in Cairo, Egypt, to mark **150 years of Mothers' Union**.

Around **230 members** came together for prayer, worship, and fellowship. The gathering was particularly meaningful as many members are now living as refugees away from Sudan because of the ongoing conflict. The day offered a powerful reminder of hope, faith, and togetherness in difficult times.

Members reflected on the stories of women in the Bible and the ways women today continue to transform their homes, churches and communities through faith, love, and service. They also prayed for Mothers' Union members around the world, particularly those in Sudan and South Sudan, and for those affected by conflict, loss, and displacement.

The celebration included an exhibition of handicrafts, Mothers' Union gifts, and words of appreciation for Bishop Samy and Archdeacon Yasser for their support. There was also encouraging news that the Diocese of Egypt plans to establish an official Mothers' Union office in Cairo.

The day ended with food, gifts, and fellowship, with members hoping to make the celebration an annual tradition.

Please continue to pray for Mothers' Union members in Sudan and South Sudan, their families, and for peace in Sudan and all places affected by conflict.

8. Dates for Your Diary

Two important meetings are taking place in October. Please save the dates in your diary:

❖ **Membership Community of Interest – 15 October, 11am–12:30pm**

Join us for our next Membership Community of Interest meeting.

❖ **Safeguarding Community of Interest – 26 October, 1pm**

A reminder that the final Safeguarding Community of Interest meeting is **rescheduled to Monday 26 October at 1pm**. All Designated Safeguarding Leads have been updated accordingly.

9. Beat The Rush! Get Your Christmas Cards Sorted Early.

October is the perfect time to start preparing the Christmas cards you will be sending to family, friends, and loved ones.



Our Christmas Card collection includes beautiful traditional, faith-inspired, and festive designs, perfect for sharing warm wishes and thoughtful messages this season.

Choose your cards early and enjoy a little more time to write each one with care. By shopping from the online shop, you will also be helping to support our work and make a difference to

families and communities. - <https://mueshop.org/collections/christmas-cards>

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 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

Thank you for your continued support!

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