

# Mothers' UNION

you're invited  
to a  
**Jubilee**  
summer of  
 **hope**

All around the world,  
your support can  
help women lead  
and transform  
their communities.





**Celebrate and support women to reach their leadership potential, and help transform communities throughout the world this summer.**

From flowers and prayers to bunting and bakes, get together with your loved ones or take a quiet moment alone this summer, to give your support to women who inspire. Whether you hold a small tea and cake get-together, an online quiz or go all out with a Jubilee street party, you can raise vital funds to help tomorrow's women leaders wherever they are in the world.

## **PRAYERS AND ACTIVITIES to support more women in leadership.**

This year, the Queen will become the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.

Inside these pages you'll find lots of Jubilee Summer of Hope fundraising ideas to help you join in the celebrations and raise funds for Mothers' Union. You will also find a series of prayers written by members and friends around the world to help give thanks and inspire. By praying, taking donations in exchange for entry tickets to a quiz, your delicious bakes or from collection buckets at your Jubilee party – you won't just be commemorating 70 years on the throne for our Queen (and Mothers' Union patron), you'll be providing valuable support and prayer to Mothers' Union projects that support women in leadership.



## **Prayer for Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of Mothers' Union**

***Fa'api'o Sagaga: Mothers' Union, St. Georges Anglican Church Papatoetoe,  
Auckland, New Zealand. (Samoan with English translation)***

Le Atua e, o le Vavau, fa'afetai tele  
Mo le Tupu Tama'ita'i, o Elisapeta le II  
O le 'auga o Aute ole Luni a Tina  
Mo Lona Soifua 'au'auna I Lau Ekalesia;  
Ile Luni a Tina, ma le Lalolagi atoa  
Fa'amanuia I lona soifua galue  
A'oa'o i matou e 'au'auna atu ma le loto fa'amaulalo  
Ta'ita'I atu i matou i le Faamoemoe o i Lau Afio lea  
Ma ia matou talitonu ia te oe e aunoa ma se fefe pe masalosalalo  
Ave'ese le faitaga'i, ae faatumu i matou i le Alofa atu  
Fesoasoani mai ia to'afilemu 'ae le o le taua ma fevaevaea'iga  
Ia maua pea le filemu i o matou Loto  
Atoa foi ile lalolagi ma le lunvesi. Amene

***Fa'aliliuina ile gagana Samoa e Tamasailau Sagaga-Simanu***

Eternal God, we thank you for Queen Elizabeth II,  
Patron of Mothers' Union.  
For Her life of dedicated services to your Church,  
to Mothers' Union and people of all nations.  
Bless her with more years of good health and service to you.  
Teach us to serve you with humble hearts.  
Lead us from despair to hope.  
Make us trust you without fear.  
Remove hate and install love within us.  
Help us make peace not war.  
Let peace fill our hearts,  
our world our universe. Amen

## Faith in the Summer of Hope

Faith that's Alive! for this we pray, acts of true kindness to display.  
Sensitive to another's plight - may we accomplish what is right.  
Help us believe, trust and obey; kept in the Holy Spirit's sway.  
Let's cherish what is light and green - our Mother-earth has set the scene.  
Use her resourcefulness aright - waste, greed, destruction put to flight.  
Enough for all, be this our aim! - poverty's curse a losing game.  
Faith that's alive! for this we pray, generous actions to convey.  
A loving, gentle attitude, where selfish thoughts do not intrude.  
Communication will then be Genuine Christianity.

*Margaret Couper, Rushen Mothers' Union, Sodor and Man Diocese, UK.*



## GROW A SUNFLOWER

One of nature's glories, the sunflower holds deep meaning for people all around the world. It's been seen on lanyards to indicate hidden disabilities in the UK, and as the national flower of Ukraine it has taken on a global symbolism of loyalty and resilience this year. Share your faith with your community by growing a majestic sunflower this summer.

If it's warm outside, May/June is ideal for sowing sunflower seeds directly into your garden or pot. Whether you're green-fingered or not, they're easy to grow – just select the seeds you'll be confident with from your local garden centre. Most seed packets come with clear instructions, and you'll find any more information you need at [www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources](http://www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources)



## The gift of family

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our family.  
for those with whom we share our home  
and for those from whom we have received  
so much love, care and friendship.  
We thank you for those who have helped us  
to understand what you meant family life to be like.  
We thank you for our parents and for all  
who by their words and actions,  
by their lives and lifestyle, their hope and faith,  
have made you and your love a living reality to us.  
Help us to be channels of your grace to those we meet.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
*Donagh Mothers' Union Branch, Clogher Diocese, Ireland.*



## MAKE LUNCH FOR A FAMILY MEMBER

Why not treat a family member or friend to a specially made picnic lunch and include a card or note in their lunch box too. It's a lovely way for someone to know you're thinking of them.



# JOCELYNE'S STORY

## Jocelyne Razafiarivony is Provincial Community Development Coordinator (PCDC) of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean.

Let me tell you how I became Mothers' Union Provincial Community Development Coordinator (PCDC).

When I was 28 years old, I married, I was working as a civil servant, and my aunt kept urging me to become an MU member. Each time, I refused because I wanted to be with my children in my non-working time, since my job meant I didn't see them much on weekdays.

I remember my aunt's words: **"Let yourself be stairs that MU can walk on."** I protested, but she went on **"and walk with MU so that this can take you higher."** Her words often came back to my mind.

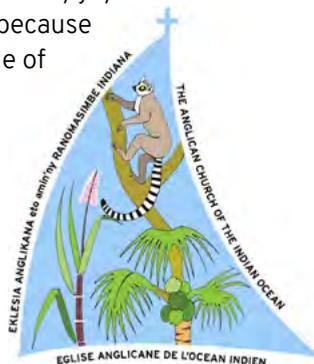
I finally joined MU when I was 40, then became an enrolling member, and at the age of 44 I became a Community Development Coordinator (CDC) in Antananarivo Diocese in Madagascar, which I continued for 16 years.

My CDC role was very important to me because it put me in constant touch with people from both the grassroots and the urban areas. I travelled from one parish to another, meeting with the members and people in the

community. There were always people talking about their personal problems: married life, bringing up children, unemployment, health issues and so on. I tried as far as I could to help them, of course. Sometimes they were asking for material help, but most of the time what they needed was just to be able to talk and to be listened to.

My diocese had 42 parishes which I tried to visit every year. It was always such a joy for me, being able to help people and having fellowship with them. There were times when I had to walk 30-35km because the roads are very bad and cars can't go there, but that didn't discourage me. I greatly enjoyed being able to contribute to the well-being of these people, especially those from the grassroots.

When I retired as CDC, I was asked to go on as PCDC and I accepted. My joy is even greater than my joy when I was CDC, because now I am in charge of 8 dioceses in the province of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean.



My area of work is larger, but because I had retired as a civil servant I could do my work more freely. I got to know more people from the other dioceses, and I've been able to enhance my skills through Capacity building sessions which I really appreciate. Every month, through global calls with all worldwide MU leaders, my network has grown and I have gained more experience through our sharing of topics together. Isn't that marvellous? I have more experience in facilitating Bishops' spouses' global conversations, and I'm so grateful to Mothers' Union for organising all these. I would not have had such opportunities if I had not been CDC and PCDC. Thank you so much!!!

I recently received a phone call from an MU member who was afraid of taking on a new leadership role because she lacked experience. I assured her not to be afraid :

**"What God wants you to do is just to accept His calling. Once you accept, it is no longer you that works. God works through you. You are only His instrument. He will lead you. He will send His Holy Spirit to always guide you."**

She was very happy and trusted what I said.



**There are three bible verses which inspire me and help me have the strength to continue my own leadership role. These are:**

### Isaiah 41 :10

*"So do not fear, for I am with you ; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you ; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

### Isaiah 40 : 31

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

### Psalms 32 : 8

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go ; I will counsel you and watch over you."*

# “HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS”

Makholu Moshoeshe is the Area Chief in Mabelung Village in Quthing, Lesotho. She thanks Mothers' Union for the support it gives her in her work, and calls it “Hope for the hopeless”. Makholu's work involves providing care and support to all those in her village, especially vulnerable people such as orphans, the aged, people living with disabilities and survivors of gender-based violence.

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been more cases of rape especially of young girls and women with mental illness. Her Parish involved the police and other stakeholders who deal with child protection in her area, and facilitated counselling sessions for survivors and for Makholu herself.

Lord mighty and righteous,  
our hope and our inheritance,  
we give you thanks for all the spiritual  
blessings you have for us, your people.

In Christ you gave us new hope.

By His grace you redeemed us and adopted us.

You accepted us as heirs and co-heirs of your kingdom.

And that is the hope we live by in faith.

Blessed be the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

*Anglican Church of Southern Africa Mothers' Union.*

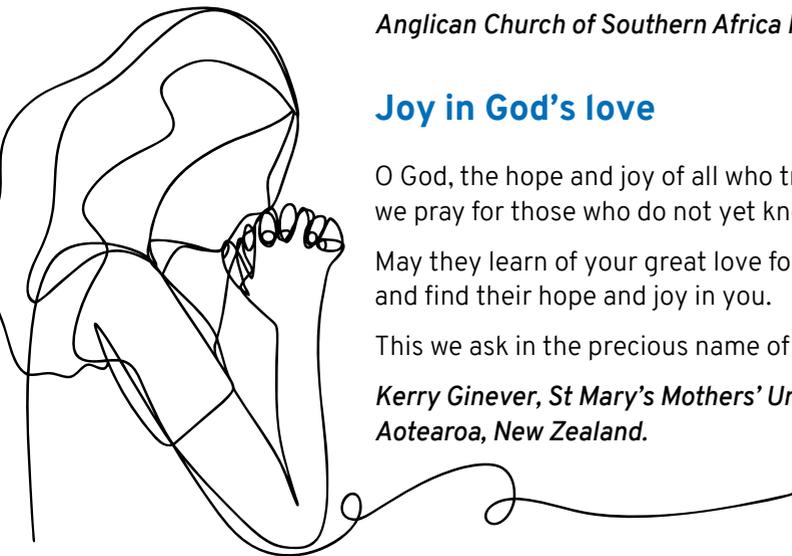
## Joy in God's love

O God, the hope and joy of all who trust in you,  
we pray for those who do not yet know you.

May they learn of your great love for them,  
and find their hope and joy in you.

This we ask in the precious name of Jesus. Amen

*Kerry Ginever, St Mary's Mothers' Union, New Plymouth,  
Aotearoa, New Zealand.*



# Organise a Jubilee Party



From a small gathering to a big street party, there are all kinds of ways you can bring your neighbourhood and loved ones together this summer. Celebrate the Summer of Hope and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with delicious food and drink, games and competitions. And for bunting, we've got just the thing, which you'll find at the back of this booklet.

You can find ideas and tips to get you started at [www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources](http://www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources) as well as a poster you can print to advertise your event locally. Have fun and make memories!

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**Love in all we do  
for each other**

Loving Lord,

we were created to receive your love that brings  
us life in your Spirit.

And we are built up in love whenever your light shines  
through our actions.

Following the example of Jesus, the bearer of your Spirit,  
may we live, not to be served

but to serve, bringing your love into everything we do for each other  
and for those in need.

For the good of our communities and glory of your Kingdom,  
in Jesus' name. Amen

**Rev Gary Atherton, Cardiff Branch,  
Newcastle Diocese, New South Wales,  
Australia.**

# HOLD A BAKE SALE

Bake sales always go down well and there's loads of room for variety. You can keep it simple with Jubilee-themed cupcakes, or add quiches, pastries, whatever you like, sweet, savoury or a mix.

Whether you're a seasoned hand at bake sales or this is your first one, you can find ideas, tips and an easy cupcake recipe to help you at [www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources](http://www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources) and a poster you can print to advertise your event locally. Bake a Summer of Hope with your loved ones!



**After 70 years of service,  
Her Majesty The Queen, Patron  
of Mothers' Union, will become  
the first British Monarch to  
celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.**



In carrying out her royal duties with grace and dignity she has been a symbol of inspiration for many within the United Kingdom, across the Commonwealth and in many other countries. She has promoted Christian values at home and abroad, often using her broadcast messages at Christmas and in the face of national crises to remind us of the strength that can be found in the anchor of Christ.

**Try your hand at the Jubilee wordsearch.**

Can you find all the words related to Her Majesty's reign in here?

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- SERVICE
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- CROWN
- JUBILEE
- BALMORAL
- PATRON
- WINDSOR
- COMMONWEALTH
- BUCKINGHAM
- ELIZABETH
- FAITH
- PALACE
- FAMILY
- MOTHER

## Resilience in this Summer of Hope

Almighty God, we humbly come to you.

So many hazards are happening in this changing world and we are surrounded with various dangers every day.

Lord God, sustain your people, help and strengthen them to face all these with hope and confidence in you.

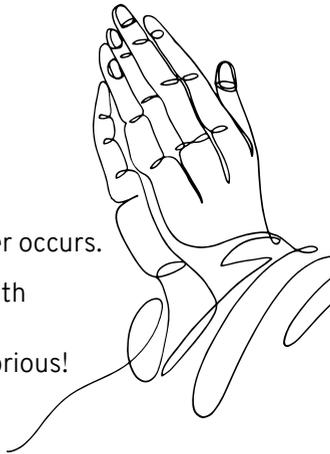
May your people recover from the effects of hazards in a timely and efficient way.

May our communities move forward and stand firm whatever occurs.

May you provide them with everything necessary to cope with disaster risks so they have control over their situation and always be victorious!

In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen!

**Jocelyne Razafiarivony,**  
**Mothers' Union Provincial Coordinator, Madagascar, Indian Ocean**



## ORGANISE A JUBILEE QUIZ

The journeys to leadership, for Her Majesty The Queen, for Mary Sumner and for Caritas Kanyamuneza, are all very different. This Summer of Hope, why not organise a Jubilee Quiz to share aspects of the Queen's journey and her life in service with your community.

You'll need a willing and effective quiz host first of all, and that could be you or someone you think is just the right person. To help you get organising, there are Jubilee-themed quiz questions and answers ready and waiting for you at [www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources](http://www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources), tips to help you get started and a poster you can print to advertise your event. Put your Jubilee thinking caps on and have fun!



## CARITAS' JOURNEY TO LEADERSHIP



Caritas Kanyamuneza, from Gatete parish in Burundi, first joined Mothers' Union as a learner on the Literacy Programme. Here is her story of leadership.

"When I became literate, I decided to volunteer to become a facilitator in the Literacy Programme myself. I was inspired by the love and care I saw in our facilitator and trainers, and that's what encouraged me to volunteer. Poverty and ignorance were killing my people. My fellow members at my church and I are fighting that with the support of Mothers' Union.

As a facilitator, I received training in how to form savings groups, business skills and parenting to add to my literacy skills. At first, I started with a group of 25 illiterate people, and then I continued to form new groups. Today, I support seven saving groups with 175 members, including 133 women and 42 men, all literate. They are also involved in other activities like parenting and fighting all kinds of sexual and gender-based violence. I am very happy to take part in the empowerment of my community.

My favorites verses are Esther 8:5-6, which say;

*"If it please Your Majesty, and if you care about me and if it seems right to you, please issue a proclamation to prevent Haman's orders from being carried out – those orders that the son of Hammedatha the descendant of Agag gave for the destruction of all the Jews in the empire. How can I endure it if this disaster comes on my people, and my own relatives are killed?"*

## Serving others in faith

Servant leader, Father God,  
we call on you to breathe the spirit of service on us.  
Help us to serve graciously and with a willing heart  
exhibiting the true mind and heart of Christ to lift someone in need  
who can feel God's rays of compassion reaching out in their time of stress.  
Make us flowing channels that will stop beside a deprived soul  
and stretch out to serve and uplift the fallen.  
This we ask in Jesus name. Amen

**Dr Esther Prasanakumar, South India.**

# Celebrate with your bunting



Our Summer of Hope this year is dedicated to women whose light and encouragement we look to, including Her Majesty The Queen in this year of her Platinum Jubilee, our founder Mary Sumner, and all the Mothers' Union members and women who have inspired us.

**Who is the woman who has inspired you the most?** Is she someone familiar to people all over the world, or is she someone very close to you?

Think of the woman whose wisdom and support you look to, and write her name on your piece of bunting. If you like, you can also draw a sunflower, a crown or anything you like to decorate it. You can add paints, glitter, anything you like, or just let her name speak for itself.

## Do you need more bunting?

You can find more bunting templates online at [www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources](http://www.mothersunion.org/soh22/resources), if you want to make a string of bunting, or if you just have too many inspirational women in your life!

## Share your shining lights

Display your bunting in your window during this Summer of Hope, or you can put it somewhere in your home where you'll see it regularly to give you encouragement and inspiration whenever you see your shining light's name.

If you're holding a party or a quiz, why not give everyone who attends a piece of bunting so they can write down their inspiring women? Then you can have fun stringing them up together to decorate a tree, a wall or a fence, or simply read them out and share them around.

However you use your bunting, give thanks for the inspiring women in your life and to Jesus Christ our Lord.



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