



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2019

**Thank you for
your generosity**



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Christmas giving for refuges, hostels and prisons. Above is a tiny selection from the thousands of toiletries, selection boxes, £2 coins and washing up bowls with cleaning equipment that have been donated. On the left are the MU 'elves' in Haddenham who are labelling all the gifts with Mothers' Union tags and packing them ready for distribution.

WAVE OF PRAYER for Ely Diocese 10th – 12th Dec.
Please remember to set aside time to pray for our link diocese. Prayer sheets have been distributed and are with branch leaders and diocesan members.

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To help us think of warmer times, this letter was written by one of the 14 families who enjoyed an AFIA holiday this year.

I wanted to thank you for the lovely holiday break you organised for our family and also for the pocket money for our three daughters. We had the most wonderful time. We watched the sun set over the sea, collected shells, made sandcastles and swam a lot! The girls loved riding their bikes around the site and the caravan was lovely. There were ducks and ducklings all over the site which were lovely to watch and feed. It was such a blessing to have that time together away from the stresses and strains of home life and we really needed it. Our 4 year old said she wanted to stay there forever 😊

ADVENT EVENTS

Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrews Church Stapleford 6th – 8th December. 11am -5pm. Open morning and afternoon. Refreshments available.

Granta Deanery Advent Service Thurs 12th Dec. 12pm at St. Mary's Linton followed by bring and share lunch.



The **Advent Service** for Fordham and Quy Deanery at St Andrew's Service, Soham also highlighted the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence with a display throughout the church of 'Souls of our Shoes'.



Members and supporters at St. Mary's and All Saints Church, Willingham enjoying time together after their **Advent Service** of readings, prayers and Taize music.



The **Chaplain at HMP Littlehey** has asked if the Mother's Union could help with filling **Distraction Boxes** for some of the prisoners. Have you any Adult Colouring books that you are too busy to do or colouring pencils or wax crayons? Also sponge balls that bounce or can be squeezed, as a stress relief aid. Please get in touch with Jean Webb (jmw35n@gmail.com) or the Office if you can help.

THURSDAY PRAYER

19th Dec. 10.30am Ely Cathedral and Little St. Mary's, Cambridge
2.30pm All Saint's St. Ives.

16th Jan. 2.30pm St. Ives

23rd Jan. 10.30am Ely Cathedral and Little St. Mary's Cambridge



With best wishes from the MU Ely Diocesan Trustees. May the Light of Love shine upon you this Christmas.

