

## AWAY FROM IT ALL (AFIA)

Away From It All (AFIA) is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, primarily funded by our members, to give the opportunity of a break to those who are experiencing stress in their family life. On average, we help 2,500 people to have a holiday each year. Families are able to spend time together away from their stressful situations at home, engage in activities together and have fun. They often experience healing in their relationships by spending this quality time with each other.

Mothers' Union's involved with AFIA will:

- Help fund part of the cost of a holiday
- Cover a family's travel expenses,
- Pay for a whole holiday or day trip
- Organise family weeks for groups of families to have a break with activities and outings.

A number of our dioceses also have mobile homes they fund so that numerous families can enjoy a holiday together throughout the year. Families hoping to have an AFIA holiday don't have to be a member of a church or our organisation and you can apply for yourselves or recommend someone else for a holiday. We will try to find the most suitable holiday, because everyone is different!

**How to apply....**Would you or someone that you know benefit from an AFIA holiday? Just visit the link via the main MU website

**<https://www.mothersunion.org/projects/away-it-all>** to start the application process. We will ask for your name and contact details and the number of people who would like to go on the holiday, along with the ages of any children.

This information is sent on to a local Mothers' Union holiday coordinator who will then contact the family and ask them to fill in an application form. (Please note: people can nominate themselves or their friends but anyone applying for a holiday will also be asked to provide details of someone who knows them in a professional capacity, such as a vicar, teacher, or social worker.)

### Farnham Deanery Pilgrimage of Prayer 1 October 2019 Book of Remembrance

Members of MU@HGB who have died:

**HAZEL MARY LEGG 19 MAY 1926 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2018**

As the wife of a parish priest, Hazel served MU in the parishes of Prestbury and then Dymock in Gloucestershire; Milnsbridge, Yorkshire; South Shields, Co. Durham and Swanage, Dorset. They both retired to Eastbourne where Hazel helped in a centre where children 'at risk' could meet their parents. The mother of four children of her own, Hazel came to Manorstead when her husband died.

*This summary of Hazel's life from her daughter, Helen Robbins, doesn't mention Hazel's other daughter who died. Hazel and Reg had been given their first living in the 'potteries' and Hazel told me the smoke from the bottle kilns was so intense that it effected her baby girl and she later died. Following this incident they requested the Bishop to move them to another living. When Hazel came to Manorstead she was not a 'well' lady at all. She had digestive problems and was unable to eat solid food, so the cooks would dissolve cheese in soup for Hazel to drink and obtain nourishment. Hazel had back problems too. She always had to sit 'propped' and so Hazel only went out when MU hired a vehicle with a lift. Hazel never complained.*

**AUDREY MARGARET MATTOCK 29 APRIL 1924 – 17 MAY 2019**

Following her training as a nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital, Audrey came to Hindhead to take up the position of matron at 'Twizzletwig', a local children's home. Audrey married Jim and had two sons. Deeply missed, but so many happy memories, a wonderful wife, grandma, friend and angel – forever in our hearts. These words from Chris Mattock only 'touch' on the person Audrey was.

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Audrey underwent her training at Great Ormond Street during the war when part of the hospital was evacuated to Essex so there was a constant to and fro between establishments. One day Audrey, and another nurse, were trapped in the underground due to an air raid. As time passed and Audrey didn't appear her fellow nurses assumed Audrey had been killed by the bomb, but eventually Audrey returned to the nurses home to great rejoicing. Just a brief glimpse of what life was like then.

*When Audrey married Jim, he built a bungalow for them in Cricket Close, Hindhead. They called the bungalow "Cover Point" as Jim was a keen cricketer and eventually Jim became president of the Hindhead Cricket Club. When Jim died Audrey was made president. There are photographs of Audrey 'batting'*

### **JUNE OLIVE MARTIN 21 JUNE 1928 – 28 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Much loved wife of Gordon who completely involved herself in his parish life wherever they were sent. June lived her life fully, always willing to give her time and energy for others. Needlework was her life's passion and she shared her considerable expertise enthusiastically with all who were interested. June is much missed by family and friends. June came to Manorstead on the death of Gordon.

*It was a great sadness that June and Gordon had no children of their own and adopted 'David'. They loved David very much. As David grew into manhood he became homosexual, which would mean 'no grandchildren'. David tried to commit suicide twice, firstly due to debt, which caused June and Gordon to sell their retirement home (that is how June came to be at Manorstead), secondly when David's partner left him. This latter incident was just after Gordon had died, but June coped, but she hated Manorstead residents talking about their grandchildren. This was a great sadness to her.*

June was advisor to The Art Society on ecclesiastical vestments.

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### **JOAN CATHARINE TEMPLE 3 JANUARY 1923 – 9 MAY 2019**

Joan married Freddy Temple in June 1947, having expressed anxieties about joining such an illustrious episcopal family, Joan rose to every occasion; theirs was a joint ministry. Joan ran the Mothers' Union throughout, in Manchester, Hong Kong, and Portsmouth and when Freddy was made Bishop, continued to support MU for over 60 years. Joan was well known for her warmth, interest and care for others and her sense of fun. Joan came to Manorstead on the death of Freddy.

*Joan, like Hazel, had also, 'lost a child', and it was only visiting Joan in her room at Manorstead that one became aware of a photograph of a laughing little boy called, "Michael", who died when they were in Hong Kong. When Freddy was appointed Bishop of Bristol, Joan and Freddy lived near Swindon and drawing on the experience of losing Michael, Joan set up the Swindon Branch of Compassionate Friends, developing and supporting a hostel for ex-offenders and establishing a Volunteers Bureau.*

*On Moving to Manorstead, Joan would often visit and read to residents, who like herself were widows.*

*Joan was a great one for a mail-order offer and when Stella and I were on trolley duty in the nursing home, it would be, "in that cupboard is something for your MU sales table". Joan just loved 'giving'.*

### **Taken from Joan Temple's Order of Funeral Service**

#### ***How much piecing a quilt is like living a life!***

Many a time I've sat and listened to Parson Page preaching about predestination and free will and I've said to myself, "If I could just get up in that pulpit with one of my quilts I could make it a heap plainer to folks than parson's making it with his big words".

"You see, you start out with just so much calico, you don't go to the store and pick it out and buy it, but neighbours will give you a piece here and a piece there, and you'll have a piece left over every time you cut a

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dress, and you take just what happens to come. And that's like predestination."

"But when it comes to the cutting out, why you're free to choose your own pattern. You can give the same kind of pieces to two persons and one'll make a 'nine-patch' and one'll make a 'wild goose chase', and there'll be two quilts made out of the same kinds of pieces and just as different as they can be."  
"And that is just the way with living. The Lord sends us pieces, but we can cut them out and put them together pretty much to suit ourselves and there is a heap more in the cutting out and the sewing than there is in the calico".



Joan was fond of this reading and shared it widely. She certainly had a distinctive style in how she cut and sowed her quilt!

### **Be part of a worldwide movement 4 million strong**

Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. Why not put your faith into action by joining us as we work together for a better world?

#### **As a Member or Friend you can:**

**Strengthen** communities all over the world

**Help** the most disadvantaged at home

**Shape** how we advocate for the rights of families

**Build** supportive, loving relationships

**Develop** your own relationship with God

If you have any questions about membership, or would prefer to join over the phone, please contact our dedicated membership support team directly.: +44 (0)20 7222 5533

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## DIOCESAN CALENDAR

**PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER.** These services are held in the Lady Chapel at Guildford Cathedral at 11am on the first Tuesday of the month. **EVERYONE** is welcome to come to any of the services, it is a service for the whole diocese not just the leading Deanery in that month.

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
13 January	Monday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by trustees	Cathedral Lady Chapel
11 February	Tuesday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by LEATHERHEAD Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
3 March	Tuesday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by RUNNYMEDE Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
6 March	Friday		World Day of Prayer	Various around Diocese
25 March	Wednesday	11.00	<b>Lady Day Diocesan Festival Eucharist</b>	Guildford Cathedral
31 March – 2 April	Tuesday – Thursday		Diocesan Spring Retreat	House of Prayer Molesey
7 April	Tuesday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by SURREYHEATH Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
5 May	Tuesday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by WOKING Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
21 May	Thursday	10.00 – 14.00	<b>Members' Meeting and AGM</b>	WOODHAM
2 June	Tuesday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by ALDERSHOT Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
7 July	Thursday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by CRANLEIGH Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
20 July	Monday	pm	Lambeth 2020 MU Hosted Tea or Supper	Venue TBA
13 August	Thursday	11.00 – 15.00	<b>Summer Party</b>	Normandy
1 September	Tuesday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by DORKING Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
25/26 September			Mothers' Union General Meeting	Belfast
6 October	Tuesday	11.00	Pilgrimage of Prayer led by EMLY Deanery	Cathedral Lady Chapel
October	Tues-Thurs		Autumn Retreat	East Molesey

**Trustee Board meets in the Chapter House, Guildford Cathedral** on 13 January, 9 March, 11 May, 6 July, 14 September and 9 November (All Monday mornings starting at 10.30). Details of retreats and days/half days of prayer will be advised later.

OUR THEME FOR 2020  
**Building Hope and Confidence**