

## JUNE/JULY M.U. NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and friends,

It has been a difficult time for the Gomez and Phillips families as we said farewell to Maria and Freda. They fought so bravely with great faith and they will be greatly missed. We were blessed to have had them as committed members of our Branch and we are assured that they are now at peace. Their hope and strength has given encouragement to us all. I ask you to continue to pray for Ruben and family and Tudor .

I would like to thank everyone who kindly donated money for the M.U. Projects which enabled us to send £100 to Mary Sumner House early in June. This was sent prior to all members receiving a letter of request for money towards Projects, so please do not feel obliged to do so as we have already sent from the Branch. We have all also received a request for money towards the Summer of Hope appeal which we will make a donation to from our Branch funds as we have been unable to have a fundraiser this year. I suggest a minimum of £50 or may be a little more if our finances allows. Last year there was lots of debate about these sort of letters being sent to members but sadly many charities are all doing this as everyone is in need but I want to reassure you that you don't need to respond on these two occasions.

I attended a very informal Deanery Meeting at Penllegaer in June. It was well organised, the hall was well ventilated and we were socially distanced. It was difficult to hear the conversation behind masks and many missed parts of the conversation. Each leader spoke about activities within their

branches. Sally spoke about Sketty and Clydach branches closing which was sad. Her intention is to continue as Diocesan President for the next triennial unless anyone really wishes to take on the role. Her reasoning behind this is that she feels it is the wrong time to leave when there is so much work to be done in rebuilding the M.U. in our Diocese, which is very commendable of her, so watch this space. It was lovely to see friends that I had not seen for ages but some of our leaders were still very nervous to attend.

Beryl Evans leader of Gorseinon has been poorly and needs our prayers.

I am very grateful to Moira Bibby and the ladies who pray for our members who are ill. They have prayed for Glenys, Betty, Maria and Freda for a very long time.

July has been a bumper Birthday time. Chris T and myself joining the big 70 club. Peter P., Marion, Barry, Pat, and finally Sue D., on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chris T. has at last been able to meet with her grandchildren, which is wonderful and Phyllis and Peter have had a little break in their mobile home, while Diane and John have had a few short trips in Brian and John has been diving and sailing. Gwen has had a family break at New Quay Pembro. Meta has also had a stay with family. Debbie is at Bangor where Becca has celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and has also started a job as a Christian youth worker and graduated with an excellent degree. Sian and Pete are patiently waiting to move house as are Sue and Barry. Dulcie, Peggy are well and Glenys has kept her garden beautiful the past few months. Jackie has finished

school for the Summer and we hope that she enjoys the well deserved break after such a difficult year.

Thank you for the lovely gift of the sisters ornament. I was very moved and will treasure it. Many thanks for the beautiful flowers received also.

I hope to be able to arrange our A.G.M. somewhere local that we can be together at last so I will let you know nearer the time. Meanwhile , stay safe and well and I will leave you with this blessing that was sent to me by Helen Jones.

#### Apache Blessing.

May the sun bring you new energy by day.

May the moon softly restore you by night.

May the rain wash away your worries.

May the breeze blow new strength into your being.

May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty

All the days of your life.

Amen.