

Mothers' Union

We welcome four members of Five Churches' branch who have come to join us and we look forward to seeing them at our meetings. We always welcome new members and if anyone would be interested, either just come along or contact me, Sue Thomas, on 422810.

March is a very busy month for Mothers' Union. On Tuesday 5th March we have a members' meeting in the Baptist church Kneightrider Street. The speaker is from "Holding On and Letting Go" a bereavement organisation. This meeting is open to all and starts at 10.30.

On Monday 18th March is our annual Wave of Prayer. This will be held at 3 Woodstock Road at 11.30. A buffet lunch will follow. All welcome.

Our normal March meeting will be on 20th March and our speaker will be Kevin Jacobs, again all are welcome to this.

Monday 25th March is Lady Day and the service this year will be held at St. Nicholas Allington at 10.00 again a buffet lunch will follow the service.

Sue Thomas

Christian Aid

Martin and I attended the meeting in Canterbury on 9th February to introduce this year's campaign. At the moment it looks as though I am the sole organiser for the Sittingbourne churches so I will just have to do the best I can.

This year's campaign focuses on Sierra Leone. This is the worst country in which to be a mother as deaths in childbirth and of children under the age of five is very high. Christian Aid is working with an organisation called RADA to improve antenatal care. At the moment often when a woman goes into labour, she has to walk miles along the road for help and often she dies on the way. The help given is frequently given by non-qualified people.

The Canterbury Christian Aid committee are organising a concert by the Galliard Trio. This will be held on Saturday 30th March in St. Peters Methodist Church. Tickets cost £10 more information can be obtained from jbarber@uk2.net.

Christian Aid week this year will start with service in the Cathedral on Sunday 12th May at 6.30. The preacher will be Canon Tim Naish.

Please put Christian Aid week in your diary 12th – 18th May and help support this worthwhile cause.

Sue Thomas