

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

**Diocese of Edinburgh**

**Mothers' Union Newsletter**



**March 2015**

## *Letter from the Diocesan President: March 2015*

Dear Friends

Time for another newsletter. The snowdrops have been flowering for several weeks and now the crocuses and celandines have joined them plus a few primroses. The gardens are starting to come to life again and the colour brightens our gardens (and us). Lent will look a lot brighter.

It has been a mixed few months. In December several of us enjoyed the Quiet Day Frances did at the Church of the Good Shepherd. We had time to reflect on paintings and poems, make our own Advent Calendars and to read and pray for the world using articles from the newspapers and a world map. It was good to have this quiet space before the rush and bustle of Christmas and bombardment of advertising about what we must have to enjoy ourselves.



Then we heard of our new Links – we are sorry to “loose” Sri Lanka but will keep informal contact with them. I have written to the new Prayer Links but had no replies – even their e-mail addresses are wrong, but that is what they sent to Mary Sumner House. I will write again for Easter sending our prayers and good wishes.

It is lovely to hear what everyone is doing – the Diocesan Members meet regularly at Waterston's cafe (coffee and buns ) and catch up with each other, but we do not always know what the rest of the members are doing. Anyone can come to this, it makes the Diocesan Members feel part of the whole and us to know them. They are important members of the M.U.

I hope you have taken time to think, pray and, perhaps, respond to the Social Policy documents Julia sends us. We might not get what we hope for and be totally out-voted in the two Parliaments, but it makes us think and re-evaluate our position on the topics presented. Everyone has the right to their opinion and in discussions we do respect other points of view even though we disagree.

Vera and I visited a lovely young Mum to chat about the ‘Away From It All Fund’. She was totally overwhelmed when we offered her the grant to go to see her parents and wondered why total strangers would want to help some-one they did not know. She had been recommended by a friend who is an M.U member. This is what we are asked to do – both by Jesus and our Aims/Objectives.

The Trustees have continued to meet and plan/discuss M.U matters. We are grateful to Catherine, who has been our Secretary for five years for her loyal and very competent service so now we need a new Secretary. If you can help, please don't be shy in offering. Catherine will help you to fulfil this role. Next year, Vera retires so we need a new Treasurer – again, please volunteer.

We also will say good-bye to Frances who has been a faithful and encouraging Chaplain providing a variety of services for us plus Quiet Days. She may not get away from us as we may well be asking to go to St. Ninians for a meeting once their heating and repairs are finished.

Many thanks for all of you. Your prayers are essential for our work/projects in our local areas and overseas (knitting, prayer). We may not see the results of our work, but we remain committed to whatever we do, so thank you again for all your efforts.

I took a large box and several bags of lovely knitting to the Neo-natal unit and they were delighted. There is a new pattern – available at Council - for a small body warmer.

Keep praying and working and have a Blessed and joyful Easter.

Love and prayers, *Angela*

## Reflection from Rev'd Frances Burberry Edinburgh MU Chaplain

Half-way down the western slope of the Mount of Olives, and just across the Kedron Valley from Jerusalem, there's a small church, called Dominus Fleuit – the Lord Wept. This church marks the traditional spot where Jesus stopped, looked at Jerusalem, and wept.

From outside – especially from the other side of the Kedron Valley – the church resembles a tear drop; and inside, looking up at the roof – which is in gold mosaic – one gets the clear impression of an eye shedding a tear.

There's a window inside the church, above the altar. It's a semi-circular window which, at first glance, could be of stained glass depicting Jerusalem. But it's clear glass, and the picture is the city itself, in its infinite variety of line, and colour.



Below the window, on the front of the altar there's a mosaic medallion of a white hen with a golden halo around her head. Her red comb resembles a crown, her wings are spread wide to shelter the pale yellow chickens that crowd around her feet. Seven chickens, with black dots for eyes, and orange dots for beaks. And round the medallion you'll find red words in Latin. Translated into English they reveal the Gospel – "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" – Matthew 23.37.

And that last phrase is set outside the circle, in a pool of red beneath the chickens' feet ... "you were not willing".

Jerusalem is the dwelling place of God. It's the place where God's glory will be revealed. It's also the place where God is betrayed by those who hate the good and love what is evil. Nothing that happens in Jerusalem is insignificant.

We're now about to turn our faces toward Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Jesus set out for Bethany and Jerusalem from Jericho; and it was in Jericho that the blind beggar Bartimaeus confronted him, and Jesus asked what he wanted. 'Lord', he said, 'I want to see.' And I think that could well be our prayer as we set out to follow Jesus in his Passion. Lord, let me see. Let me not just look, let me not be content with what's on the surface but give me true sight to comprehend the places and the events, and the limitless love of God in action.

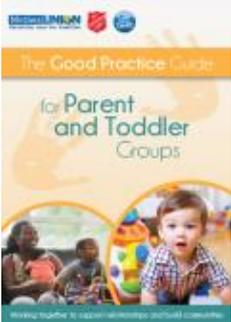
Blessings, *Frances*

## Extract from March Central MU Newsletter



### Listening - New Resource

Mothers' Union elections (and of course the General Election) are fast approaching and to help keep God at the centre of the process we have produced a listening resource to support you. This is a great faith resource that can be adapted for any occasion where listening to others is required. - [Find out more](#)



### Parent and Toddler Guide 2015

As many of us will know toddler groups are really important. They are often the biggest outreach source for churches and a life line for parents. We have worked with Care for the Family and The Salvation Army to update our popular guide which is a great tool to guide "best practice" when involved with a toddler group

[Read more](#)

**Information from:**

**Rachael Arding, Newsletter Editor at Mary Sumner House**



### Join "Team Mothers' Union!"

We will be participating in this year's "The Fix Event Richmond Park 5k & 10k Run". Why not come and join our team of members and staff on 3rd October? Men and woman of all abilities can get involved - so why not get running and raise funds for our vital work! - [Find out more.](#)



### General Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015

We are delighted to announce that our speaker for the **General Meeting to be held in Nottingham's Royal Concert Hall**, will be Jane Fearnly-Whittingstall. Jane is an author of many successful books including *The Good Granny Guide* and *For Better, For Worse*. She is an experienced speaker and we look forward to welcoming her at this years event. There are still tickets available if you have not yet purchased yours.

### [Downloadable Article: Discipleship](#)

General Synod this year had a report on discipleship within the Church of England. We believe that Mothers' Union groups around the world are shining examples of active discipleship - use this great article in your parish magazine or newsletter to help promote this! <http://mothersuniononline.org>



## CALENDAR

### **Annual Scottish Provincial Retreat**

The retreat is run mid-week from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday lunchtime in the Spring of each year. Our annual silent retreat provides an opportunity to be quiet and feel God's presence. It is normally held at the welcoming and comfortable setting of St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull beside Perth, but this year we have to find an alternative venue whilst Kinnoull is closed for a year for refurbishment. Netherurd, off the A701, (Blyth Bridge), south of Edinburgh is the venue for the next retreat which will be held from Tuesday @ 2.30pm 14th to after lunch on Thursday 16th April 2015.

## CALENDAR *continued:*

This is in the week following Easter Week. The retreat leader is Fiona Fidgin, who is from St Anthony's priory. Cost £150. The website has been updated with all the information available at present. <http://muscotland.org.uk/Retreat.htm> is the link to the page and there is also a link in the news box on the home page with facilities to make an on line application. If applying by post please send a stamped addressed envelope.

Such is the popularity of Kinnoull, we have booked up for the following two years, so you have plenty of notice of when they will be held. Assuming Kinnoull to be open, the 2016 retreat will be from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th April and in 2017 it will be from Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th April. The Retreat web page has reports and photos from previous retreats as well as photos of Netherurd taken when Paul and I visited to see if it would be suitable. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone me on 0141 776 3237 or email me at [retreat@muscotland.org.uk](mailto:retreat@muscotland.org.uk) *Pat Hindle*

There are still places available. Web address: [www.muscotland.org.uk/index.htm](http://www.muscotland.org.uk/index.htm)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Diocesan Council at **the Good Shepherd.**

### **MU GENERAL MEETING**

**Is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Nottingham** in the Royal Concert Hall.

### **Literature**

**MUe: Greetings Cards For Sale: Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, Welcome**  
Also, if you have any ideas as to **how many Diaries/Year Planners you want for 2016, please let Angela know.** The order form comes out next week or so and not even got Easter over!! Apply to Mrs Angela Sibley a.s.a.p. Tel 01968 674211

17 Rullion Road Penicuik EH26 9HS - Email: [angelasibley@talktalk.net](mailto:angelasibley@talktalk.net)

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Thank you to all who have contributed. Since this Newsletter goes to every member as well as past members who have left the Diocese, it is a golden opportunity to show what activities members are taking part in.

Items for the **next Newsletter** should be with me by September 2015 to enable distribution at Diocesan Council in order to save on postage. News of branch activities, special birthdays, anniversaries etc. plus photos would be welcome.

If you can receive Newsletters, Intercession Leaflets by email please let me know since this would save on postage for Edinburgh MU. Those of you with access to the web can view this Newsletter in colour and read a fuller report of the General Meeting, at: [www.muscotland.org.uk](http://www.muscotland.org.uk) *Jean Hindle*

### **Deaths:**

As well as Sheila Rutherford (*see Christ Church Morningside on p.7*) St James has lost two long-standing members.

Joyce Black & Elizabeth Lady Clerk, both of whom died at the end of October 2014.

Joyce served as Diocesan Secretary for a number of years, and had also been leader of St James MU. Elizabeth, Lady Clerk was very supportive of MU and regularly hosted the branch at Penicuik House as well as a group of members who attended the general Meeting in 1988.

# Make a Mother's Day

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Thank you for helping to Make a Mother's Day!

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported our Make a Mother's Day campaign this year by buying a gift for, or in memory of, your mum. You have helped another mum create a better life for herself and her family, thank you!

But don't worry! If you haven't yet donated there is still time to make a

difference for families all around the world.

You can still order Make a Mother's Day gifts by visiting [our website](#) or calling **020 7222 5533**. Every little helps mums feed their children, send them to school, live in better housing and secure a happier future.



Now, I hope you don't mind my honesty, but unfortunately this year has been particularly tough financially. This is because we rely on the vast majority of our income for programmes around the world to come from individuals, like yourself.

As our biggest campaign of the year, the money raised by this year's Make a Mother's Day will be vital in ensuring that the people who benefit from our amazing work do not start to suffer.

*Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping to bring hope and support to those in need.*

## Reminder about the new Wave of Prayer partners:

From 2015 - New Wave of Prayer calendar on **15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October** each year.

### 2015 Theme: "United in Prayer"

This is the Mothers' Union Theme for 2015, which develops the 2014 theme – 'Sowing the Future together', by focussing on the centrality of prayer in the work of Mothers' Union across the world.

Diocese	Country	Province
Terekeka	South Sudan	South Sudan & Sudan
Nairobi	Kenya	Kenya
Maiduguri	Nigeria	Nigeria
Osun North	Nigeria	Nigeria
Edinburgh	Scotland	Scotland
Calcutta	India	North India

As we continue to plan for the future and grow together, prayer is at the heart of all we do.

As we look to build the community of Mothers' Union, we unite with other members across the world, and particularly we are united in prayer. Our theme for the year highlights the importance and centrality of prayer to all we do. As we embark upon the new Wave of Prayer, with over 100 new links added, we have the exciting opportunity to pray for many more people.

We are currently developing themed resources to help us celebrate our new links, inspire us to pray and help us discern how and what to pray.

As we work on these resources, let us ask God to illuminate the way he wants us to respond, equip us in our prayer life and take us forward on our journey with Him and in unity with members across the world.

When a believing person prays, great things happen.

**Maiduguri, Nigeria** - Please remember the people in prayer after the bomb attacks by The Muslim group. They are our prayer Link. See above. *Angela*

## Round the Branches

**The Livingston Branch:** Because of our reduced numbers we are now taking it in turns to meet in each others homes - still the third Sunday of each month.

We held our AGM last Sunday - 15th February and our office bearers remain the same - Linda Marshall - Branch Leader, Betty Mackenzie Assistant branch leader and Fay Edgar - Treasurer/Admin. After the summer holidays the branch met up in September with a guest speaker - Johnny Burgoyne who spoke about the Menzies choir which meets in Bathgate, our members recognised friends and relatives who have been part of the choir for many years, in the photos which Johnny had on display. October - planning meeting for Buffet lunch. We held our annual buffet lunch for the ministry team of Livingston united parish church in November, the Rev. Ron Gregg led us in worship other Ministers attended with their partners, and we all enjoyed the lunch and get together. We finished up in December with a pot luck lunch and carol service - well we had our lunch but the fire alarm went off in the church building so there was no Carol service. ! *Fay Edgar 20.02.15*

**Christ Church Morningside:** The memorial Service for Sheila Rutherford took place on Saturday 31st January at Christ Church Morningside 12 noon. Vera Jones thinks her death occurred on Wednesday peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She was a life long member of Mothers Union and was the overseas correspondent with our Link in Sri Lanka for many years.

**St James Penicuik:** have continued to meet when possible on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, though January posed some problems with snow. We attend the mid-week communion which is followed by a soup and cheese lunch and then either a speaker or a knit and natter. We had a very good presentation from one of our NSMs, Dr Tony Bramley with a DVD about Lyme Disease. Tony's wife, Lorna is a sufferer and is a member of St James branch. Angela guided us through the item in 'Created' about single people. Our Rector, Lynsay, spoke to us about Jesus coming to terms with the prospect of his ultimate suffering in giving his life for us. The talk was illustrated by very interesting drawings. We continue to knit for 'Prem Babies' and overleaf are patterns approved by the neo natal unit. *Jean Hindle*



## Special baby body warmer

*This little body warmer has been made by special request from some of the staff on the neo natal units. It has buttons on the shoulders and opens flat so that the nurses can dress baby with the minimum disturbance.*

Using DK wool and 3.75mm needles OR  
4ply wool and 3.25mm needles – (size10)

The smaller size is required, so use 4ply version

Cast on 89 stitches and knit 4 rows in garter stitch [Every row knit.]

Row 5:- Knit 2 yarn over needle, knit 2 together, knit to end - Row 6:- Knit.

Keeping 3 stitches at each end in garter stitch. Work 24 rows in either stocking stitch or small pattern, making 2 further buttonholes on rows 9 and 19.

### Divide for Armholes

*Next row.*- Knit 24 stitches, turn, cast on 3 stitches. Knit 3 , purl to the last 3 stitches, knit 3.

[27 stitches, work on these stitches for the 1st front]

*Next row:*- Knit 3 , knit 2 together, knit to the last 5 stitches knit 2 together, knit 3.

Keeping the garter stitch border, work 3 rows stocking stitch.

Repeat last 4 rows, 4 times more, then 1st and second rows once [15 stitches]

*Next row:*- Garter stitch 4 rows

*5<sup>th</sup> row:*- Buttonhole row. Knit 7; yarn over needle, knit 2 together, knit to end

*Next row.*- Garter stitch 2 rows. Cast off

Rejoin Yarn, cast on 3 stitches. Knit 44 stitches, including 3 cast on, Turn, leaving 24 stitches for 2nd front, cast on 3 sts, 47 sts for back.

*Next row:*- Knit 3, Purl to the last 3 stitches knit 3

*Next row:*- Knit 3, Knit 2 together, knit to the last 5 stitches knit 2 together knit 3.

Keeping the garter stitch border, work 3 rows stocking stitch.

Repeat the last 4 rows, 4 times more, then 1st and 2nd rows once (35 stitches)

Garter stitch 6 more rows. Cast off - Rejoin Yarn. Cast on 3 Sts knit to end. Work to match first front. Sew cast on stitches at armholes. - Sew on buttons.

### WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL VENTILATOR BONNETS – Need 1000's of these caps

Small (1 kg baby approx) - Medium (1 .5kg) Large (2 kg) - Extra large (2 . 5 kg and over)

For extra small bonnets please see footnote.

### Materials

1. ply wool (50 g makes several bonnets) - Size 10 (3 ¼)mm needles - size 9 (3 ½ mm needles

With size 10 needles cast on 57 (65) (73) (81) sts. - Work 5 rows K1 P1 rib.

**Change to size 9 needles.** Continue in stocking stitch until work measures 6 (7) (8) (9) ems.

**Decrease for crown** 1 st row (K5 (6) (7) (8), k2 tog) to last stitch K 1

2nd and alternate rows - p

3rd row (K4 (5) (6) (7), k2 tog) to last stich, k1

Continue decreasing as set until 9 stitches remain.

Break off wool, leaving long end. Thread end of wool through remaining 9 stitches, draw up tightly. Join seam.

**Extra small bonnets**, i.e. For 24/52 babies, may be made by using 3 ply wool, size 11 and 10 needles and following the smallest size pattern, working 4.5cm before crown decreasing



## **Extracts from the Mothers' Union Bye Buy Childhood Campaign 2015**

Over the past decade, Mothers Union has played a significant role in speaking out against the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood and in 2010 we launched our Bye Buy Childhood campaign. The campaign and its accompanying report sought to influence those who shape childhood – government, the commercial world, parents and the wider society; calling them to take a responsible attitude towards images and information that is geared towards children.

The Buy Bye Childhood 2015 report highlights new research findings, as well as the results of in-depth interviews with a number of parents and the six recommendations at the end of the report calls for continued support for and investment in the area of commercialisation of children from government.

We have been thrilled with the progress that has been made in tackling the issues raised in our 2010 report. However, our latest report demonstrates that there is still much to be done and we are aware that issues raised in the first report are still relevant to parents today. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu said “I’ve supported Mothers’ Union’s Bye Buy Childhood campaign since it was launched in 2010 and I know just how thrilled Mothers’ Union members have been to see the response from Government, Industry and the Third Sector, as they take measures to protect children. But it is right that Mothers’ Union continues to be vigilant on these issues, and encourages all of us to continue to play our part in not only ensuring that everyone adheres to government regulations, but also strives for best practice to support parents and children.”

We know how much our members have supported this campaign and how it was key to the successful outcomes of the 2010 report. To encourage further support this year we have produced an accompanying engagement pack which has been designed to enable all members to engage with the issues raised in the report and think about how they can join in with the campaigning activities.

The 24 page engagement pack provides: (available at <http://www.byebuychildhood.org>)

- **Information about the campaign and the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood**
- **Prayer and family activity resources**
- **Further sources of support**
- **Ideas on raising awareness and campaigning against these issues.**

Our hope is that whether you want to ‘campaign’ by engaging with your political representative, or to begin to think about how you talk about commercialisation with your children or grandchildren, there will be something in this pack for everyone. You can also join us in this campaign via social media : Follow/like our Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/MothersUnion](http://www.facebook.com/MothersUnion)

Follow us on Twitter @**MothersUnion** and Tweet with us using **#ByeBuyChildhood**

Keep an eye on our Bye Buy Childhood website, [www.byebuychildhood.org](http://www.byebuychildhood.org) for further information and coverage. Remember we are always happy to hear from members about how they have supported the campaign.

The Bye Buy Childhood campaign was launched in response to our concerns that children were being targeted by and exposed to inappropriate sexualised media and marketing. \*We believe more than ever that children should be valued as children and not targeted as consumers. \*

Building on the research that we first conducted in 2010, new research has been commissioned into the opinion of 1,000 UK parents about the impact of the commercial world on their families, as well as drawing on the experience, thoughts and opinions of Mothers’ Union members across the UK.

The new report is accompanied by an \*engagement pack \*which has been designed to equip all members to engage with the issue and to think about how they could join in with the campaigning activities. With sections designed to help people ‘pray’, ‘be enabled’ and ‘campaign’ there should be something for all members including those wanting to pray about the issue as well as those looking for some extra support or guidance as it affects their family. We have also included a comprehensive set of outlines to help empower members to campaign about the topic. Member engagement was key to the successful outcomes of the 2010 Bye Buy Childhood campaign activities and will be integral to the success of this campaign in 2015 and beyond. Please think prayerfully about the activities that you will engage with and help promote Bye Buy Childhood.

**From p. 9 , Section 5: Family activities:** It can be challenging to talk about commercialisation and how it affects children and young people directly with them. These family activities and conversation starters are provided to help you begin to have those conversations.

### **Bye Buy Test**

Whether you are a child, young person or adult, analyse your consumer habits.

Use this Bye Buy Test when shopping – in a shop or online – to help you think about what or who is influencing your choices:

- Why do I want to buy it?
- Can I afford it?
- How often will I use it?
- What will happen if I don’t buy it?

### **Children and commercialisation**

**I really do agree that childhood has been commercialised quite a lot and it’s up to the parents to a point to try and sort of protect the child from that.**

The very purpose of marketing is to attract attention and create interest in a product. While there are rules for marketers relating to children, these are based on the principle that care should be taken when featuring or addressing children in marketing and their purpose remains to create interest in and desire for a particular product.

*Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. Hebrews 13:5*

### **Conversation starters: How to be content**

For Children:

- Talk together about where money comes from.
- How often do they expect to get the things they ask for?
- Do they appreciate and enjoy the things that they have?
- Think together about what the Bible says about greed (Luke 12:16-21).

For Young People:

- Ask your teen about something they really want. Do they know how much it is? How long would it take them to earn or save that amount? What else could they spend it on? Why is it that they want it? What has influenced their desire?
- Reflect together on the things they already have and think about where they have come from.
- Talk about marketing methods and the feelings that marketing campaigns can encourage.
- Share with them the reasons, values and experiences that guide your decisions when buying.

From Section 6 on p.12: **ParentPort**

ParentPort has been set up by the UK’s media regulators that have a responsibility to protect children from inappropriate material. If you have seen or heard something you want to complain about, you can complain direct to ParentPort at <http://www.parentport.org.uk/make-a-complaint> and they will direct you to the right regulator for your area of concern, whether it is:

- **A programme:** anything from a soap, the news, a music video to a song on the radio
- **An advertisement:** any advert whether it was broadcast, in print, online or even a billboard
- **A film:** whether you saw it at the cinema, at home, or on the move
- **A video game:** any kind of game, whether it was played on a console, a screen or a phone
- **A newspaper or magazine:** either in print or online
- **Something else:** either in print or online

You can access ParentPort's top tips for parents covering online safety, mobile safety, social networking, films, advertising and video games at

[www.parentport.org.uk/top-tips-for-parents/](http://www.parentport.org.uk/top-tips-for-parents/)

The Advertising Standards Authority's (ASA) parent's guide on advertising and children can be read at [www.asa.org.uk/Consumers/Parents-Page.aspx](http://www.asa.org.uk/Consumers/Parents-Page.aspx)

Extract from page 13 which concerns **Using technology**

The *Bye Buy Childhood 2015 report* outlines the concern that the evolving nature of technology sparks in parents. The following section contains internet safety related advice which parents may find helpful. If you want to report someone who is behaving suspiciously online towards a child, you can make a report to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre at [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk). If it is an emergency situation you should contact 999.

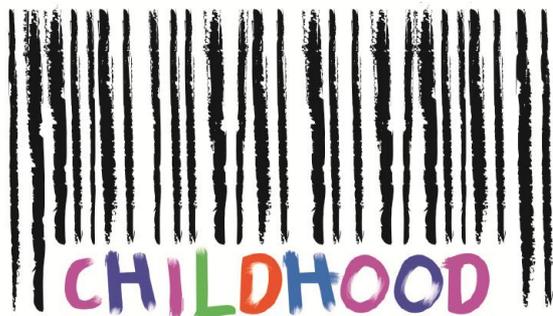
The UK Safer Internet Centre has created a guide to answer commonly asked questions about how children and young people are using technology. It introduces some of the most popular devices used by children, highlighting the safety tools available to help support them to use these technologies safely and responsibly [www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech)

**Parental Controls:** The four main internet providers in the UK (BT, Sky, Talk Talk and Virgin Media) provide their customers with free parental controls that can be activated at any time. You can access video tutorials on how to download and use these controls on the UK Safer Internet Centre website at [www.saferinternet.org.uk/parental-controls](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parental-controls)

**Sections 7 to 11** show members how to be involved with your MPs or prospective MPs, both at the hustings and after the election and also urges everyone to vote.

**Fill in the three forms in the engagement pack** as an individual or as a group or branch, and send them back to us. It really is vital that we hear back about member activity

BYE BUY



\*Valuing children as children and not as consumers.

New Report and Engagement Pack for 2015

Now available from

<http://www.byebuychildhood.org>

OR shortly via;

<http://www.muscotland.org.uk>

**NB Please get a complete copy of the booklet for more information and for filling in your answers to the questions which are shown overleaf for your information.**

**THE QUESTIONS are shown below for information  
And indicate the sort of activities in which to participate.**

## Section 12: Hustings lobby log

Evaluation is a critical part of any Mothers' Union campaign. It is helpful for Mothers' Union centrally to be aware of who you have had contact with and what they have said.

Once you have organised or attended a hustings, we would be grateful if you would you complete the following log and return it to

Bye Buy Childhood campaign, Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB or email the online word version to: [policy@mothersunion.org](mailto:policy@mothersunion.org)

1. Name of candidates and constituency
2. Date of the hustings
3. What question did you ask?
4. What was the response?
5. Your name and contact details

### **BYE BUY CHILDHOOD**

## Section 13: Feedback and evaluation sheet

**Thank you for taking part in the Bye Buy Childhood campaign.**

Mothers' Union centrally would like to hear about your campaign activities, future plans, ideas and how helpful you found this engagement pack. We would be grateful if you would fill in this form and return it to Bye Buy Childhood campaign, Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB.

**For all completed 'lobby logs' 'feedback and evaluation sheets' received by October 2015, we will submit your details into a prize draw with the chance to win £10 worth of Mothers' Union vouchers to spend in the MUE shop online ([www.MUeshop.org](http://www.MUeshop.org)) or the MUE catalogue.**

*Please tick if you do not wish to be entered into the draw*

1. Name
2. Mothers' Union branch/ diocese (if applicable)
3. Contact phone number or email.
4. Overall, how useful did you find this engagement pack?  
Very useful Useful Somewhat useful Not very useful Not useful at all
5. How did you use this pack? (please tick all that apply)  
As an individual As part of a Mothers' Union group Within a church  
As part of another group (please state) .....  
Other (please state) .....

### **BYE BUY CHILDHOOD**

6. Which section(s) did you find most helpful, and why?
7. Were there any sections you didn't use, and why?
8. What Bye Buy Childhood campaigning activities have you undertaken/ are you planning to undertake?
9. Do you have any helpful ideas for the further development of the Bye Buy Childhood campaign?
10. Any other comments: