

## Knowle Members' Bulletin - January 2021

**Happy New Year we hope that 2021 will be better than 2020. We continue to pray that you are all keeping well at this time.**

### For Our Prayers

The lockdown means that we will have less freedom in the weeks ahead but as the vaccines are rolled out to the population beginning with our most vulnerable, we must hope and pray that the Covid numbers will fall soon. We must also continue to pray for all our front line workers and that the pressure on our health service will ease in the coming months. Please continue to pray that individuals and families will continue to adhere to the social distancing rules and the wearing of face coverings.

### Wave of Prayer Dioceses

12-14 Jan Mauritius; Kericho in Kenya; Katsina in Nigeria; Kumasi in Ghana; Winchester in England and Nandyal in India

15-17 Jan Seychelles; Bukedi in Uganda; Enugu in Nigeria; Birmingham in England and Marathwada in India

**January Annual Service and AGM 14 January by Zoom:** Attached to this Bulletin are the agenda, minutes of the last AGM, reports from the treasurer and secretary and the accounts. The AGM which will take place immediately after our Annual Service for the year with the theme 'Re-building Hope and Confidence'.

The Parish Office will send out an invitation to join; just accept the invitation and you will be sent details of the meeting ID and password nearer the date. If you do not get an invitation and would like to join the meeting, please contact the Parish Office to ask to be included. Helen Allen on 01564 779123 or email: [office@kpc.org.uk](mailto:office@kpc.org.uk)

**15 January – Wave of Prayer from 10 – 12am by Zoom.** An opportunity to pray for our link Dioceses around the world and contribute to the Overseas Fund. The Diocesan Prayer sheet is attached to this Bulletin. The Parish Office will send out an invitation to join; just accept the invitation and you will be sent details of the meeting ID and password nearer the date. If you do not get an invitation and would like to join the meeting, please contact the Parish Office to ask to be included. Helen Allen on 01564 779123 or email: [office@kpc.org.uk](mailto:office@kpc.org.uk) If you are unable to join please find time to pray for our link Dioceses between 10am and 12 noon on 15 January.

## Programme for 2021 via Zoom:

We start 2021 with uncertainty but determination and with meetings continuing at 2pm, online for the time being and we are delighted to present the following speakers for the first part of the year. We hope you will be able to join us:

<b>11 February</b>	Claire Carter of The Real Meal Deal
<b>11 March</b>	Christian Hughes, Veterinary Surgeon
<b>8 April</b>	Penny Everness de Marces, Lima, Peru
<b>13 May</b>	Ruth Tuckwell, Friends of Vellore (India)
<b>10 June</b>	Ann Hitchiner, Chaplain to the Forces

**Subscriptions for 2021:** The subscription for 2021 is £30, of this 50p (reduced from £2) is for the Branch to meet part of our running costs; £9.50 (no increase) is retained by the Diocese to meet the cost of running the office and other projects in the Birmingham area and £20 (increase of £5.50) goes to Mary Sumner House to support the work of MU here and overseas. The increase has been necessary to ensure the continuation of Mothers' Union.

You can pay this either by cheque payable to "Knowle Mothers' Union" or direct to our bank account. Contact Adrian for his address or the bank details at [adrianharris17@aol.com](mailto:adrianharris17@aol.com) or phone 01564 730253.

## A Bible verse to encourage you at the start of the New Year

*Isaiah 40:31*

...' those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

## A book for January:

*Yes! Anglican Inspiration by Maurice Sinclair.* This is a fascinating short look at the growth of Christianity in Britain and worldwide, starting in the 3rd century with small beginnings, determined women (yes, women!) and men who committed their lives to sharing the Gospel and planting churches and who often gave their lives in the process. It covers wars in Europe, slavery, persecution and the missionary zeal of recent centuries, up to 2020, ending by challenging each of us, individually. Bishop Maurice draws on his experiences in South America, Egypt and the UK (now in Birmingham) to bring us an excellent and inspiring read, obtainable from:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Mws3/MaterialsForIntentionalDiscipleship>

**Your own needs at this time.** We are happy to help where we can. If you would like to talk to a member of the committee for any reason, their numbers are:

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