



*Our
President's
Letter...*



Summer 2014

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. (Luke 15:18-20)

Dear Friends,

At the Retford Contact Centre management meeting recently, I was reminded how hard but how vital is the role of being a father.

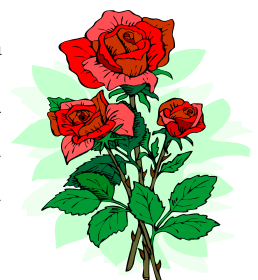
Often in a relationship breakdown, it is the mother who has custody of the children and dads have to make the most of occasional contact. Even for families that are all together, it is can be difficult to balance work and spending time with the children.

For many there is the added complication of having to be step-father. I have a book on my shelf - 'How to be a hero to your Kids'. Young children can catch a glimpse of what God, their Heavenly Father, is like from their earthly dads - the one who protects provides, loves unconditionally, guides and teaches us right from wrong. What a task!

However, there are many who do not have such positive memories of their fathers so how can we help and support dads when they may not have had a good role model in their own dad? With Fathers' Day coming up soon, let's affirm dads, stepdads, granddads - and tell LinkUp how you did it for the next issue!

June also sees our AGM. It will be lively and informative so if you're not sure what Mothers' Union has been doing here and worldwide, or you want to show someone else what we do, come along to Trebeck Hall, Southwell, 7pm June 30th.

Another opportunity to reach out will be on Sept 27th when we shall be offering facilities for changing and feeding babies at the Southwell Ploughing Match. We'll need a rota of volunteers so you can still look around the show with your family.



As Mothers' Union we are Passionate about Parenting and on November 1st in the Tudor Barn, Warsop, we can welcome parents of school age children for a day of fun and fellowship, with workshops and even a free lunch.

Thank you for all your news that you have been sending in to Link up. Keep it coming! As the weather gets a little warmer and we risk going out without a coat, you may be planning a trip away. Don't forget to bring Mothers' Union's greetings to the church where you visit. But also remember that there may be those who are unable to go away that would appreciate a visit.

Next week I'm going to visit my dad who has certainly been a hero to me and I thank my Heavenly Father for him.

With my love and Prayers,

Lucille Porter

Helen Catchpole will be visiting Burundi in October with a group from Gedling Deanery to represent Mothers' Union and to observe and report back on issues for women and the work of Mothers' Union. She needs £1500 to fund the visit and so if you or your branch would like to contribute, please send money to Graham earmarked 'Helen Catchpole'. She has promised to present an illustrated talk, when she returns, to any branches that invite her. *Lucille Porter*

*Family Care Annual Offering Service at
Southwell Minster 2.30pm 13th September*

Mothers' Union support Family Care in their work.

It would be good if as many MU members as possible could attend this service.



*On Tuesday, 15 April 2014, Editha Jasson,
MU Secretary, Diocese of Kagera wrote:*

Dear friends; Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who in His great mercy gave us a new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. May the message of Easter strengthen you and its joy gladden you and its peace remain with you all the time. Be blessed all. *Editha*

MU Diocesan AGM & Council Meeting

You are all invited our AGM on
Monday 30th June 2014 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Trebeck Hall (Main Room), Bishop's Drive, Southwell NG25 0JP
(This is much more interesting than it sounds)

Passionate about Parenting

Guest speaker: Sheran Harper from Guyana.

Date: 1st November 2014

Place: Tudor Barn, Warsop, Mansfield NG20 0SN

Time: 10am-3pm. Lunch included. The Mothers' Union are partnering with the Diocesan Education Dept to present a 'Passionate about Parenting' Day. There will be workshops on current family issues - Digital Safety, Faith in the Family, Help I've got a teenager in the family!

More details and booking forms from Alison or Lucille.

**Passionate
about
Parenting**

World Wide Council

I had another uplifting and inspiring time at World Wide Council and I would like to share with you some of the meetings and workshops. The Members Reps met together and Sheran Harper, the world wide Parenting Group Facilitator told us about setting up a Parenting Group in the hinterland of Guyana. It was a fascinating talk, especially as I am a parenting Group facilitator and was about to run a group at St Paul's Wilford Hill with my co-facilitator, Brenda Knight. I am not going to tell you any more as we all have the opportunity to meet Sheran as part of the day on Saturday Nov 1st and I do urge you to come to that as there will be other great things happening on that day. It is so important that we step outside of our branches and deaneries into the wider world of our fantastic organisation. *Pauline Wainwright*

(Editors: see page 14 for a report on a very interesting workshop)



Southwell Ploughing Match



This year the Mothers' Union will be offering facilities for baby feeding and changing at the *Ploughing Match*.

It will be held on Saturday 27th September in *Bulcote Farms, Bulcote, Nr Burton Joyce* on Saturday 27th September 2014.

This will be a great opportunity to offer a friendly service to young families as well as chatting about Mothers' Union.

If you would like to join the rota please contact *Lucille* or *Alison*.

Archdeaconry News

Newark Archdeaconry Day

Rev Tony Kerswill introduced us to meditation through beautiful photos - what we could think about looking at them and the thoughts we could use in prayers. It was particularly meaningful at the start of Lent and left us all with a lot to think about.

We also had an update from Susan Parker about the work that Ashleigh is involved with in Tanzania - she is working with the MU out there on a project with their orphanage - we look forward to hearing a full report on her return.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 5 June at 7.00 pm. at St Paulinus in Ollerton, the speaker will be Bishop Tony Porter - we look forward to seeing you all there.

ANN HICKMAN - VP Newark Archdeaconry

Nottingham Archdeaconry Day

Nottingham Archdeaconry Day June 2nd, 7pm - 9pm evening meeting "A Good Yarn" using textiles as Therapy. Bring a friend

JANET CLOTHIER - VP Nottingham Archdeaconry

Branch & Deanery News

East Bingham Deanery Service

2.30 pm on Thursday 26th June at St. Mary Magdalene, Keyworth
(please note the Service time)

St. James Porchester holds a Women's Breakfast once a year and I attended on the first Saturday in March, it was a great success, with about 60 or 70 attending. They had a speaker who gave us news on how life is in Rwanda. *Jenny Hodson*

St John's with St Mary's Mansfield held a Service in St John's Church, Mansfield on Sunday 9th February 2014 to bless the new MU Banner. The Banner was blessed by the *Revd Pat Chapman*, assisted by *Pat Brewin*. The photo shows the members of the St John's with St Mary's Mothers' Union. At our meeting on Wednesday 12th February, *Avril Wilkinson* was enrolled as a new member.



St John's Carrington *Mary Walton* was enrolled as a member of St John's Carrington Mothers' Union during the Mass on Mothering Sunday 30th March. The Curate, the *Revd Margaret Gallagher* enrolled Mary.

West Bingham Deanery held their *Lady Day Service* at Edwalton church on Tuesday 25th March. The service was taken by the *Revd Robert Breckles* who preached and celebrated Communion. During the service, long service certificates were presented to *Jackie Bunting* (Edwalton), *Mary Larkinson* and *Juliette Khan* (Wilford Hill) for 20 years; *Mary Newcombe* (Wilford Hill) 40 years and *Wyn Clay* (Edwalton) for 60 years. *Jenny Hempstead* (Wilford Hill) will have her 30 years card presented at Trustees and *Janet Clark* (East Leake) her 50 years certificate at the AGM in June. The collection taken amounted to £140.50 which was in aid of the Wheels Appeal and a letter of thanks has been received. We are indebted to Edwalton branch for supplying tea and cakes after the service. St Paul's, Wilford Hill held an enrolment during a Wednesday morning Communion Service during March when *Janet Marden* and *Margaret Webster* were enrolled by *Pauline Wainwright*, our Deanery Leader.

St Mary's Church, East Leake held a Worship Day on May 22nd, when we explored Pentecost through three worship songs written by John Sprake, a member of St Mary's congregation.



St. Wilfrid's Kirkby-in-Ashfield MU will be celebrating their Centenary in September.

MUe We sold goods at both March Archdeaconry Days, and Sue attended the Nottingham Deanery Quiet Afternoon at Bulwell. The Easter cards were popular and they nearly all sold. People commented that they liked the idea of details of some of our MU projects on the back. That is a really good outreach to our members and those to whom the cards are sent, who might know very little about MU. We have a selection of new birthday cards, new badges and a small stock of Long Service and Commissioning Certificates, and are always looking to see what new items are available. We also have some small holding crosses (Price £1.95), which are ideal to give to someone in need or ill, especially when they are in hospital. *Please give your orders for the 2015 diaries and calendars to Christine or Sue as soon as possible after June 1st* Keep using MUe cards and goods, as they are a good way to support our outreach and the Diocese gets 10% commission on

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all orders. Cheques should be made payable to **Mothers' Union Southwell & Nottingham.** *Sue Pinkney*

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Reflection

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee, and every life I touch do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

You may recognise this as Mary Sumner's personal prayer. August 9th is now acknowledged by the Church as Mary Sumner Day in honour of our founder and M.U. members around the world mark the anniversary in many ways.

Mary came from a privileged background and was on a grand tour of Europe with her family when she met her future husband in Rome. He was also on a grand tour of Europe before settling down to life as a priest. Mary and George were married when she was just 19 years old and so began a partnership that was to last more than 60 years. They had three children and Mary busied herself in parish life supporting her husband in many ways. She was very aware of the problems and difficulties of the young mothers in her parish. However, it was not until she was a grandmother that she found the time to set up her Mothers' Union in the parish of Old Arlesford in Winchester Diocese. The women from many different backgrounds met together in the vicarage and the meetings became very popular.

Nine years later she was persuaded to talk about her meetings at a Diocesan Conference and the Mothers' Union was adopted as a diocesan organisation and quickly spread both nationally and worldwide. Today there are over 4 million members in 84



countries around the world praying for and caring about families.

So on Mary Sumner Day please make an extra special effort to say her personal prayer and put the thoughts into action just as Mary Sumner did 138 years ago. *Sheila Allton*



Mary Sumner Day 2014
in South Muskham Church



on Saturday August 9th 2014 from 10. 30 am to 3 pm

This is a led QUIET DAY with short addresses followed by plenty of time for reflection.

Bring your own lunch

Tea / coffee available all day

Cost £3

(There are toilets in the church)

For more information contact Olwen Kerswill
(o.kerswill@btinternet.com)



MOTHERS' UNION ROLL of HONOUR
in our Diocese

We are all so very grateful to *Jenny Hodson* who has, for more years than we care to count, kept up the **Roll of Honour** of members who now dwell in the nearer presence of our Lord. Jenny, our love and thanks go with you as you relinquish this task and take more time to enjoy being with your husband and family.

We are delighted that *MARY SCOTT* has agreed to coordinate information so we can continue to honour members who have given us so much in their lifetimes.

If YOU hear that a member has died, please contact *Mary* as soon as possible; she would rather be told by 6 people than not hear at all.

Please give her as much of this information as you are able: Member's name, age, date of death, Branch and Deanery to which she/he belonged.

Here are Mary's contact details:- *Mrs Mary Scott, 25 Devonshire Crescent, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EU* Tel: 0115 962 2244 email *maryscott1936@btinternet.com*

Social Policy Report

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Social Policy

- ❖ February 11th was *Safer Internet Day* provided the perfect opportunity for parents and carers to start an ongoing dialogue with children and young adults about the content, MU had added a range of resources via the *Bye Buy Childhood website*.
- ❖ MU attended the *United Nations Commission on the Status of Women* from 7th - 21st March to lobby on gender equality and the empowerment of women. MU successfully lobbied on certain text being included in the agreed conclusions.
- ❖ At *General Synod* in February MU had an exhibition space where members and staff spoke to clergy, promoting MU as a ministry resource supporting families and bringing people to a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ MU is responding to the UK Government's consultation of the future of *Civil Partnerships* in England and Wales, we have had the opportunity to take part in the Diocese. Over 600 responses were received - these comments/considerations are invaluable to the Social Policy team as they prepare to reflect our views.
- ❖ "Clare's Law" became law on March 8th.
- ❖ In response to the *Valuing Maternity Campaign Coalition*, MU has asked us to pray for an end to discrimination against pregnant women in the workplace.
- ❖ The *Children and Families Act* received Royal Assent on March 13th. The Government has produced draft legislation relating to provisions within the Act relating to *Shared Parental Leave and Pay*. MU was able to respond to the brief consultation on this.
- ❖ The Government has announced that it will bring in the extension of the right to request *flexible working* to all employees in June this year. Please pray for employers as they begin to work under this new legislation, continuing to support their colleagues where possible. *Margaret Lewis*

POLICE AID

If anyone has knitted articles to go on the convoy, please contact:-
Sylvia Brotherhood Tel: 0115 9626764



Bye Buy Test

Use this test when shopping to help you think about what or who is influencing your choices:

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

The BIG Promise Roundup

from the Marriage Week U K team -



Several hugely successful Big Promise events were organised by Mothers' Union in this diocese. I have had reports of inspirational Services in appropriately decorated churches in East Leake, East Markham, Ordsall and Sutton-in-Ashfield - and in true Mothers' Union tradition these were followed by 'wedding' teas or by 'wedding' cake and a glass of bubbly! Thank you SO much to those who inspired and organised these events - and any others I haven't heard about YET!

The following recently come from the staff at Marriage Week UK:
- "Thank you for your participation in the Big Promise. Over 3000 people physically turned up at more than 70 venues across the UK and simultaneously reaffirmed their marriage vows..... Many people have been asking us, 'Have we broken the World Record?'

The situation is, that in real terms, more people than ever before simultaneously reaffirmed their marriage vows. However, *Guinness World Records* have very specific criteria and not every venue was able to qualify for a formal claim to them.

While setting a new World Record would have been nice, more important was the opportunity to encourage couples throughout the UK to consider their vows, reflect on the promises made, and to convey some of those messages to the media. On this measure the BIG Promise was a great success and we are truly grateful to every participating venue."

With love, *Olwen Kerswill*

Midday Prayers MU Members are encouraged to pray at midday (local time) as part of a Wave of Prayer.



Long Service Certificates

60 years - Wyn Clay (*Edwalton*)

50 years - Janet Clark (*East Leake*)

40 years - Mrs Thelma Mitchell, Mrs June Shock, Mrs Betty Upton (*all Wollaton St. Leonards*); Mary Newcombe (*Wilford Hill*); Jackie Bunting (*Edwalton*)

30 years - Jenny Hempstead (*Wilford Hill*)

20 years - Mary Larkinson and Juliette Khan (*Wilford Hill*)

Families First Magazine

shares the trials and testimonies of families and individuals. *No one likes being told what to do*, so we try to steer clear of “experts” and talk to people who have been there, lived there and walked in those shoes. We put God first.

There's a light-hearted side too! - regular pieces on wellbeing, teenagers, children's arts and crafts pages, film, book and music reviews, competitions, puzzles and prizes.

Profits from sales of Families First support the work of MU in fighting poverty, injustice and tackling family issues.

The order forms for *Families First Magazine* will be available at the Archdeaconry Days on June 2nd and 5th. Please make sure someone from your branch is at the meeting to collect them. This year the subscription will be £10.50. It is very good value for an excellent magazine. Please encourage as many members as possible to subscribe to it. This is the first price increase for 9 years. *Barbara Sales*

Families Worldwide - Mothers' Union resources for prayer and action are included in your free *Families Worldwide Magazine* which is about Praying - Campaigning - Enabling.

As well as the Prayer Diary for July - December the magazine also includes some interesting articles about MU at work worldwide.

Those of you who receive Families First will have received with it your copy of Families Worldwide for July - Dec 2014 with your May/June edition. Please keep it in a safe place until you need it. The boxes of Families Worldwide for members who do not have Families First will be handed over to Deanery Leaders at the Trustees Meeting on May 19th. They will then let Branch Leaders have them for you. *Sheila Allton*

Blogging for Families First



A few months ago I was approached by a member of the editorial team at the Mother's Union website <http://muenterprises.org/familiesfirst> would I blog for them?

What I've discovered is that, with its broad based membership and social justice ethos, Families First

is the ideal place to bring together all kinds of interesting voices and a whole bank of ideas to reflect on: I do more reading than blogging now!

Most of the bloggers work in a series of posts on a theme.

I began with a mini-series, if you like, where I was able to deal with one of my pet peeves: the way we try to hide 'growing old' as though it is something to be ashamed of! I was sitting in the waiting room at the dentist idling through an old magazine when, staring up at me from the inside cover, was one of those full-page adverts that really irritates: "Beat the seven signs of ageing": dark spots, sagging skin, dull skin, lines and wrinkles, dry skin, patchy skin, and the crowning glory of it all: strawberry nose! The implications are dismal: old people should be ashamed of being old and must hide the fact and become invisible to the general public - not inflict themselves upon us.

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians reminds us that "we have this treasure in clay jars" (2 Cor. 4: 7). Just because the jars are a little worn, doesn't lessen the treasure inside, I reasoned.



I needed help and I knew exactly where to get it. Down the road from where I live there is a lunch club; a welcoming and upbeat crowd of mostly over 80s. If anyone knew what the real signs of ageing were it would

be they.

So I joined them for lunch: pie and mash with jelly to follow, and asked them the simple question: what's to celebrate about getting old? Some of their answers I could have guessed but, as I discovered, one of the "seven signs of ageing" is the ability to surprise.

A few scribbled notes later, we came up with a different top seven: Freedom, Contentment, Prudence, Self-Compassion, Compassion to Strangers, Patience, and A Story-rich life.

The Mothers' Union blog was the perfect place to unpack them. *Keith Hebden is Associate Priest at St Mark's and St Peter's, Mansfield & Seeking Justice Pioneer Minister for Mansfield Deanery*

The Mothers' Union newsletter has up-to-date information and articles which can be downloaded from www.mothersunion.org/

WAVE OF PRAYER SERVICES AUGUST 16th - 20th 2014



It is such a privilege to know that, during these five days, 4 million Mothers' Union members in 83 countries will be praying for US and our **Link Dioceses** (Kagera, Victoria Nyanza, Shinyanga, Gusau, North Queensland and Dogura). For **120 hours** they will be asking God to walk beside us as we work towards our Mothers' Union vision – to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. All those people and all that prayer time add up to a huge amount of praying and we know from experience how powerful prayer can be!

It would be wonderful if all our members in this diocese would share in a Wave of Prayer Services with a group or at home because they are such a wonderful chance

- ✦ to pray for the work of our Link dioceses, for our work in this diocese and for all our leaders and workers
- ✦ to ask for the grace to listen to God's promptings about what is needed where we are
- ✦ to dare to find ways of doing what He is asking
- ✦ to think about which Mothers' Union projects God is particularly leading us to support at this time.

Here are this year's days and times for your Deanery and for Diocesan Members: - *Olwen Kerswill*

	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
<i>Saturday 16th</i>	Nottingham	Bawtry & Retford
<i>Sunday 17th</i>	West Bingham	East Bingham
<i>Monday 18th</i>	Mansfield	Gedling
<i>Tuesday 19th</i>	Newstead	Newark & Southwell
<i>Wednesday 20th</i>	Diocesan Members	Worksop

Saltshaker Olwen and I had a wonderful time visiting each deanery last year, sharing your vision of our organisation, finding out about the different projects you are involved in and hopefully encouraging you to try something new. Let us hear about any ways in which you were inspired or, perhaps about something you learned which surprised you. Pop a line to Link-Up about what is happening in your branches and deaneries. Thank you for you hospitality and warm welcome. *Pauline Wainwright*



Prayer Shawls

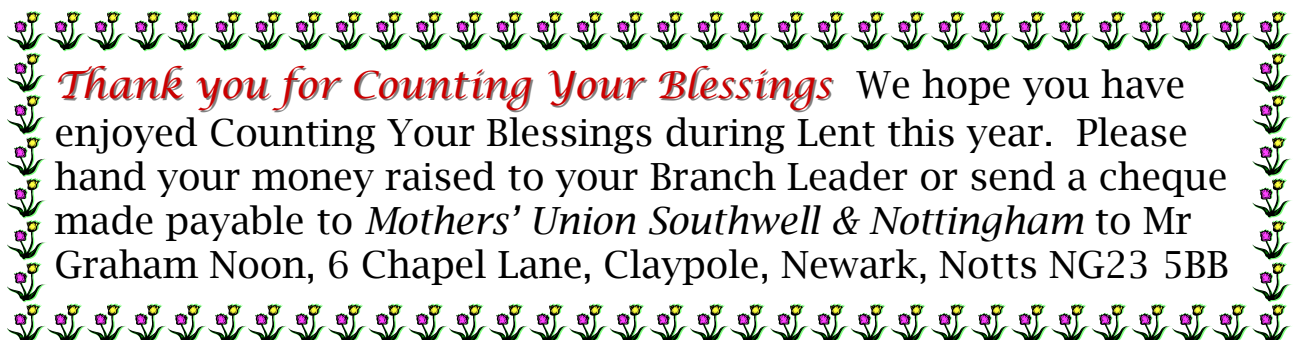
During a 4 year interregnum St. Lawrence's Church (Mansfield) was supported by, among others, Fr Paul Bentley, a hospice chaplain. During that time he had a heart attack and was helped in his recovery by prayers from many people including a friend in Ohio who made him a shawl with prayer and continued to pray. When Paul became our associate priest, his wife started a Prayer Shawl Group which includes MU members. Shawls are knitted with prayer.



<i>Prayer used by Knitters</i>	<i>Prayer said as shawl is presented</i>
<p>May God's grace be upon these shawls.... Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well-being... Sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace. Amen.</p>	<p>This shawl was made just for you To bring you comfort To know you are loved To share in your joy. This shawl is to wrap you up When you are cold When you are hurting When you need to snuggle. This shawl has been knitted With blessings With love With prayers.</p>

Knitters started with a basic pattern but soon became adventurous with stitches and colour. The 40 shawls knitted so far have been given to people with a variety of needs. A prayer is said as the shawl is handed to the recipient who is given a copy of the prayer. *Jennifer Jackson* (For more information see <http://www.shawlministry.com/> and <http://www.shawlministry.com/instructions.html>)

Bp Tony was kindly given a shawl during his recent illness. It continues to be a blessing to us both. *Lucille Porter*



Thank you for Counting Your Blessings We hope you have enjoyed Counting Your Blessings during Lent this year. Please hand your money raised to your Branch Leader or send a cheque made payable to *Mothers' Union Southwell & Nottingham* to Mr Graham Noon, 6 Chapel Lane, Claypole, Newark, Notts NG23 5BB

Diary Dates June - beginning September 2014

June

Monday 2: 7-9pm Nottingham Archdeaconry Day - St Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley, Nottingham

Thursday 5: 7-9pm Newark Archdeaconry Day - St Paulinus, Ollerton

Monday - Friday 9 - 13 Time Travelling - KS1

Wednesday 11: 2pm Nottingham Deanery Festival St Leonard's Wollaton

Saturday 21: General Meeting Belfast, The Waterfront

Tuesday 24: 10am-12noon AFIA Jubilee House - Conf Room 1

Thursday 26: 2.30pm East Bingham Deanery Festival St Mary Magdalene, Keyworth

Monday 30: 7-9pm MU Diocesan AGM & Council Meeting - Trebeck Hall, Main Room

July

Thursday 10: 7pm Festival Service Ranskill

Thursday 24: Schools break up for Summer Holidays

August

Saturday 9: 10.30am-3pm Mary Sumner Day - Diocesan Quiet Day South Muskham Church

Saturday 16 -Wednesday 20: - Wave of Prayer

September

Tuesday 2: 2pm St Wilfrid's Kirkby-in-Ashfield 100th Celebration

Monday 8: 10am-12noon Faith & Policy Meeting - Trebeck Hall - Conybeare

Monday 8: 12noon-2pm Marketing Meeting - Trebeck Hall - Conybeare

Saturday 13: 2.30pm Family Care Annual Offering Service - Southwell Minster

Saturday 27: Ploughing Match Bulcote

Walking with Hannah workshop (at Worldwide Council) run by Ann Howard the Diocesan President from Salisbury. This was a prayer project taken around the diocese. Participants had the opportunity to discover and celebrate the nature of God, as expressed in Hannah's prayer (1 Samuel Chapter 2); reflect on their own experience of God in their lives; identify ways God is transforming lives through MU programmes and campaigns; explore ways of developing their own prayer journey; renew their commitment to develop MU through prayer, as individuals, Branches or Deaneries; see new members raised up and nurtured. It involved an initial talk and meditation on Hannah's prayer then moving around several prayer stations with an activity linked to Hannah's prayer. We also collected a ribbon from each station, which we added to a bookmark to take home. I have all the details and resources available on a CD, which I will make available to all Deanery leaders. It is a model which can be adapted and used with, for example the Lord's prayer, the 23rd Psalm etc. I am going to use the idea during a Pentecost themed Worship Day on May 22nd at St Mary's Church East Leake. *Pauline Wainwright*

*Congratulations to all who are celebrating
Special Birthdays*



85TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs Jean Harrison on 4th July - St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield

90TH BIRTHDAYS

Bertha Lee 11th April - St. Edmund, Mansfield Woodhouse HLM

Cynthia Scott 13th April - St. Mary's, Hucknall HLM

Grace Scott 14th April - Balderton

Elizabeth Hall 22nd April - Blyth HLM

Betty Linley 20th June - Burton Joyce & Bulcote Hon IMPC

Joan Savage July 28th -Bingham Branch

Mrs Kathleen Bostock 3rd July - St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield



*Congratulations to all who have recently
married or who are celebrating
Special Wedding Anniversaries*

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Anne and Barrie Perkins 20th May - Wollaton St. Leonard's

Ann and David Stacey 13th June - both of St Barnabas, Ranskill

Sandra and John Walker 12th July - St. Thomas, Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Liz and Seth Hughes 25th July - Wollaton Branch

Anne and Alan Walters 8th August - Wollaton Branch

DIAMOND WEDDING

Margery and Denis Cooper 27th March - Beeston Branch

Margaret and Michael Lewis 12th June - Mansfield Deanery

Ann and Roy Carrington 7th August - Burton Joyce & Bulcote

Wedding Anniversaries In our Diocese we especially remember the Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries of our Members. I am responsible for sending the cards at the appropriate time. **When an anniversary is coming up please let me know in plenty of time** so that I can also inform Mary Sumner House. With LinkUp now only having four editions each year it is even more imperative to have the information in plenty of time. *Margaret Lewis, 30 Sotheby Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts NG17 5JX Tel: 01623 559769*



From your Editors

It's always good to get articles and pictures from individuals, groups, branches or deaneries with reports of events or details of things coming up. 400 words maximum please.



This is a newsletter for **ALL** our members, please use it to let everyone know what's happening near you *Black and white or colour copies can be downloaded and printed from our Mothers' Union website at*

<http://muenterprises.org/southwellnottinghammu/>

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THANK YOU to all who have taken time to comment on Spring LinkUp. We hope you will continue to enjoy reading future editions of LinkUp. *Sophia and Julia*



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