



*Our
President's
Letter...*



Winter 2014

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12v1, 2

Dear friends,

Earlier this year I had my first experience of mountain-biking. I cycled the 'red' path at Sherwood Pines! I had an excellent teacher following me and giving me advice. I had to avoid pitfalls such as stones, branches, tree stumps along the winding, undulating path. I was told, 'Look where you want to go - not at the obstacle you want to avoid.' You tend to cycle towards what you are looking at. It was good advice and it reminded me of this verse from Hebrews which tells us to 'fix our eyes on Jesus'.

It got me thinking about what we 'fix our eyes on'? Many of us spend a lot of time checking our smart phones, using our iPads or computers. It takes a lot of self-control not to let digital technology interfere with conversations, mealtimes or when we are minding children. In our recent Passionate about Parenting Day we had an excellent workshop helping us teach our young people to use the internet wisely. It is not all bad. There is so much good information online as well as devotional emails to subscribe to.

Sheran Harper, the Worldwide Parenting Trainer, set the tone for the day with her excellent presentation on the life-changing effects of the Parenting Programme in areas as far away as the Solomon Islands and Guyana. The work of Mothers' Union was certainly shown to be relevant and effective.



My thanks go to all those who supported the day, not least the army of caterers, led by Pat Brewin, and Alison for the administration.

Thank you also to Maureen Rodgers and the team for their work at the Ploughing Match offering feeding and changing facilities. Let's continue to find ways to be visible in the community meeting really practical needs.

Plans are in full swing for the General Meeting being held in the Diocese next year. We'll need an army of volunteers at the Services on Thurs June 25th and for the Meeting in the Concert Hall on Fri 26th. Do let Jenny Hodson know if you want to attend and whether you are able to help out.

I can hardly believe we are about to enter the final year of this Triennium. It is the responsibility of all members to look out for leadership potential as elections to several posts will take place early in the year. Is there an area of work you are passionate about? There will be plenty of support for those taking on new roles.

May you all have a truly blessed Christmas as we celebrate the Birth of our Saviour and may you fix your eyes on Him through the coming year.

With my love and prayers,

Lucille



We wish all our readers a Joyful and Blessed Christmastide.



Please pray for:-

- ◆ Mothers' Union Members or their families who are ill
- ◆ Those who are going through difficult times
- ◆ All Christians who are being persecuted for their faith
- ◆ All those who are caught up in conflict



Annual General Meeting 2015 Tickets

The National AGM of Mothers Union will be held in Southwell and Nottingham Diocese on **June 25th & 26th 2015** at the *Royal Concert Hall Nottingham*.

There will be two Services on June 25th, both at 7.30pm at:-

- ✠ *St Mary's in the Lace Market, Nottingham* and
- ✠ *Southwell Minster*

Tickets are required for both the Services and the meeting on the June 26th at the Concert Hall.

To book your seat as soon as possible for both days please contact **Jenny Hodson** on **0115 9200443** or at ***Chris.900.hodson@btinternet.com***



Calling all Flower Arrangers

It is so exciting that we are to host the 2015 Mothers' Union General Meeting here in our diocese!



As you can imagine there are many things to be done between now and next June and 'many hands will make light work'. What a good job we MU members in this diocese have so many and such varied gifts between us. We need to organise:-

- ✿ the floral decoration for the Royal Concert Hall front of the stage (to be enjoyed by 2000 to 3000 people)
- ✿ the presentation flowers/buttonholes for various people

Thankfully *the grapevine* tells me that we have a significant number of members across the diocese who are either members of the *Guild of Church Flower Arrangers* or of *NAFAS* - some of you are members of both I hear. If you are one, or you know someone in your church who is, I would be delighted to hear from you as soon as possible so we can arrange an initial planning meeting **early** in 2015.

What a privilege it will be; 'doing' Westminster Abbey for a royal occasion will have nothing on this. Thank you so much *Olwen Kerswill (Diocesan Trustee)* Please contact me **Now** at *Tenterflat Cottage, Tenterflat Walk, RETFORD, Notts. DN22 7PZ* or **01777 862533** or ***o.kerswill@btinternet.com***

Archdeaconry News

Newark Archdeaconry Day

The Rev David Post gave a very moving and thought provoking presentation about the work of Canon Andrew White in the church in Baghdad. The MU there is extremely strong and members of it and the Church have to face all sorts of challenges even to go to Church. The situation there is extremely difficult and our prayers are needed for everyone there.

Our Meeting on Monday 4th December will be another Adventivity - a sharing meal and service to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. Please bring all your members and friends for a very enjoyable event.

ANN HICKMAN VP Newark

Nottingham Archdeaconry Day on Monday 1st December will be an Advent Meditation led by our new Archdeacon Revd Sarah Clarke. I look forward to seeing you all at St Jude's, Mapperley 10 for 10.30am. We begin the New Year on March 2nd when our speaker will be Angela Cheadle from Family Care. A Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year to you all *JANET CLOTHIER VP Nottingham*

Branch & Deanery News

Worksop Priory Mothers' Union - For a number of years, members of Worksop Priory Mothers' Union have visited the local care home twice a month. On the second Friday each month, members lead a service of hymns and prayers, with Bible readings, as well as stories with humorous, nostalgic and Christian elements. The Mothers' Union "*United in Prayer and Worship*" and "*The Prayers We Breathe*" are excellent sources of prayers and ideas. We have amassed a bank of hymns, printed in large type and appropriate CDs that help us out when the singing is a bit thin! On the last Friday of each month, a member of the Priory clergy leads a service of Holy Communion.



At Christmas, the wider church community visits the home for a Carol Service, after which we are given refreshments and have the opportunity to chat.

Some residents have a fund of memories and stories they love to have the opportunity to share and the informal element of our visits is also very important.

These Fridays are much anticipated and appreciated by the residents and those of us who take part feel privileged to be involved in this mission.

The latest Special Wedding Anniversary means that three members of Worksop Priory Mothers' Union have together 'clocked up' 140 years of marriage in the last 2 months!!

Ginny Darby

Sue Banks received her 50 year certificate at the Nottingham Archdeaconry Day on October 6th Sue is amongst many things, a former Diocesan President and now arranges hospital visits to members. I suspect there may be many other things I could list! East Leake Branch is not alone in having benefitted from Sue speaking at our Branch meetings on a variety of subjects. Congratulations! *Pauline Wainwright*



Mothers' Union Lady Day Service -25th March 2015 at 3 pm Southwell Minster. **Are you interested in singing in the Choir?** Rehearsals are Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 2 pm in Trebeck Hall, Southwell. *Please ring Gwen Bragg on 01636 812527*

Subscriptions for 2015

Ordinary Members	£22
Joint Ordinary Members	£39
IMPC Members	£14
Diocesan Members	£38
Diocesan Members <i>Not subscribing to Families First</i>	£27.50
Joint Diocesan Members	£54

A Reflection from Carol Moore

It is the season....

On a recent visit to my local supermarket it was possible to buy hot cross buns and Christmas cakes. What a muddle! What sort of message is this sending out to people of faith and those without? Each season in the year and in the life of the church is unique and important to us all. Let us celebrate and embrace each season and try to understand the reason for the season.

As Advent approaches, with all its 'busyness' and the distractions of the commercial world, let us take a quiet time to reflect on the coming of Christ.

Take time to pray alone or with others:

Lord God,

*we stand at the beginning of Advent
looking forward to Christmas*

*We come with our arms laden -
full of fear as we watch a world filled with wars
full of concern as we watch the world's politicians
full of helplessness as we watch people suffer quietly
at home or in hospital
full of shame as we look back at our own anger
and mistakes.*

*Our arms are laden full of good things too -
our preparations for Christmas
our homes and families and friends
our talents and hobbies.*

*Help us Lord,
to lay our burdens at the foot of the cross
and to lay our gifts at the altar.*

*Then Lord, with empty hands
we can lift our arms in praise to you
and open our arms to embrace each other in love.*

(Christine McMullen)

Southwell & Nottingham Anglican Cursillo

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning a short course and this is where we start - a 4 day weekend over which we retrace our Lord's Easter steps. Having taken part in the weekend members then step out into their "fourth day" through which they are supported and guided by a group of like minded individuals. The aim of Cursillo is to build disciples for Christ; each individual is encouraged to seek out their role within the Kingdom. The work that God does through Cursillo is amazing building up disciples many who have been on weekends have gone on to become Readers or Priests, others have been enabled to stand up and read in church or to lead intercessions and again others have been raised up to make the tea or coffee or to become involved in the flower arranging rota.....all valuable roles that need to be taken on by someone.

If you would like to know more about Cursillo or if you would like some of our team to come and do a presentation at one of your meetings please contact me *Elaine King, Lay Director, Southwell & Nottingham Anglican Cursillo* at expostmistress@hotmail.co.uk or 07792650210

Cursillo

Words from Mother Julian of Norwich

"All shall be well,
and all shall be well
and all manner of thing shall be well."



Mid Day Prayers Every Monday to Friday prayers are said at Noon in the chapel of Mary Sumner House in Westminster, London. These are open to all, whether staff or visitors. Do join us when visiting the city.

Many members worldwide pray at noon in local time using the prayers which you can find on the following link:-

www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/pray-worship/wave-prayer

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



Nottinghamshire Royal British Legion

On behalf of the *Nottinghamshire Royal British Legion* may I thank everyone for their amazing generosity in time and talent to knit and crochet all those poppies. It will be a great pleasure to be able to sell them in our supermarkets and I know the love and remembrance that has gone into each one. *Ann Hickman*



Well done to all those people who contributed to the 70,000+ poppies knitted to commemorate those killed in the *First World War*, who came from Nottinghamshire. Congratulations to Ann Hickman for organising the MU contributions and appearing on Radio Nottingham. *Can you 'appear' on Radio?* It would be interesting to know how many parishes in the diocese sent in poppies. Pictured here are some of the ladies from East Leake and I know there were well over a hundred sent in from St Paul's Wilford Hill. The display in the Contemporary Art Gallery in Nottingham was amazing. *Pauline Wainwright*



New Wave of Prayer What an exciting year 2015 promises to be for Mothers' Union! We have now received from Mary Sumner House details of and some wonderful resources for:

- ✦ our 2015 theme, "United in Prayer"
- ✦ our new Wave of Prayer Calendar with our new Diocesan Links (*Buye* in Burindi, *Sebei* in Uganda, *Abakaliki* and *Ekiti-Oke* both in Nigeria and Belize in West Indies)
- ✦ our new Wave of Prayer days - September 17th to 19th
- ✦ advance info about Marriage Week 2015 with its theme "CELEBRATING COMMITMENT"

Your Deanery Faith & Policy reps will have passed the details of all these on to Branch and Deanery Leaders by the time you read this LinkUp. PLEASE make sure they reach YOU - and start asking if they don't!! *Olwen*

The Celtic way is to pray about special times of the year :-



*Child of our time, Child of all time
Child of Mary, Child of the Stable
Remember us at this time of joy.*

*Child of our time, Child of all time
Child of Mary, Child of the Stable
Bless our families and homes.*

*Child of our time, Child of all time
Child of Mary, Child of the Stable
Bless our friends and neighbours.*

*Child of our time, Child of all time
Child of Mary, Child of the Stable
Bless those without families and homes.*

*Child of our time, Child of all time
Child of Mary, Child of the Stable
Remember us all when we come to your Kingdom.*

(DJH)

Lady Day 2015 You are all warmly invited to join us for our *Central Diocesan Lady Day Service* in *Southwell Minster* mid afternoon on Wednesday 25th March 2015. Our preacher will be our Acting Bishop, *Right Revd Richard Inwood* whom many of us remember with great affection for his time as Central Chaplain of Mothers' Union just before he retired. After the Service, we hope everyone will stay and enjoy tea and cream scones with us - and still get home in the daylight. We are hoping that Deaneries will do all they can to bring as many of their *INDOOR MEMBERS* as practicable to share in this celebration with us. We are grateful to Gwen Bragg for agreeing to form and train a choir to sing that afternoon. If you have been part of one of Gwen's choirs in the past, or if that is something you would enjoy doing, see page 5 for details of rehearsals. With love, *Olwen (F & P Coordinator)*



*Police Aid
Convoy*



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

MUe

*MUe's
Marketing*

We have made some good sales at the October Archdeaconry Days, at some branch meetings and other events. Thank you to everyone who helped to look after the stall or sell goods while Sue was recovering from her operation. It was most appreciated.

The small Holding Crosses are really proving popular, and more are on order. People are buying them to send with 'Get Well Cards', or to give to a friend who is in hospital or feeling under the weather at home. It is so nice to think that God's love and prayers are being passed on by such simple gestures.

We have done well with the sales of diaries, only having a small quantity left, and a large proportion of the Year Planners have sold. The Year Planners make an excellent little Christmas gift. If you still need either of these items, please ring or email Sue and she will reserve them for you. The Christmas cards are selling well, so keep us in mind if you need any more.

Thank you to all the Branches who have been ordering their own parcels. This has been a great help to us, and hopefully hasn't been too onerous for you. If you send for an order direct, please remember to quote 'Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham' on your order form or when you contact Mary Sumner House. This enables Graham, our Diocesan Treasurer, to reclaim the 10% commission.

Orders are taking about 3 weeks at the moment, but they are getting them out as quickly as possible. Don't forget, that for a payment of £10 an urgent order can be delivered the next day.

The catalogues for the New Year are currently being prepared with several additional items and new lines. Please support us by sending MUe cards and goods, as they are a good way to support our outreach.

People often comment on the excellent quality of our cards, particularly the 'Sympathy' cards with their very appropriate lines of scripture or verses. These are much appreciated. The reps are willing to post orders to you, but we need our postage repaid. Please make cheques out to **Mothers' Union Southwell & Nottingham.**

Happy Christmas to you all from the MUE Reps Sue Pinkney

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Thank you so much for all your prayers and cards I received during Hugh's illness. Sadly, he passed peacefully away on October 17th, and since then I have received so many cards, e-mails and messages from members, branches, deaneries and committees. I am overwhelmed by your kindness and supported by your prayers. I ask for your continued love and support during this difficult period.
With love and prayers, *Sheila Allton.*



Charles Causley the late Cornish poet once said "If I didn't write poetry I think I'd explode". If you would like to read some poetry this Christmas then you can do no better than his "Bring in the Holly", which includes 'Ballad of the Bread Man'.



Causley re-imagines the birth, life and death of Christ in a modern setting using a traditional ballad form - thought provoking and moving. Perhaps his most famous and evocative poem is "Timothy Winters". Read some of his poems and see what you think. *Julia Holloway*

Sue Banks tribute to Joan Kerry for 14th Oct 2014

Joan has been a wonderful supporter of MU over many years. She has taken on leadership in most aspects of our work as things changed and Committees became Units, and those holding leadership in Branches and Deaneries became Branch or Deanery leaders.



Joan was originally a member of the Young Wives, and told me one day that she didn't join Mothers' Union until after it opened up in 1976 and became inclusive of all baptised Christians - not just married women. (Men were able to join in 1994.) She was a very discerning lady and later Frank became a member.

Joan has been on Committees and held positions of leadership in the branch, deanery and diocese since about 1980. She originally represented the deanery on the Overseas Committee, and was a branch leader. In 1986 she became deanery leader and also represented the deanery on the Education Committee. In 1995 she was deanery rep. on the Action and Outreach Committee.

In 1998 she became a Diocesan Speaker and a few years later represented the deanery on the Prayer and Spirituality Committee - now the Faith and Policy Unit. In 2004 Joan shared the leadership of this committee with Jen Gierth, and remained a member of this Committee until last year when she resigned due to her deteriorating health.

For many years Joan and Frank thoroughly enjoyed going to the Mothers' Union General Meeting in different provinces all over the UK, and would have a few days holiday wherever it was held. Both Joan and Frank have borne a great deal of illness over the years, but have remained positive and kept coming back into things.

It has been a privilege to have known Joan as a friend for many years, and to visit her in hospital over recent years. She was one of these people you felt had given you more than you had given her when you came away.

God bless you Joan - we shall all miss you.

Violence against Women and Girls

A lot of good things have happened since we became involved in the 16 days of activism (November 25th to December 10th) last year but so much remains to be done, not least here in the U K. The Mary Sumner House staff have produced some really excellent new resources to help us all “do our bit” in large or small ways.

There are:

- ✦ a **16 days of Activism Pack**, which is full of “something for everyone” ideas of *what you and I can do* as individuals and or as Branches / Churches
- ✦ a **poster** to spread the message and /or advertise anything we do
- ✦ a **Press Release** - how many parish magazines can we get it in between us?
- ✦ a **Power Point presentation**, good for those of you who get into secondary schools

All these are available on the web site (just type Mothers’ Union in to your search engine and follow the link) or you can contact *Margaret Lewis (Diocesan Social Policy Rep)* or *Olwen Kerswill (Faith & Policy Coordinator)* and we will get them to you. **PLEASE ASK.**

Handbook Amendments

The *MU Diocesan Handbook* contains details about the work of our Mothers’ Union and all contact details for Diocesan Workers & Branch Officers. Each Branch should have a copy.

If you know of any amendments please send them to

**Jenny Hodson on 0115 9200443 or at
Chris.900.hodson@btinternet.com**







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-  Applying the Bye Buy Test to my purchases
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-  Lobbying my political representatives to prohibit the ‘sex sells’ approach aimed at children under 16
-  Lobbying my political representatives to ensure that children under 16 are not exposed to the marketing and display of sexualised products

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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?
-  How often will I use it?
-  Can I afford it?
-  What will happen if I don't buy it?

Bingham Party Game

Musical Bingo			
	Edelweiss		The Holly And The Ivy
		John Brown's Body	Consider Yourself At Home
	We Wish You A Merry Christmas		Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
Polly Put The Kettle On		Silent Night	

As a change from a beetle drive or the usual bingo, it was suggested that we had a musical bingo at our Christmas party. "What's musical bingo?" In an unguarded moment I volunteered to research ideas. I found nothing on the web that seemed suitable but did find ideas, so devised my own version. Our bingo cards have panels that, instead of numbers have the titles of various well-known tunes - carols, hymns, folk songs and songs from the shows. Each card has 8 titles out of a possible 40. Our pianist has a collection of the 40 pieces in a random order and plays the opening few bars. If your card has the title of a piece played, cross it off. When your card is complete "Bingo!" It's like bingo, but with the additional challenge of recognising the piece played. Only very well-known tunes are included.

If anyone would like to play this, please contact me and we can work out what you need and I can supply (apart from a pianist!).

Derrick Gierth 01949 837519 d-j@gierth.me.uk

LinkUp deadline dates 2015

<i>SPRING</i>	<i>31st January 2015</i>
<i>SUMMER</i>	<i>30th April 2015</i>
<i>AUTUMN</i>	<i>31st August 2015</i>
<i>WINTER</i>	<i>31st October 2015</i>



The Southwell Ploughing Match took place on 27th September at Bulcote. It was really impressive! I had never been before and I was amazed at how huge it was and the number of people that attended.

There were various stalls, places to eat and drink, presentations, competitions, crafts and of course the ploughing match!

The Diocesan Trailer was there, manned by Paul Howard, and attached to one end was the small Mothers' Union baby changing tent for parents/carers with babies and young children.

We had a donation of nappies, cream, nappy sacks and baby wipes from Boots, via Pauline Wainwright's daughter. We provided small tables and chairs, changing mat, play mats, toys, cloths, antiseptic spray and hand gel. Older children enjoyed colouring pages and pens and Paul also brought a badge-making machine for them.



We made sure there was plenty of Mothers' Union literature around and each user was given a copy of Families First! The tent was open from 9 am till 5. 30 pm and there were seven MU volunteers throughout the day. A big thank you to everyone who helped. The six parents/carers who used the facility were very appreciative. Although we didn't have many takers, we had some wonderful conversations with passers-by who were able to sit and chat. The weather was kind to us and it proved to be a really good day. It was a great opportunity to put Mothers' Union out there and encourage people to find out more about us as an organisation. I would certainly recommend this as an excellent day out and look forward to next year's match, which I believe will be in Oxton.

Maureen Rodgers, Gedling Deanery Leader & Parenting Co-ordinator

Social Policy Update

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Social Policy

A Bill aiming to update legislation surrounding the care and protection of children is before Parliament, with clauses 62, 63 and 64 especially relevant for the work of the Mothers' Union. The MU continues to monitor the progress of the Bill in detail, and identify if there are any ways in which our voice would bring insight and clarity. Please pray for those who have suffered from cruelty or neglect in the past, that they would find restoration of confidence and be able to build strong, stable relationships in their own lives.

Mothers' Union responded to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) consultation "Prosecuting Cases of Domestic Violence". Thank you to all members who responded. The CPS document seeks to give clear and relevant guidance to prosecutors in such cases.

Bye Buy Childhood Questions - the MU is still interested to hear your own experiences in commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood as a parent, carer or grandparent. Questions are available on the website.

MU has signed up in support of the "No More Page Three" campaign calling on The Sun newspaper to stop featuring topless women on Page 3. Other supporters include Girlguiding, National Association of Head Teachers, The Evangelical Alliance and Rape Crisis. This is part of our ongoing commitment to challenging sexual objectification.

MU welcomes the move to age-rated music videos, which comes as a response to a recommendation in the Bailey Review. On 3rd October, a pilot, voluntary scheme to add age-ratings to online music videos will start, involving Sony, Universal and Warner record labels.

"We may sometimes feel weary that the years go by and our campaigning for social justice continues to be necessary. As our faith continues to motivate and inspire our work, let us pray for continuing hope and trust in God's plans to build his kingdom of justice on earth". (A Mothers' Union quote)
Margaret Lewis - Social Policy Contact

Time Travelling celebration at Southwell Minster

Time Travelling has a special place in the hearts and minds of many MU members, certainly for those who were involved at the start back in 1995. For two weeks every year, we share the Christian message with thousands of primary school children from across the Diocese who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral for a day of activity and discovery. Many Parish Churches, supported by the Southwell team, now run their own events too, truly making this a Diocesan-wide event.



Since the start, we have been proud to have the unwavering support of the Mothers' Union, and to have so many members among our volunteer team. We have spoken at many of your branch and regional meetings, and have benefitted from your financial support too. Without you, Time Travelling wouldn't be the ongoing success it is now. Therefore we would like to invite you to **join us in celebrating 20 years of Time Travelling pilgrimages on Friday 6th February 2015 at 10am in the Minster at a special service, followed by cake and refreshments.**

If you have been involved with Time Travelling over the years, or even remember the very first one in 1995, we would love to hear from you - we would like contributions to our Minster display: your photos, memories, cuttings and stories of TT over the years will all be welcome, so please do send them to us at education@southwellminster.org.uk or Time Travelling, Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JH

In the meantime, we would like to thank you for your support and your prayers over the years, it has meant a lot to us on the Time Travelling team. Please continue to pray for the children who come, and for its continued success.

With love and thanks, *Diana Ives & Emma Anderton*
(Cathedral Education Officers)

Diary Dates December 2014 - beginning March 2015

DECEMBER

Monday 1: 10am for 10.30am Nottingham Archdeaconry Day - St Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley, Nottingham

Thursday 4: 10am for 10.30am Newark Archdeaconry Day - Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

JANUARY

Tuesday 6: 10.30am Nottingham Archdeaconry Deanery Leaders meeting Janet Clothier's house

Wednesday 7: 10.30am Unit Coordinators and Officers meeting at 7 Corncrake Drive, Arnold

Thursday 8: 10.30am Newark Archdeaconry Deanery Leaders meeting at Ann Hickman's house

Monday 12: 10am - 12am Action & Outreach Meeting Jubilee House

Monday 19: 10am - 12am Faith & Policy Meeting Jubilee House

Monday 26: 10am - 12am Finance & Admin Meeting Jubilee House

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 4: Away From It All Team Meeting Jubilee House

Monday 9: 10am - 12am Marketing Committee Jubilee House

Tuesday 17: Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 18: Ash Wednesday

Monday 23: 10am - 1.00pm Trustees Meeting Jubilee House

MARCH

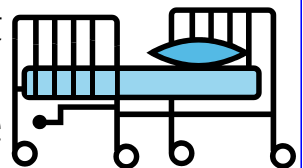
Monday 2: 10am for 10.30am Nottingham Archdeaconry Day St Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley

Thursday 6: 10am for 10.30am Newark Archdeaconry Day Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

Hospital Visits

If you know of a Mothers' Union member who is in hospital and would like a visit, please contact our MU Hospital Visitors organiser - *Sue Banks* at *247 Oxclose Lane, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6FB* or on *01159266814* or at *sue.banks7@btinternet.com*

Please state the ward and send names in as soon as possible, as sometimes patients are transferred after a few days from the main hospital to a branch one. If you don't know the ward you need to know the address, date of birth and all Christian names (some people are known by their second name).



*Congratulations to all who are celebrating
Special Birthdays*



We send Birthday Greetings to all those who will celebrate their Birthdays in the next few months.



Birthdays

Notifications about 90th & 100th Birthdays should be sent to: *Mrs Mary Scott, 25 Devonshire Crescent, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EU*

Tel: 0115 962 2244 email: maryscott1936@btinternet.com



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

RUBY WEDDING

19th October Wendy and Peter Klonowski - Worksop Priory

DIAMOND WEDDING

23rd October Peter and Hazel Smith - Beeston Branch

Wedding Anniversaries

Margaret Lewis, 30 Sotheby Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts NG17 5JX Tel: 01623 559769 is responsible for sending out Diamond and Golden Wedding Anniversaries cards at the appropriate time to Members.

Please let Margaret know about the dates in plenty of time so that she can also inform Mary Sumner House.



MOTHERS' UNION ROLL of HONOUR in our Diocese



Please send:- Member's name, age, date of death, Branch and Deanery to which she/he belonged

To:- Mrs Mary Scott, 25 Devonshire Crescent, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EU

Tel: 0115 962 2244 email: maryscott1936@btinternet.com

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.

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. You can send your item as part of your email, as an MS Word or an MS Publisher document. *Contributions should be no more than 400 words.* We'd love you to include pictures as well.



This is a newsletter for **ALL** our members, please use it to let everyone know what's happening near you.

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