



*Our
President's
Letter...*



Spring 2015

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.
Philippians 1:9-11*

Dear friends,

I want to begin by saying an enormous thank you to all who sent me cards and messages of condolence at the loss of my father. I and the rest of the family felt truly upheld by the prayers of others. I am pleased that so many of you met him. When he stayed with me at various times he was happy to come along to whatever Mothers' Union event I was attending including last year's AGM! He was such a loving and well-loved man that he will be greatly missed but he is at peace now with Our Lord.

He had been a farmer all his life and knew all about hard work and adapting to the weather conditions but ultimately he knew it was God who gives the growth. Our theme this year is 'United in Prayer'. C S Lewis once said about prayer, 'It doesn't change God- it changes me.' In this season of Lent and as we approach Easter may we be open to letting Jesus change us to become more like Him.

Mothering Sunday is an ideal opportunity to share what Mothers' Union is doing through Make a Mother's Day gift catalogue. Can you give a notice in church? Perhaps your Toddler group could collect for a joint gift? The Diocese has also produced an excellent booklet of resources for planning Mothering Sunday



services. Your clergy should have been sent a copy but more copies are available from Alison.

I have just read both the books by John Banks that are mentioned elsewhere in this issue. I strongly recommend them. They are well-written and give an excellent overview of how we as the church should be encouraging physical, mental and spiritual wholeness which is what Paul is praying for the Philippians in our verse. They are so relevant in today's stressful society.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the Lady Day Service in the Minster on Mar 25th at 3.30pm.

Do continue to pray for the planning for the General Meeting. Have you booked your tickets for 'Mum's the Word' on Fri evening 26th June? What a fantastic way to unwind after the Meeting! Tickets from Antonia Wilson 020 8398 5513

With my love and prayers, *Lucille*

'The London Revue Company' in '*MUM'S THE WORD*'
A Celebration of Women, their Work and their Ways!!

Devised & Directed by Malcolm McKee and Christopher Scott

Starring Sunny Ormonde (Lilian Bellamy from The Archers)

On Friday 26th June 2015 at 8.00pm at St. Mary's Church
High Pavement, Lace Market, Nottingham NG1 1HR

TICKETS £10 (performance approx 90 mins)

Box Office: 020 8398 5513



*We wish all our readers a Joyful and Blessed
Eastertide.*

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



You are all warmly invited to join us for our



**CELEBRATION LADY DAY SERVICE
IN SOUTHWELL MINSTER**



Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 3.30pm

Preacher - **BISHOP RICHARD INWOOD**
(formerly Central Mothers' Union Chaplain)

The Roll of Honour of Members who have died recently will be read as part of the Service.

(Gwen Bragg has formed a choir for our Service)



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.

General Meeting 2015 Tickets

The National Meeting of Mothers Union is on June 25th & 26th 2015 in the *Royal Concert Hall Nottingham* at 10.30am
There are two Services on June 25th, both at 7.30pm in:-

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

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

Jenny has tickets for 190 for the General Meeting at The Nottingham Concert Hall. All paid for, and her thanks to everyone for this.

Tickets are still available from the Box Office, but you will have to ring up yourselves now.

To book your seat for either Service please contact Jenny Hodson on 0115 9200443 or at Chris.900.hodson@btinternet.com

Archdeaconry News

Nottingham Archdeaconry held a very good Advent Service run by our new Archdeacon Rev Sarah Clarke followed by Coffee and Mince Pies to end 2014.

We begin the New Year on Monday March 2nd with an update on the work of Family Care, St Jude's Mapperley 10am for 10.30 start, finishing at 12.30 giving us enough time to clear away for 1pm.

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME even if they are not a member! Happy New Year. *Janet Clothier*

Newark Archdeaconry - In December we had our Adventivity - a chance to worship together, eat together, enjoy each other's company and also to get to chat with people we normally do not sit near. We had a record turnout and it was a lovely atmosphere.

Thanks to Olwen for leading the worship and to all the caterers.

Our March Meeting on Thursday 5th March will be Prayer Corners, led by Marlene - a chance to reflect during Lent. As usual we meet at 10.30 a.m. in the Jubilee Hall, Ollerton - I look forward to seeing you all there. *Ann Hickman*

Branch & Deanery News

Nottingham City - a Mothers' Union Re-launch

Last year (2014) All Saints Church, Raleigh Street, Nottingham celebrated its 150th Anniversary; this coincided with the relaunch of a Branch of the Mothers' Union on the 28th September 2014. The relaunch was made possible by the dedication and hard work of Mary Davey; who learnt that there was a previous Branch of Mothers' Union launched in 1891 but sadly closed in 1965.

The Mothers' Union Banner was displayed in the church from sometime during the 1920's. This has been hanging on the wall since then and was in need of a good clean. One of



All Saints parishioners Philip Hobson took great care in restoring it to its former glory in time for the re-launch. Many thanks Philip it was well appreciated by all.

The commissioning of Mary Davey as the Branch Leader and the re-dedication of the Mothers' Union Banner service were performed by the Reverend Christopher Harrison - Vicar.

The Diocesan President, Lucille Porter gave an outline of the Purpose, Aims and Objectives of the Mothers' Union for the benefit of the new members.

The Branch Mission Statement "*We believe in the vision of the Mothers' Union in the world today, and its support through prayer and practical help for families and others in need. We will especially pray for and keep in touch with the newly baptised of the parish. It is by working together that communities can be transformed*", was read by Sanjay Brown, one of All Saints Churchwardens.

Before the enrolment of the new Branch Members, Lucille Porter explained to all that the worldwide Mothers' Union was open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and who declare support for the Aim and Objectives. This is to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer worship and service to the glory of God our loving Saviour Jesus Christ.

There were 20 new members enrolled. All new members were issued with a membership card and badge.

The following volunteer roles were filled by: - Maureen Black as Branch Secretary and Sanjay Brown as Treasurer.

The Mothers' Union members would like to thank Jean Applegate for her kind donation of cakes which were specially made to mark the occasion. **The branch will now be known as 'Nottingham City' as it includes St Mary's and St Peter's.** *Maureen Black
Carlton-in-Lindrick*

On 4th December 2014, Carlton-in-Lindrick MU held their annual Advent Service followed by a party, to which they





invited the other branches in Worksop Deanery. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Members contributed to a Christmas hamper which was given to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. The picture shows Kim Littlewood presenting this at the Hospice.
Joan Owen

New Diocesan Member welcomed

Mrs Ruth Lancaster was enrolled as a new Diocesan Member by our Diocesan President, Mrs Lucille Porter, at the Nottingham Archdeaconry Day last December. Lucille led the short enrolment service and Ruth was warmly welcomed by all the members.



Mrs. Elsie Lacey-Jones, a Diocesan Member from North Wheatley, was born on 9th November, 1914 a few months after the start of World War 1 and, appropriately, celebrated her birthday with friends and family at the Remembrance Day Service at our local village church. This was followed by a special birthday tea with family members and fellow residents of Branthwaite Care Home, where she has lived for the past 18 months or so. The photo shows Elsie with her cake and some of her cards, including the one from the Queen!

Edition	LinkUp deadline dates 2015
SUMMER	<i>30th April 2015</i>
AUTUMN	<i>31st August 2015</i>
WINTER	<i>31st October 2015</i>

Please Count Your Blessings during Lent

Everyone should have received a copy of this year's Count Your Blessings and we hope you will take time each day to pause and remember how lucky we are in this country compared to some of our members around the world.

After Easter either hand your collection to your Branch Leader so that you can send a Branch cheque or send you own cheque to our Diocesan Treasurer Graham Noon.

Additional copies may be photocopied so that family, friends and members of your congregation can participate. This year we are raising money for *Time Travelling* which we helped to set up 20 years ago this year and our own Diocesan funds.

Sheila Allton.

Knitting

We had previously asked if MU ladies and friends would knit some 'Fish & Chip' baby jumpers.

However - I have recently had a phone call from a lady at Hucknall saying that they have been overwhelmed and have sent off 5,000 overseas. They were so grateful, but the people they send to, can't cope with any more.

However, for those keen knitters out there - they would now like baby and toddler jumpers, cardigans and jackets for a different part of Africa. Sizes needed are from birth to 2 years. **Not pastel colours, as they can't do much washing, or white (funeral colours).** Preferred colours are reds, oranges, blues and greens - or shades of those.

If people can get them to me, even if they pass them to other members or can get them to the Archdeaconry Days, I can then arrange to take them to the lady at Hucknall, and *'Thank You'* in advance. *Sue Pinkney*



Burundi Trip

At the end of October 2014 I was one of the delegates from Gedling Deanery and Gedling Borough that went on a fact finding trip to Burundi. I represented the Mothers' Union. The experience was amazing - and very humbling. The people in Burundi were so grateful for our visit, often saying that they no longer felt forgotten.

Poverty is rife but the welcome we received was overwhelming. The work which the church is doing is vital to the wellbeing of many people. We went as guests of Archbishop Bernard and he said that the work of the Mother's Union was the cornerstone of the church in Burundi. I was privileged to witness first hand some of the wonderful work which the M.U. do. We spent a morning with Pelagie, M.U. leader for the diocese, who showed us, along with some of the other members, the work that was being undertaken in Matana. Work includes literacy courses, setting up small businesses, credit unions and work around domestic violence.

Thank you so much for the opportunity you gave me to represent you on this trip - you raised all the funding for me to go and for this I am very thankful. I am looking forward to coming to many of your branches to tell you more of my experience and to share with you what I have learned.

The motto of the Matana M.U is Philippians 4 v 13 - 'I can do all through Him who gives me strength'. Please pray for Pelagie and her colleagues as they work with women to 'look to Jesus Christ for strength' to enable them to have fulfilling lives. *Helen Catchpole*



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* in future please. We have had to make this decision due to *
* lack of space. *Sophia and Julia* *

The Celtic way is to bless others and each other:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

(A Traditional Gaelic Blessing)



Golden Opportunity!

If you missed being part of Charlotte Aynseley's workshop at the Parenting Day last November, now is your chance to come and hear her at St Mary's Church, East Leake on Thursday April 23rd. Charlotte is an e-safety trainer and consultant, who works with the NSPCC to help children stay safer online. Her presentation is informative, fascinating and very relevant today, when we all need to be aware of what our children and grandchildren can be exposed to online and how we can help them if things go wrong.

East Leake Mothers' Union would like to extend a warm welcome to you all. The evening starts at 7pm with refreshments, followed by Charlotte's presentation at 7.30pm. There is no charge for this event and it is open to everyone.

It would be helpful to know numbers, so if you can let me know if you are coming, that would be great.

Please contact Pauline Wainwright on 01509 218614 or email pauline.wainwright52@gmail.com

Words from Mother Julian of Norwich

"The greatest honour we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love."



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

MUe

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Marketing

A big Thank You to all who have ordered from MUe during the last year, or helped us out in any way.

We have received orders most months and have done well though 2014. We managed the numbers of diaries and year planners better and only a very few of each are left.

The new catalogues No. 19 which are valid from January to June 2015 have just arrived. If I see anyone at any meetings I will pass some on and will have them at the Archdeaconry Days. We would like to get at least one to each branch.

If any of you have a computer and can visit the MUe shop online - just go to Mothers' Union and then 'Visit the Shop', you will be able to see what is available. You can then order through one of the reps or put in an order yourselves if it is for £50 or more. Please remember to quote 'Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham' to enable Graham to get the 10% commission for the MU Diocese. A free catalogue will also be in each parcel that you receive.

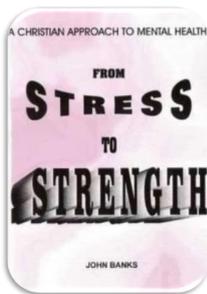
We have pre ordered 30 packs of Easter Cards, which should be delivered shortly. If you think that you will want Easter cards, please let Sue know as soon as you can the numbers required. There are also some new cards and gifts in the catalogues, including Birthday, Sympathy and Get Well Cards, a good selection of books, and some scarves and jewellery. Sue is going to order more Holding Crosses, as they are proving so popular.

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.

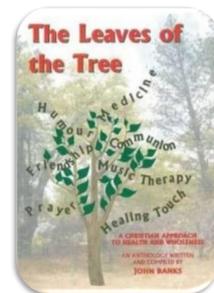
The reps are willing to post orders to you, but we must have our postage repaid. Cheques are to be made out to **Mothers' Union Southwell & Nottingham**. With Christian Greetings to you all from all the MUe Reps *Sue Pinkney*

CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR MUe SUPPLIES

CHRISTINE BALDWIN, 60 Wimbledon Road, Sherwood, Nottingham



Some years ago **John Banks** (*formerly Vicar of Ollerton and Boughton and also Rural Dean of Beeston*) wrote a book on the Christian approach to mental illness entitled '**From Stress to Strength**' price £2.95, and a few years later he had another book published with different people each writing a chapter. This was entitled '**The Leaves of the Tree**' price £4.95. A lot were sold at the time, but we still have some copies left, and if anyone is interested in buying one or both of the books, please contact Sue Banks on 0115 9266814 or email sue.banks7@btinternet.com



Stations of the Cross

Bingham Church follow the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening in Lent and our Branch Leader, Marilyn Kirkbride, thought it would be appropriate for our members to experience this at our Lent meeting. We meet in the afternoon. The usual "Stations" is rather short for a meeting so I wrote a version that would be more suitable. As many of our members might find walking round the church to the various stations too taxing, we had a flip chart of the pictures at the front so that anyone who wanted to could sit in the front pews as the pictures were turned over. The version I devised was what I imagined that Mary might have meditated had she walked with Jesus on that last journey on Good Friday. Marilyn spoke the part of Mary as she walked round the church (using a radio mike) while I stood at the lectern



reading the linking narrative and turning the pictures. The whole thing took about 40 minutes. I can email the script if anyone would like it. I claim no copyright and if it acts as a springboard for anyone's inspiration I would be delighted.



Derrick Gierth (d-j@gierth.me.uk)

The Bear Necessities



As part of the goods that we will be selling at the General Meeting in June are 500 little bears that will be arriving with us shortly.

These baby bears are 8cm tall and look extremely cute. However they come without a wardrobe and we wondered if all you expert knitters/crocheters/sewers would be prepared to make them an article of clothing in blue and yellow and dress them in it - these would make them all look so individual and much more attractive for selling.

We will have the bears at the Archdeaconry days in March - please ask all your members if they can help - it means we are all involved in the General Meeting and also after your wonderful success with the poppies, we know that there is a lot of talent out there.

We would like the smartly dressed bears back with us by the beginning of June - the Archdeaconry Days would be ideal so that Janet and Ann can collect them all together.

Please help us - I am all thumbs with a needle of any kind.

Ann Hickman



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.

Amendments will no longer be published in LinkUp.

If you have any amendments please send them to your Deanery leaders or to **Jenny Hodson** on **0115 9200443** or at

Chris.900.hodson@btinternet.com

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

Thoughts for Lent

A friend and I reacted strongly and loudly when we found Easter eggs on the supermarket shelves in the first week in January! But it did set me thinking ... It's all too easy isn't it for us as Christians, even though we are not likely to buy our Easter eggs in January, to let the 40 days of Lent slip past us as we allow ourselves to focus on looking forward to the glory of the Easter experience we know is ahead of us. But isn't that a waste of Lent? If we try to use the 40 days to walk close to Jesus on His 40 day journey through the desert, each of us can come afresh to a much richer personal experience of that mind-blowing, life-changing glory on Easter Day.

I offer this reflection from the Iona Community (*published by Wild Goose Publications*) to set us on the road.

Lent is not for the faint-hearted

Lent is not for the faint-hearted.

It demands that we, like Thomas,
put our hand into the side of the crucified Christ.

Lent is a journey towards a cross,
a journey of enlightenment:
from wilderness to feast,
from desert to oasis.
It is an attempt to identify with the powerless
and the suffering in the world.

Lent is not tidy.
The days grow longer,
the ground thaws, there's mud
and dirt everywhere

and the windows need cleaning.

Lent is a journey.
So at the end of Lent we should expect to find ourselves somewhere different from where we started.

Lent can be an opportunity to explore what is the nature of the promised Kingdom of God on earth
that we long for;
a time to discern
how we are called to work for it.

No, Lent is not for the faint-hearted!

With love, Olwen

Family Care and the *Diocesan Children's Ministry Adviser* have produced a new resource pack full of ideas and suggestions for Mothering Sunday. Copies are available by e-mailing your name and address to either chris.burton@familycare-nottingham.org.uk or alisonj@southwell.anglican.org. Look on the Diocesan Website for more information - <http://southwell.anglican.org/new-pack-helps-schools-churches-celebrate-mothering-sunday/>



The Crèche at Nottingham Prison

The crèche at Nottingham Prison was the vision of the Nottingham Prison Fellowship and has been operational since 1990.



It is situated in the Prison Visits' Room so the children are in sight of their parents who remain in charge of them.

It is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There are visits both morning and afternoon but we cover afternoons only which is 2pm-4pm.

All volunteers work in pairs for as many afternoons as they wish. Some do just once a month while others do two, three or four times a month. The children's ages range from 18 months to 10 years old on average. Very often older children come into the crèche area with their younger brothers or sisters and help as well.

The crèche has paper, crayons, felt tips, jigsaws, games, Lego, books etc. Very often children will take something back to the table to do with their parents.



We all feel this is very worthwhile, as it gives the parents quality time together.

Nottingham is a local remand prison so we have a turnover of children. We always welcome new volunteers, if you are interested please contact me. *Sheila Bancroft* on 01159536005 or e-mail dennis.bancroft1@ntlworld.com

Social Policy Update

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Social Policy

MU's response to a consultation from the Commission on Religion and Belief in British public life, highlighted the importance of faith as a motivation in local groups and with branches playing a role in their local community and engaging in social action. Our response reflected members' firm belief that the role of the faith based organisations in society is an important one and explained the positive impact on communities and people's lives that faith based organisations such as MU have, the importance of their voice, and the impact that a group can have.

From December 1st 2014 parents were able to share a year's leave from work following the birth or adoption of a child for children born from April 2015.

Whilst *16 Days* shines a light on gender based violence, the important question is: What happens on the 17th day?

The MU Activism Pack provides a number of ideas to help keep this issue high on the agenda throughout 2015.

Plans have been announced to release new guidelines which will attempt to tackle domestic abuse more effectively.

This came after the recent Government Consultation "Strengthening the Law on Domestic Abuse", to which MU members' contributed their views.

Restored who are concerned 'About Violence Against Women (VAW)' have produced a resource pack "Ending Domestic Abuse" for Churches www.restoredrelationships.org/resources/info/51/

With the General Election coming up in May, MU will be publishing a resource to help you think about engaging in the democratic process. It will not tell you how to vote, but will highlight some of the practicalities.

On March 6th join with women around the world in the Women's World Day of Prayer. *Margaret Lewis, Social Policy Contact*

*  *Thank you* to our proof readers who devote a lot of *
* time checking each edition of LinkUp to make sure *
* that your newsletter is as good as it can be. *
* *Sophia and Julia* *

Time Travelling: Count Your Blessings



Time Travelling has been providing an exciting, interactive pilgrimage experience for Primary school children at the Cathedral since 1995 and, for the last 10 years, we have supported Parish churches to do the same. The Minster is filled with the sounds of young children learning, being active and finding out about our faith and heritage as we welcome some 350 children each day for a week in March and June. For many (including parents and teachers accompanying them), this is a first encounter with not only the building, but with those who use it regularly. Meeting our volunteer team (many are MU members), feeling the warm welcome and having fun together is a key part of the experience. Over the years we estimate that we've reached about 110,000 children, and the event remains a key part of the Cathedral's mission and outreach.

Time Travelling has a restricted fund within the Minster's budget, so every penny donated goes directly to the project, helping ensure it continues for another 20 years! Apart from small donations given by the children who attend, we have no income other than that which is donated by our supporters - individuals, parishes and trusts as well as occasional sponsored events (do any of you remember Emma's half marathon efforts?) and sometimes a legacy. Each year we need to raise 50% of our annual budget to break even - approximately £10,000.

We make careful choices about what to spend our money on. Schools' expectations keep rising, and they have to justify every trip financially and educationally. Therefore we wear our new *Quality Badge from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom* with pride!

It was wonderful to be given the news recently that Time Travelling is the main beneficiary of *MU Count Your Blessings*. Thank you for valuing our work in this way and for being a long-standing and faithful friend.

Your support is appreciated and valued.

Diana Ives / Emma Anderton (Cathedral Education Officers and Time Travelling Managers)



Diary Dates March 2015 - beginning June 2015

March

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th: - Time Travelling - Key Stage 2

Monday 2: 10.00 for 10.30am Nottingham Archdeaconry Day, St Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley

Thursday 5: 10.00 for 10.30am Newark Archdeaconry Day Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

Friday 6: Women's World Day of Prayer

Wednesday 25: Lady Day - Diocesan Festival Service - Southwell Minster at 3.30pm, followed by cream tea

April

Monday 13: 10.00 - 12 midday A & O Committee Trebeck - Conybeare

Wednesday 15: 10.00 - 12.00 AFIA Jubilee House - 3

Monday 20: 12.00 - 2pm Marketing Jubilee House - Upstairs

Monday 20: 10.00 - 12.00 Finance & Admin Meeting - Jubilee House-1

May

Monday 18: 10.00 - 1.00pm Trustees Meeting Jubilee House - 1,2,3

June

Monday 1: 7.00 - 9.00pm Nottingham Archdeaconry Day, St Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley, Nottingham

Thursday 4: 7.00 - 9.00pm Newark Archdeaconry Day, St Paulinus, Ollerton

Monday 8th - Friday 12th: - Time Travelling - Key Stage 1

Wednesday 24: 10 - 12.00 AFIA - Jubilee House - 1

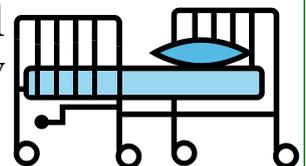
Thursday 25: 7.30pm General Meeting Services Southwell Minster & St Mary's, Nottingham

Friday 26: 10.30am General Meeting Royal Concert Hall

Friday 26: 8pm "Mum's the Word" production at St. Mary's in the Lace Market

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***



100th Birthdays

Mrs. Elsie Lacey-Jones 9th November - Diocesan Member

Bessie Rawlinson 13th March - St. Saviour's, Retford

90th Birthdays

Constance Page 27th January - HLM St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Joyce McCraight 4th February - HLM Southwell Branch

Enid Reeve 14th February - HLM St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Marcia Butler 7th March - HLM Ollerton.

85th Birthday

Margaret Overfield 23rd January - St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield



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

EMERALD WEDDING (55 YEARS)

23rd January Pamela and Derek Huffen - St. Wilfrid's Kirkby-in-Ashfield

BLUE SAPPHIRE WEDDING (65 YEARS)

18th March Phyllis and Eddie Newby - St. Wilfrid's Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Please send notifications for ***90th & 100th Birthdays*** to:

*Mrs Mary Scott, 25 Devonshire Crescent, Sherwood, Nottingham,
NG5 2EU Tel: 0115 962 2244 email: maryscott1936@btinternet.com*

Please let Mary know in plenty of time so that she can inform Mary Sumner House.



Please send notifications for ***Diamond & Golden Wedding Anniversaries*** to:- *Margaret Lewis, 30 Sotheby Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts NG17 5JX Tel: 01623 559769.* Please let Margaret know in plenty of time so that she can 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. We'd love you to include pictures as well.



Contributions should be no more than 350 words.

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

Copies can be downloaded and printed from our Mothers' Union website at <http://muenterprises.org/southwellnottinghammu/>

Items for the next issue should be emailed to

mulinkup@gmail.com

by 30th April 2015

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