

January 2025

The Wave of Prayer

Our time in this year's wave of prayer approaches quickly and we will join our links in fellowship and prayer. Each branch has a time to continue the wave, and each member is invited to join a zoom service. We are on zoom each day at different times giving more opportunity for anyone to be able to be a part of these prayers.

Sunday 9th Feb, 3pm – 4pm

Monday 10th Feb, 1pm – 2pm

Tuesday 11th Feb, 9pm – 10pm

Zoom ID: 962 7111 6191 Password: 017458

Prisoners Cards

Thank you to everyone who wrote and donated cards, we were able to meet the numbers requested by the prisons here in Lichfield Diocese.

Some of our members now take advantage of the January sales of cards for next Christmas.

This year, I add this appeal. We have been asked for a few years now to include cards that do not contain Christmas wishes, for example, seasons greetings, winter wishes or even happy new year. In 2024 the number of these cards requested doubled.



Newsletter Articles

Please continue to send your news, photos, and information about events to the office to be included in the next newsletter.

Deb's Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The start of each year is a chance to catch up or reset but as we approach the end of January, I realise how quickly time has passed and how busy we've been.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Helen for her diligent work, deep faith, selfless fellowship, and support. Though she is now "officially retired", we continue to work together.

Helen and I were finally able to meet with Bishop Michael (Bishop of Lichfield) earlier this month, and we had a great time discussing the projects we've undertaken and the work we'd like to do moving forward.

As you can imagine membership forms are flooding in, programmes are being sorted and planning for the rest of the year, however we apologise if you haven't been able to contact us as the office has changed phone and broadband providers. Hopefully, smooth sailing going forward.

As I was sorting through things I may need I came across my enrolment card reminding me that 2025 is my twentieth year as a member in the Mothers' Union. Thinking back over the changes I've seen, and friends I've made, I look forward to being involved in touching lives and growing projects along with sharing fellowship.

Challenge

Preparing for the new year we were sorting through items for recycling and donations to be passed on, when we came across the knitted chains! Wanting to use these in some practical way, the challenge is to come up with ideas of how.

Please send us ideas of how we could change them and put them to use instead of just passing on to recycling.



Our First Trustee Meeting

Our new trustee board met for the first time earlier this month and I ask you to hold us all in your prayers as we continue to guide our dioceses work into the future.

A thank you too to Bishop Matthew for joining us and opening the meeting with prayers.

Our commissioning service date/venue is yet to be confirmed.

Facebook

If you're on Facebook, why not join our Lichfield Mothers' Union page for nearly daily posts, or the general Mothers' Union page for midday prayers.

Prayers

To request prayers for yourself, someone else, or any situation, please contact Deb or the Office.

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Our Diocesan Chaplain is also there for every member in every part of the Diocese.

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Thursday 9:30am – 1:30pm

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Please call if you intend to visit to ensure Adrian is available.