

# Newsletter

April 2025

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Diocese of Lichfield

## Spring Gathering

Our first Gathering of the year is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30pm, tea and coffee from 12pm – please bring a packed lunch if you wish.

The speaker is Richard Barrett, who is part of the Diocesan Mission Team. We hope to make him feel very welcome.

The agenda and minutes will be emailed prior to the event.

Our Diocesan Chaplain Rev Jassica Castillo-Burley is moving soon to the Great Yarmouth area, and we wish her all the best as well as saying thank you for all her support.

## Commissioning

Our commissioning service is **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 3.30pm**. This service will be led by Bishop Michael (Bishop of Lichfield), in Lichfield Cathedral, during evensong.

We hope you can join this celebration and share our fellowship whilst supporting our new trustee board. Please let us know if you're intending to attend so the Cathedral have an idea of numbers.

## Upcoming Diary Dates

- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Prayers for Telford Deanery
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Prayers for New Members
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – LDMU Spring Gathering
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – LDMU Commissioning Service in Lichfield
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Prayers for MU at Home
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – Prayers for Ending Violence Towards Children
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thy Kingdom Come

## Deb's Notes

As Easter was late this year April seems to have been particularly busy. Branches have been part of services and other seasonal events. One of our trustee meetings fell in Holy week giving us a chance to share prayers at this time.

The diocesan 24hours of prayer also fell this month and as usual each session was thought provoking. This year the final sessions certainly gave a different prospective. A team took part in a prayer walk, also shared online, joining the Bishop of Lichfield at St. Chad's well. Here the Bishop led prayers before setting off on his journey across our area. The second day of prayer happens later in the year, and I hope you'll think about joining a session whether it be Mothers Union, your own deanery or one on a subject you're interested in.

May now seems that its going to be just as busy as we hold both our Spring Gathering and trustee commissioning. At each event we hope to see and chat with many of you. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to bring Gods love into action.

## Newsletter Articles

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



## Thy Kingdom Come

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Ascension to Pentecost)**

The Mothers' Union is a leading member of this ecumenical global prayer movement.

We spend this time in prayer. Each of us holding five people in our thoughts who we wish to come to know Jesus.

In the back of our prayer diaries, there are spaces for us to use for these individuals.

This year's theme being The Lord's Prayer.

## Chaplaincy

As we are now without any Diocesan Chaplains, we are looking for ideas for candidates. Please get in touch with any Trustee or the office with your suggestions.



## Quiet Day

Plans for a Quiet Day later in the year are being drawn up, but before this, there will be an opportunity to join a Quiet Session held on Zoom – look out for details next month.

## Recycling

After a hiatus, we are starting up the recycling project again. Any donations of jewellery, watches, mobile phones or currency will be greatly received.

## Prayers

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

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