Newsletter

February 2025

Mothers' Christian care for families

Diocese of Lichfield

COMMISSIONING

At last, we can confirm our commissioning service as Sunday 18th May, at 3.30pm. This service will be led by Bishop Micheal (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.

Worldwide Presidents Visit

Kathleen Snow our new WWP will be visiting our cluster area in April. We are invited to join in a service with our fellow dioceses in Coventry.

The Coventry service will be on 3rd April – time to be confirmed.

Upcoming Diary Dates

8th / 9th March – Doxey Church 50th Celebrations

2nd / 3rd April – Diocesan 24 hours of Prayer

3rd April – Worldwide Presidents Visit in Coventry

15th May – LDMU Spring Gathering

18th May – LDMU Commissioning Service in Lichfield

3rd July – LDMU AGM

9th August – LDMU Mary Sumner Day service in Lichfield

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

The sad news earlier this month of Joan Pearson's death gave me time to pause.

As our former president started her triennial she soared (in a glider!) above the diocese and was able to see all the areas she would later visit via car.

Before I first became a trustee Joan offered to show me the ropes. We spent hours in the car travelling to different groups and meeting members from across the diocese, sharing faith and fellowship.

I would like to offer the same opportunity that Joan offered me. If any member would like to travel with us and visit any of the four corners of the diocese, please do get in touch.

Not being as adventurous as Joan, I would still love to accept any invitations to share your Sunday services (travelling by car of course).

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible, particularly at our commissioning service in May.

Diocesan Prayer Diary for March

Friday 7 th	World Day of Prayer
w/c 10 th	Edgmond & Shifnal
	Deanery
w/c 17 th	Elsmere Deanery
Tuesday 25 th	Lady Day
Sunday 30 th	Mothering Sunday

A New Banner

Lichfield Diocese Mothers' Union trustees have been thinking about a new diocesan banner. We seek new ideas that represent our work and ministry here and worldwide.

Our present banner is kept in the cathedral and can no longer travel with trustees around the diocese due to its age. So, thinking caps on, pens and paper ready, help us to design a new one!



Parish Church of St Andrew and St Thomas, Doxey

We're all invited to the 50th Year Celebrations at the Parish Church of St Andrew and St Thomas in Doxey on Saturday 8th March and Sunday 9th March.

Displays in the hall from the community groups which support the building (Mothers' Union included), along with tea, coffee, and cake. Visit during either afternoon between 2pm and 5pm.

Prayers

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

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