# Newsletter

### February 2025

# Mothers' Christian care for families

Diocese of Lichfield

# COMMISSIONING

At last, we can confirm our commissioning service as Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April – time to be confirmed.

# **Upcoming Diary Dates**

8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> March – Doxey Church 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

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

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Worldwide Presidents Visit in Coventry

15<sup>th</sup> May – LDMU Spring Gathering

18th May – LDMU Commissioning Service in Lichfield

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	World Day of Prayer
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup>	Edgmond & Shifnal
	Deanery
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup>	Elsmere Deanery
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lady Day
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	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 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations at the Parish Church of St Andrew and St Thomas in Doxey on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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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Our Diocesan Chaplain is also there for every member in every part of the Diocese.

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