

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers but we're not asking anyone to give up huge amounts of time. There are a variety of activities such as:

- writing a prayer
- delivering a Christmas card
- relaying news about the Mothers Union
- making tea and coffee at meetings
- helping a trustee
- helping with MUE (our shop)
- represent Lichfield on national interest groups (online meetings)

Please get in touch if you think you could take on a small area or would like more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you all who attended our Spring Gathering and those who attended the Commissioning service. I hope both were enjoyed. It did feel like it had been so long since we had been together and catching up was great.

We welcomed our newest member during the commissioning. Bishop Michael. A little surprise I'd been keeping for a few months.

Your support means so much to the trustee board. Thanks again.



Deb's Notes

Over the last few years our structure has been slowly changing, and those changes have seen us miss a few important stepping stones.

The units we use to have; such as faith and policy; marketing; finance; action and outreach, ran as small teams. We are going to try to bring back similar groups with smaller numbers to enable us, as a Diocese, to cover a wider area of work and encourage members to join in.

Join Us, Join In, our triennial theme, asks people to become members and support our work. Joining in can also be a message to many of us to become more involved and influence the future of Mothers' Union.

Some months ago, we asked for ideas for a new Diocesan banner. This is still ongoing but after seeing our present banner at the weekend, we also now need advice on the repair and restoration of the current banner. Do you have experience or know anyone who does?



Newsletter Articles

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

LET'S CELEBRATE

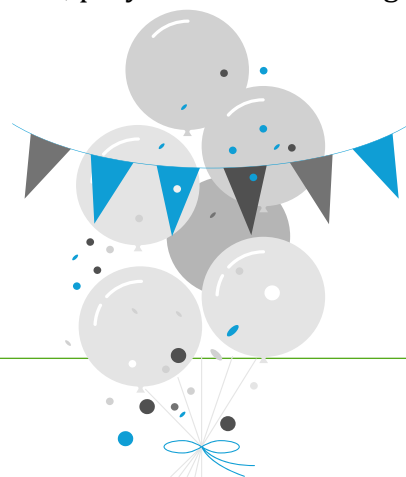
There are plans for global and national celebrations in 2026 to celebrate our 150th anniversary, dates listed below, and no doubt branches too will be preparing. As a Diocese we hope we can get together in a number of different ways, and we do have some ideas. Mainly though, we'd like you to be involved in the planning, tell us what you'd like: church services, socials, prayers or even in song.

Service in St. Paul's 10th June 2026

National Gathering 11th June 2026

Global Gathering October 2026 (Durban, South Africa)

Booking information to be released soon.



Upcoming Diary Dates

29th May-8th June – Thy Kingdom Come

2nd June – Wem and Whitchurch

9th June – Father's Day

15th June – prayers for new chaplains

16th June – Wrockwardine

23rd June – prayers for families in need

30th June - Alstonefield

3rd July – LDMU AGM

9th August – LDMU Mary Sumner Day service in Lichfield

ZOOM

Have you joined any of our sessions on zoom? We are going to be doing a variety of meetings on zoom so more members can feel included and cut the traveling difficulties for others.

Watch for more information.

Recycling

Any donations of jewellery, watches, mobile phones, currency or stamps will be gratefully received.

Prayers

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

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Mothers' Union Diocesan Office

Please note the Office will be closed Spring Bank holiday week and will reopen on Monday 2nd June.

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