

April 2026

Diocese of Lichfield

150 YEARS OF Mothers' UNION

Join us, Join in

Spring Gathering

Join us for our (first) Spring Gathering of the year. We will be having the usual small business meeting followed by a communion service.

As part of our 150th celebrations we thought it would be great to share this service together.

Documents have been sent out; agenda, reports, minutes; these are earlier than in previous years as questions and AOB are now being asked for prior to the meeting.

So come join us

Thursday 21st May
Doxey, 12.30pm start
12pm for tea or coffee

Trustees Road Trips

The Stoke Archdeaconry is our next planned trip but learning the lessons from our previous two we are changing and spending two days on tour, as the area to cover is just too big for one day. Traffic, roadworks, and sat-nav breakdowns have been features but we want to say THANK YOU for your welcome and patience.

Each stop is a brief 15-minute prayer break, but we hope to see as many members as we can.

Follow us Live on our MU Facebook page.



Deb's Notes

This month has been filled with so many opportunities to meet and spend time with members and I'm sure there will be many more in the coming months. Please let us know how you're celebrating and invite us to be part of it.

One of my favourite moments (amongst many) was sharing tea and biscuits on the road trip from MU branded cups!



Deb's 150 Challenge

During 2026, our 150th Year, I am trying to attend 150 events. Every month I will let you know how far I've got. So far...

35. Road Trip planning
36. Enrolled new members at One Telford
37. Enrolled a new member at Market Drayton
38. Led an Easter Branch Service
39. Speaker for One Telford
40. Speaker for Market Drayton
41. Provincial Management meeting
42. Midlands Cluster meeting
43. Trustees Meeting
44. DP update zoom
45. Salop Archdeaconry Road Trip
46. Diocesan 24hrs of prayer planning meeting
47. Deanery Service at Brewood
48. Oswestry Quiet Day planning
49. Financial future planning call
50. Data Protection awareness training

Newsletter Articles

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

Farmers Hats

Thank you all for continuing to support this outreach, and a special thank you to Helen who continues to be our coordinator. She is also adding a Made by Mothers' Union ribbon to each hat she passes on to the Farming Community Network (FCN).

Staffordshire County Show

This year the County Show is on Wednesday 27th May and Thursday 28th May 2026. Although the rota appears to be covered it would be good to have a couple of reserves just in case a team has to pull out. You get a free ticket to the show so you can see the show before and/or after your slot. You would be notified before the show (not on the day) if you are needed.

Please Pop into the Church tent and say hi to our MU volunteers.

Upcoming Prayer Diary Dates

27th April – Prayers for Shrewsbury Deanery

4th May – Prayers for Telford Deanery

11th May– TKC, 14th Ascension

18th May – TKC, 24th Pentecost

25th May – Prayers for the Worldwide Trustees

Recycling

Any donations of jewellery 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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Tutbury MU

Tutbury held their monthly meeting on 5th March in The Priory Suite at St Mary's Church. They welcomed their local PCSO Caroline, who talked about her role involved with domestic abuse in the community. It was informative, thought provoking, and proactive. Despite the topic of domestic abuse, we're told it was a very positive meeting!

In addition, members brought along items of food etc. to donate to the Lent Appeal for Burton Hope, who provide support for the homeless in the area.

Thanks to Sue for sending this great photo.



Branding

As our branding has changed for this year, please get in touch if you need any logos or advice on colours for event posters.

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