

You are all invited to the

Commissioning of Sue Egerton

as Diocesan President of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield

and Commissioning of the Board of Trustees and Officers

on

Tuesday 9th August 2016 at Lichfield Cathedral

The service of Evensong starts at 5.30pm

We do hope lots of you will be able to be at Lichfield Cathedral for the Commissioning Service

Answers to a few questions we have been asked;

Will seats be reserved? Apart from a few reserved seats for Trustees and guests, the rest of the cathedral will be yours to choose where you sit.

Do arrive early and be seated by 5.15pm at the very latest please.

Will Mothers' Union Banners be processed and do you need to know if we are bringing ours? Yes the banners will be processed during the first hymn – BUT you must have a stand to put your banner in before and after the procession, it is just too dangerous to try to lean them against a wall. Please bring a piece of A4 size paper with your branch name written on it and place it under the banner stand so that you can see it and so be able to replace your banner in the correct stand when it has been processed.

And yes please, we do need to know if you are bringing your banner.

Do we need to let you how many are coming? Yes please, let us know how many are coming from your branch, please remember to invite indoor and deanery members. Diocesan Members will you email Adie at the office please if you are coming.

Do we invite our Clergy? Yes please, on this occasion they are not being asked to robe and will be seating in the main body of the cathedral with the members.

Let Adie at the office know your answers, thank you

**We need your
help on
Saturday 24th
September**

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Our vision is to see a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.



Wedding Prayers

Couples who have asked for our prayers this month are;

we have no individual request now until September so we ask you to pray for all couples who are getting married during June and July

We are still looking for Wedding Fayres to attend.

Please let us know if you see one advertised in your area.

The joint branch of Good Shepherd and St Philips, West Bromwich have lovingly provided these beautiful baby clothes for the local Maternity Unit as part of their effort for 140 year celebrations.

The hospital is happy to receive normal sized baby clothes for some families as well as premature sizes.



Dawley Branch Celebrated the Queen's Birthday in April



Oldest member Mrs Joan Stephan who is 95



Branch Leader Mrs Barbara Crawford cutting the birthday cake

Trysull Deanery Festival was held for the very first time in an evening on Monday 23rd May – this was to enable members who go to work, especially those from Perton Branch to join in the celebrations.



What are you doing to enable people to join in with your Mothers' Union activities?

Let us know so we can share ideas with each other.

A request from your Diocesan President We need your help on Saturday 24th September

We know some members will be at the General Meeting at Winchester, so this plea for help on the day goes to those of you who are not going.

On Saturday 24th September the Rt. Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave as Bishop of Lichfield will be leading a service of Holy Communion during the afternoon.

Mothers' Union have been asked if we could help out by providing and serving tea/coffee and cakes after this service.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show our new bishop that we are happy to help, in fact to show everyone that we are working in the church and community – just think of the links we can make that day.

There will be 1200 people at the service, so we are looking for at least 40 people to help and the equivalent of at least 100 large cakes. Obviously we do not know how many people will stay for refreshments but I'm sure lots will want to take up the opportunity of meeting + Michael

I know this sounds daunting but it does not have to be – the cakes do not have to be home-made and definitely no fresh cream [we will not have enough cool area storage space for them].

Cakes can be anything from sandwich cakes to tray-bakes, fruit cake to cup-cakes, individual wrapped slices to loaf tin cakes. If we steer clear of 'sticky' cake we can just use serviettes rather than plates.

People who are going to the General Meeting might like to offer to send a bought cake or two.

To break the numbers down to a manageable size think of it like this;

10 cars of 4 people in each = 40 people

1200 pieces of cake = equivalent of 120 large cakes, if we could get these to the 10 cars coming then that's only 12 cakes [120 portions] per car.

PLEASE PLEASE OFFER YOUR HELP – I need to know as soon as possible how much help and how many cakes we can provide so that I can let the diocese know, please email Adie at the office.

my love and prayers to you all, Sue x

Are you involved in the Queen's Birthday Weekend Celebrations?

What are you and/ or your branch doing to celebrate 140
years of Mothers' Union?

I do hope you have lots of photos and stories to share,
Please send them to Adie at the office so that we can include

As you may have noticed we were desperately short of photos for this
edition of the e-newsletter, please, please remember to take some
whenever you are doing something for Mothers' Union,
and then remember to send them to the office email address, thanks.



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