

Mothers' Union Diocese of Lichfield e-newsletter

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By the amount of photos we have received it looks as though lots of you have been really busy and enjoying yourselves with celebrations for 140 years of Mothers' Union, the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and lots more.



Imagine our excitement here in Bloxwich when a very important lady found time in her busy schedule to attend our Afternoon tea and 140yrs celebrations for Mothers Union. As you can see from the photograph she also found time to attend our Deanery meeting along with one of her favourite corgis.



St Thomas Mothers' Union Wednesfield have planted a rose tree in the churchyard to celebrate 140 years of Mothers' Union.

Read about the update on refreshments following Bishop Michael's First Eucharist Service on Sept 24th see page two

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Refreshments following Bishop Michael's First Eucharist Service on Saturday 24th September 2016

Dear members,

Some of you may know that we have been asked to provide the cakes to be served as refreshments after Bishop Michael Ipgrave's first Eucharist Service on Saturday 24th September in Lichfield Cathedral.

I know this is something that we do not normally do, but, we felt it was an honour to be asked, so agreed.

It was put to those members who came to the Diocesan AGM on 6th July that they could either arrange the making and delivery of cakes to the Cathedral or that we could ask a Lichfield bakery firm to supply and deliver the cakes – as you can probably guess the overwhelming response was to ask the bakery.

The bakery will of course need paying, and it has been worked out that a donation of at least 50p each member is needed to cover the cost.

We are asking every member, either through their branch, deanery or personally to send in a donation.

Cheques made payable to Sue Egerton should be sent to the office please. A record of all monies received will be made at the office before the cheques are forwarded to Sue.

It is unusual to ask for a cheque in a personal name rather than through Mothers' Union, but, by the nature of the fact that providing refreshments does not fit within our Aim and Objects, we cannot have the money going through the official accounts.

The refreshments will be
'A gift from the members of Mothers' Union'

Please send your cheque to the office by September 9th



Wedding Prayers

Couples who have asked for our prayers this month are;

*Kerry and Carl
will be getting married on
2nd September
at
Wolverhampton*



Some members of the branch of St Philip's and the Church of the Good Shepherd with St John.

Photo taken inside St Philip's church

Longsdon and Cheddleton Joint afternoon Tea & Cakes



Tea branch have been very busy preparing a display in Christ Church Tea. Although there is only a small group of us we all took an active part. The beautiful floral display was done by member Mrs Doreen Jackson. The three members in the photo are Betty Beaman, Edna Pattinson and Gill Thompson.

We used the font a focal point at the front of the church as our centrepiece to show the importance of family life. The display was ready for the Queens 90th birthday celebration held in church.

A lot of people took the time to look at the display and literature.



Have you let us know how many of your members are hoping to come to the Commissioning Service on August 9th? If not can you please email the office ASAP, thank you.

Please remember to ask your Clergy if they would like to come – they will not be asked to robe.

Remember if you are bringing your banner you must bring a stand and an A4 size piece of paper with your branch name written on it.

See June e-newsletter for more details

St Thomas' Mothers' Union

is supporting the community by helping and contributing to Wednesfield in Bloom.

Members have helped by donating and planting, flowers and shrubs, also knitted teddies which are being given to local children and by knitting garlands to be tied around the church.



We held a Light Lunch for the Mothers' Union's Big Summer Appeal on 13th June we invited anyone who would like to join us to come along.



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We hope you are finding the 'Handbook' useful. If you were not at the AGM in July you will be receiving yours as soon as possible.

The handbook includes the directory, constitution, a list of speakers, and a run-down of what to expect and when during the year, a jargon buster, risk management, Gift Aid information and lots more.

It has been put together in a ring binder so that each page can be updated individually as and when required



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