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Quarterly Newsletter: 2/2018

On behalf of the trustees - thank you for paying your 2018 subscription on time. Judith x

**MULOA - "Mothers' Union Listening, Observing, Acting"**

MU Listens to God and others; Observes needs and Acts to help others and transform lives. In 2018 we will be reaching out to members with a view to help answer the recurring questions: What is it to be Mothers' Union? Who are we as Mothers' Union? Whose lives are we and could/should we be touching? What difference are we and could/should we be making in people's lives? How do we most effectively make that difference?

We won't have the opportunity to visit everyone and Judith is keen to hear all members' views. Please do let her know your thoughts and views, either to her at: 17 Townmead Road, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9 1RP or by email to jandmm@btinternet.com

"In Mary Sumner's Footsteps" is our theme this year. Our speakers have new worship and information to share with branches and there is helpful and interesting information on the Central MU website.

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We send **Best Wishes** to those celebrating a **birthday** in April, May or June - Very Many Happy Returns of **your** Day.

**Many Congratulations** to those celebrating a **wedding anniversary** in April, May or June; we hope you enjoy your Special Day.

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**We pray for any of our members who are unwell** hoping that you will soon be back to full health and for our members who are anxious or bereaved at this time - we pray that the Lord will surround you with his love.

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If you have an event in April, May or June, please email the details to: [joan@grabawish.com](mailto:joan@grabawish.com) for the website

**COMING EVENTS:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> May: Saffron Walden Deanery Festival Service and Tea - at 2pm at St Mary's Church Saffron Walden. All are welcome.
- 17<sup>th</sup> May: Songs of Praise Service, Great & Little Tey Mothers' Union at 2.30pm in St Barnabas Church, Great Tey. Refreshments after the service + a bring and buy stall to raise funds for an MU project.

If you have an event in July, August or September, please email the details to: [joan@grabawish.com](mailto:joan@grabawish.com) for the next issue.

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**Elections:** Judith Meaden has received over the required number of nominations to be Diocesan President for the next triennial. Every member in the diocese has a vote for our DP and although Judith is the only candidate, she still requires 51% of the votes of all members. As the result will be announced at Council on 1<sup>st</sup> May; please ensure that your voting form is returned by 20<sup>th</sup> April to Margaret Harvey in an envelope marked 'Diocesan President Election'.

If you are a branch member, your leader will have requested your vote.



**"Dear Lord"** - The new MU Prayer Book is a collection of prayers and poems from members across the world..... available from Molly Hoyle at £3 each.

An Easter prayer from the book:

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus Christ, in dying you conquered death and rose again in glory.

Through your great love and abiding grace, we will one day be with you in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, we pray that we may make each day of our earthly life worthy of your great sacrifice on the cross. Thank you that we can find sanctuary in your love because you have chosen to love us just as we are, with all our faults and failings and that, if we truly repent, you will forgive our sins. Amen

(Margaret Devlin, Newcastle Diocese)