



October – November – December 2017
Charity No: 249736:

Welcome to our fourth quarterly newsletter

Remember:-

Lynne Tembey, our Worldwide President, will be visiting the Diocese on the 6th and 7th November 2017. Bishop Stephen will preside and preach at our Celebration service in the Cathedral at 11am on the Monday; followed by the AGM and Council meeting. Lynne will then give us a presentation followed by a Bring & Share Finger Buffet Lunch. Decisions will be made at the Council meeting regarding changing our Diocesan Constitution and the English for Women Project and although only Council members can vote for the proposals; we do hope as many members as possible will come and stay and for lunch and afterwards, giving members the opportunity to meet and talk to Lynne. Please bring a plate of food to share + plate for serving. All members are invited - please do come if possible and encourage your branch to bring their banner as banners will be processed.

Birthday Wishes: Best wishes to those of you who are celebrating a **birthday** in October, November or December – we sing ‘Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, may God bless and keep you, happy birthday to you.

Anniversaries: Congratulations to those celebrating a **wedding anniversary** in October, November or December; **God bless...** and enjoy your Special Day.

We pray for all members who are sick, worried or troubled: We wish you well and we pray for your peace of mind. We pray especially for our members who are bereaved and our condolences to the family and friends of members who passed away during the spring – we pray that our Loving Father will surround you all with his comfort and love.

We pray for all members who are sick, worried or troubled: We wish you well and we pray for your peace of mind. We pray especially for our members who are bereaved at this time and we send our condolences to the family and friends of members who passed away during the summer; praying that our Loving Father will surround you all with his comfort and love.

COMING EVENTS: in October, November & December

- Nov 6th** Celebration Service with Bishop Stephen, AGM and Council Meeting in the Cathedral
- Nov 7th** Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey in the Diocese – visiting English for Women, Havering Deanery and Epping Forest & Ongar and Harlow Deanery
- Nov 23rd** Redbridge Deanery Day
- Dec 4th** P & S Day for Advent in the Chapter House, Chelmsford

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New MU Banner

Many will already have heard that our diocesan banner was destroyed by an act of vandalism in the Cathedral in June. The trustees are thankful that the Cathedral insurance will cover a new one and Judith hopes that, if anyone is interested, they'll send her their ideas or even designs for a new banner by 31st January 2018 for the trustees to consider. Judith says “we all have different ideas about what would be appropriate and personally, I'd love to see a design which incorporates a family or different nationalities – over to you”.

Diocesan Members

Diocesan membership is for those who don't have a branch to be part of because either there isn't a branch where they live or their branch has closed but they wish to support or continue to support the work we do as Mothers' Union. A Diocesan Representative cares for these members, who in August 2017 number 130; as we say – the largest branch in the diocese. The Rep ensures they are kept up to date with what is happening in the diocese and their annual subscriptions are collected centrally. Diocesan members are invited and encouraged to take part in the life of the diocese by attending any branch, deanery or diocesan event.