

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Leicester

Email News November 2018

Welcome to the **Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester email news**.

If you are a branch leader, please forward, or otherwise share the contents with your members.

Families Worldwide Prayer Diary

The latest copies of *Families Worldwide* prayer diary (for members who do not take *Families First* magazine) have now arrived. Sue Wilson has these and will take them to Diocesan Council – please bring a bag to carry them home! Please contact the office or Sue for any further information.

Diocesan Council, Tuesday 13th November

Margaret Rouse writes: *Please pray for me as I have a hip replacement [scheduled for 5th November]. I am sorry that I shall not be with you at Diocesan Council or other events in November, but I shall be praying for you all and remembering all that is happening.*

Diocesan Council will take place at Rothley as planned, but please note that it will end at midday. Margaret plans to attend the **Advent Carol and Commissioning Service at the Cathedral on Tuesday 4th December** where members will have the opportunity to see her before her term of office as Diocesan President ends.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, 25th November to 10th December

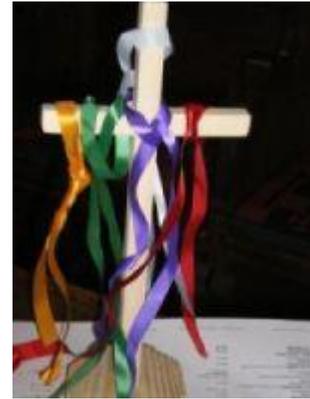
Prayers – one for each of the 16 days - have been prepared and are being sent out at the same time as this email news, as well as being available on our website. Please share these with as many members as possible.

Margaret's Prayer Focus

Margaret Rouse has decided to devote the last Friday of each month to prayer for Mothers' Union, locally and internationally, and she would like to share her prayer

topics so that others can also remember Mothers' Union in prayer, either some time during that day or at another time. Perhaps these topics could also be included in branch prayers.

A prayer from Families Worldwide: *Gracious and generous God, the giver of all good things, we praise you for your overwhelming generosity to us. Our hearts are filled with thanks and praise for the riches of your grace; abundant life through the gift of Christ.*



Prayer topics for November 2018:

- Give thanks for the election of the next Worldwide President, Sheran Harper. Please pray for her as she prepares for her new role, and give thanks for the work of Lynne Tembey as she retires after her six-year term.
- In our own diocese please pray for Yvonne Smith as she prepares to take on the Presidency and, as we hear the results of the election for new Trustees, give thanks that members are prepared to take on the responsibility for this work, and pray for them.
- On 7th November, please pray for the Trustees as they meet at St Martins House. This is the last meeting of the current triennium and there is much to be discussed as they prepare for the changes which are to come.
- Diocesan Council is on 13th November; please pray for the members of Rothley Branch as they prepare for it, for Sue Wilson who will chair it and for Pam Harvey who will be the speaker.
- 11th November this year falls on a Sunday and it is also the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Give thanks for the peace which we enjoy, for the sacrifices made by so many and pray for all those who still suffer as a result of war, in this country and throughout the world.

Diocesan Prayer Diary:

- 1st – 5th: Thurlaston; give thanks for the life and service of Eileen Smith and pray for Joe and the members of that branch as they face the future without her.
- 6th – 10th: we pray for Thurmaston.
- 11th – 15th: we pray for Thurnby.
- 16th – 20th: remember members at Whitwick.
- 21st – 25th: please pray for the staff at St Martins House and give thanks for Julie Foulds, for all her help, support and friendship to us all.
- 25th – 10th December: 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence; please use the prayers for each day being sent to you all at the same time as this email news.

With best wishes,

Sue Wilson, Diocesan Trustee