



Email News June 2019

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.

Diocesan Council, Tuesday 2nd July

The next Diocesan Council meeting will be held at **St Botolph's Church, Shepshed**. **Please note that the meeting will start at 6.30pm, with coffee served from 6pm** (the church will be open from 5.15pm). The time is correct on the agenda which you will receive soon, but not on the Summer Bulletin. All members and friends are welcome to attend Diocesan Council and find out what is happening in Mothers' Union!

Review of our projects

- Action Homeless at Mayfield House, Leicester are requesting toiletries for men and women at the Refuge Centre.
- The Women's Welcome Project for asylum seekers at The Church of the Martyrs, Leicester welcomes nappies size 5 and sanitary towels plus toiletries.
- Knitted teddy bears are no longer required for Leicester Prison but Ivan Bennett will take them for Social Services.
- Small hats and jackets are still required for premature babies as previously requested.
- Glenfield Hospital have asked for 150 toiletry bags but NO soap – only shower gel and/or shampoo (plus, of course, facecloth, toothpaste, toothbrush and comb).
- Leicester Royal Infirmary also want NO soap only shower gel and/or shampoo. Please keep toothbrushes in original wrapping.

Please bring your donations to the Diocesan Council meeting at Shepshed on Tuesday 2nd July, 6pm for 6.30pm start. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Ollie the Octopus

An exciting new project for our knitters! These are used in the premature baby unit in Leicester Royal Infirmary to help stimulate the tiny babies as they grab for the tentacles. Thanks to Paula Freckleton from Oaks in Charnwood Branch for introducing us to Ollie! Patterns available at the Council meeting or on our diocesan website.



Holidaying in Europe?

Then look out for Mothers' Union banners or information! *Families Worldwide prayer diary* for 19th to 25th May included an article about Mothers' Union in the Diocese in Europe. There are branches in Antwerp (Belgium), Barcelona (Spain), Lanzarote, Malta, Torrevieja (Spain) as well as Nigerian members in Italy and South Sudanese members in Finland.

Prayer Focus for June 2019

Please pray:

- For the members of Swithland Branch, which was formally closed on 29th May
- For all members whose branches have closed recently, as they move to other branches or become Diocesan Members

With best wishes,

Sue Wilson, Diocesan Trustee