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London Diocesan News



Winter 2017

Visit to Mary Sumner House

On a breezy dry morning in August Ann Ralph, Rosemary Hall, Joan Field and myself from St. Giles, Ickenham MU, set off by car to Tufton Street SW1 and Mary Sumner House, a large Georgian building which is the Headquarter of the Mothers' Union worldwide. On arrival we headed for the Conference Room in the basement and sat at one of the tables each with



blue table covers and blue chairs and drank a welcome cup of coffee. The room filled with MU members from all parts of the world and at noon proceedings were opened with prayers and a welcome address from the World Wide President, Lynne Temby, a jolly mother of four from York, who was easily spotted in her cerise lace dress and pretty floral jacket. Bev Jullien, the CEO of MU, followed welcoming us all and giving us an update on MU and its initiatives.

Lunch followed, a "picnic in a little carrier bag" and we were joined by Lynne Temby and I had the honour of having my bottle of water opened by her! After lunch we set off on our designated tour of the surprisingly large building – escorted all the while by a helpful young man wearing a bright blue MU T-shirt. Firstly we visited the chapel where mid-day prayers are held every day and members are always welcome. Having looked at the various interesting artifacts we visited the shop, an Aladdin's cave indeed with lots of lovely things for sale.

We continued our tour visiting some of the many rooms on the first and second floors – several of which were named after royal personages – mostly daughters and close relatives of Queen Victoria, the first Patron of Mothers' Union. We saw many displays and presentations, for instance – in the Princess Victoria Room how the MU has encouraged African groups, through Bible reading and discussions to initiate economic, social and physical benefits to the people. Items mostly beadwork, made by them were on display.

In the Princess Elizabeth room we learnt how MU members support families and communities worldwide in campaigning on local issues, in particular against gender based violence; with four million members the MU has a strong voice. The Princess Eugenie room showed something of the Literacy and Financial Education programme. Special reference was made to the work in Rwanda where it is being used effectively to help women break down the barriers when dealing with money and finance and so raising their economic status and giving them a degree of independence. We were all impressed by the far outreach of the MU and of the wide variety of issues and problems with which we help both here and abroad and how very active members are to the benefit of so many.

Our tour ended in the Mary Sumner room where we collapsed into chairs, admired the very pretty portrait of the young Mary Sumner and prepared to be a little interactive. We were joined by the vivacious and charming Katherine Hudson who is currently working with the MU looking at membership and future prospects. She wanted our views and opinions on the MU and how to make the work more widely known and the membership increased in this country.

After some discussion and laughter we returned to the Conference Room for prayers and thanksgiving and to say our goodbyes and leave Mary Sumner House to a waiting car to whisk us back to Ickenham - all very tired at the end of an interesting, profitable and very happy day.



Look out for Members Open Days in 2018

Ann Dixon, St. Giles Ickenham

In Memory

Lynette Paul

On Saturday afternoon 21st October I received a phone call from Roz, Lynette's daughter with the very sad news that Lynette had died the previous evening. Although you are expecting the news it is the finality of it and we in MU will miss her greatly.

Lynette was like a rock, steadfast and so dependable but also kind and very thoughtful. She was so generous with her time travelling all over the Diocese on buses and trains speaking at Branch Meetings and Services and her amazing tours round the City of London Churches including St. Andrews-by-the-Wardrobe, very near St Paul's Cathedral, where Lynette's husband John had been vicar.



At the end of 2003 a request from the Chaplains at Great Ormond Street Hospital for sick children was received by Mothers' Union for a group of members to provide coffee, homemade cakes and non medical conversation for parents and children living in the hospital. As Diocesan President Lynette was ready to set this project up and by January 2004 "3C's" was established and MU have been going to GOSH every week since Lynette herself was on the rota covering one Tuesday a month.

Lynette always had lovely stories to tell and one was that her daughter wanted to come to GOSH, so she came with Lynette in the school holidays. On that particular day a mother came to the Chapel very distraught because her baby was so poorly. It just happened that Lynette's grandson had this same illness and her daughter was able to reassure the mother that all would be well. I think God had a hand in that!

In 2006 Lynette was asked by a Clergy widow who had come to London from Leicester to live with her daughter "what does London Diocese do for Clergy Widows?" After some investigation the Bishop of London asked Lynette if the Mothers' Union would look after the Clergy Widows in the London Diocese; another new project was started.

Lynette was Diocesan President of the London Diocese from 2001 – 2006 following Jan Wilson. During her reign I was a Branch Leader learning the ropes and going up to Diocesan House to those "very important meetings" and I would sit there in awe as she conducted the meetings; always so professional and friendly. Lynette was always there if you needed advice none more so since I have become Diocesan President and her memory on past activities in the MU was phenomenal; she was a fountain of information.

Lynette worked tirelessly for MU right up to the end. A light has gone out in London and Southwark Diocese. "We thank God for her life well lived in Christ. She will be missed by us all. Like St Paul, She fought the good fight of faith.

"Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses".
1 Timothy 6:12

" God has called a great lady to Him after a wonderful life!

"May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory"

**Margaret
Diocesan President**

Edmonton “Area Open Meeting” - 16th September 2017

Many thanks to the members at St George's for hosting our meeting. It was encouraging to welcome so many people. Only 6 branches in the area had no representation and the reports that were available were posted to them. It is very important that the information obtained at these Meetings is shared with **all the members** so that everyone is kept up to date of what is happening in Mothers' Union.

Fr Taemin led an excellent opening worship stressing the importance of having a sound foundation in order to grow and during the service we had the pleasure in enrolling a new member into the branch at St Aldhelms.

Key points from the Meeting are :

MSH website is being revamped.

Information + photos needed for our Diocesan website send to London Office.

Database forms for all members are now urgently required.

Members from Edmonton Area attended Members Day at MSH

50 members from the Diocese attended evensong at St Paul's Cathedral on Mary Sumner Day

Women's Refuge. One starter pack received but more required. MU to supply tickets for pantomime this Christmas.

Enfield Refuge Welcome – MU supplied the immediate food requirements for the first family welcomed to Enfield.

Night Shelter is operating again this winter. If your church is not hosting please consider volunteering at another.

Marylebone Project

After lunch we welcomed Sue Way who is the Manager for the Homeless at the Marylebone Project. She began by telling us the history of the project and continued by saying they are now one of the largest women's hostels providing 112 beds long and short term to homeless women and offer essential facilities and support to women who visit their rough sleeper's drop in. The Marylebone Centre also delivers education, employment and training opportunities and meaningful activities in order to support service users into independent living. Because many of the women now attend college, **paper, pencils folders etc.** are required; all donations will be gratefully received.

The statistics she gave us were disturbing but they are doing fantastic work with an ethos that each woman is a very special person and through the themes of **spirituality, hospitality, empowerment, resettlement**, they believe they are and will continue to make a lasting difference.

Day Apart

25 members and friends enjoyed a thought provoking day. Weather wise it was rather a dismal day but as Sister said, no matter there is sun in our hearts. The day was led by Rev. Linda Liversidge.

We were given time to reflect on “How do you feel about change?” We were asked :-

- Are you weary and think you can't change anymore
- Are you afraid of or anxious about change
- Do you think you are OK as you are
- Do you think God has finished changing you

We were encouraged to look into our past for anything that had influenced us or made a difference. Pieces of paper with The Fruits of the Spirits written on them were placed on the floor and we each had a stone to lay on the one that we thought we needed more of; this was quite revealing!

We now know that as we travel forward, remember that God does give us more than we can handle, but never more than he can handle. He's God.

Sue Johnson
Area Vice President -Edmonton

Festival Service

We are privileged to be able to hold our Festival Service each year in St.Paul's Cathedral. We are made so welcome and the Chapter are so helpful in the organising of the day. For the last 6-7 years we have included a "musical interlude" and this year it was great to include the Hackney Children's Choir, conducted by Tom Daggett, OBE; this is part of St.Paul's outreach. Their enthusiasm shone through their singing and they were a joy to listen to. Bev Jullien, our own CEO gave the Address sharing with us how MU members put their "Faith into Action". A big thank you to Neil Hawes, Director of music at St.Mary's Osterley who conducted the choir which is made up of members and friends throughout the London Diocese coming together for a rehearsal an hour prior to the Service. Not easy but it all came together beautifully with them singing the Anthem "When I survey the wondrous Cross" and leading the congregation in hymns including "Brother, Sister, let me serve you".



We look forward to our Festival Serviced next year on Tuesday 5th June and do hope to see you there.



Knit 1, chat 1

Our branch asked the local retirement home if the residents would be interested in a few of our members visiting to run a knitting circle. The staff thought this would stimulate residents as part of their programme of activities, and we started going for one hour a fortnight. The title "knitting circle" soon became "knit and natter", for obvious reasons. A blanket of knitted squares was our first project, chosen to keep things as simple as possible. There was no rush to finish it; the main aim was to provide an interest for the residents. Two years on, the first blanket was sold at the home's Fete. Then we got ambitious. To make a change from squares we started a Doctor Who scarf, but this didn't really catch on. So I finished the scarf and the residents continued with squares. Now we have nearly finished the second blanket. In the meantime we heard about the MU fiddle pinnies and also found a pattern from the local Women's Institute for a Twiddle Sleeve: a tube of multi-coloured knitting decorated with ribbons, buttons, lace etc to occupy the hands of people with dementia when they can no longer knit or sew. I took one in as a sample and a resident used it, and we have provided two more on request. Now we have been asked for a Twiddle Sock! I'm making up the pattern as I go along.



As a project, knit and natter is easy to manage. It doesn't need many members, much time, much money, or physical effort. The greatest challenge is supplying enough size 8 knitting pins each time. I've exhausted the congregation and four charity shops. The home must have half finished squares in a drawer in nearly every room!



Stop Press

2nd blanket finished

Valerie Budd
St Luke's, Clay Hill, Enfield Branch.

Edinburgh here we come!

This year 20 members from London Diocese attended the General Meeting held in Edinburgh and it was lovely that Lyn Reading from Australia was able to join us again. Our party of 6 was staying at the “Angels’ Share” hotel well situated near St.Mary’s Cathedral for the Festal Evensong of St.Michael and All Angels and the General Meeting at the International Edinburgh Conference Centre.



Angels seem to be the order of the day as the first hymn was Ye Holy Angels Bright sung by a packed Cathedral of MU members and The Most Revd.Mark Strange started his homily with “If you think you are an angel you’re not. Angels come with a message from God and are gifts from God but we may be angelic and need to be like Michael, Raphael and Gabriel. Following a very inspiring service we made our way back to our hotel and enjoyed dinner with Sheila Waring, who was the editor of In Touch before she moved to Cornwall, and husband Simon joining us. We found out that the hotel got its name because there was originally a Whisky distillers on the sight and the vapours that were extracted from the vats as they rose in the air were called the “Angels’ Share”.

The next morning we made our way with 2,000 other members to the Conference Centre, a very impressive modern building. The theme of the Conference was “Peace and Reconciliation”.

The Bishop of Edinburgh, The Rt.Rev. John Armes, opened the meeting with Worship and spoke about how labels on goods can be removed, although sometimes with difficulty, but when people are labelled this can marginalise them causing harm. Jesus befriended the “labelled” society of the time, unclean or sinners.

Bev and Lynne updated us in their travels over the past year and it was great to hear that even though times are hard the target for the 140th Anniversary last year was £1.4m and we surpassed this by raising £1.5m and the decline of membership has slowed down from 6% to 3%. Bev introduced the new initiative MULO – MU Listen, Observe Acts and told us that our Mothering Sunday worship for 2018 is being compiled by the students from St.Mellitus College in conjunction with Jane Williams.

The keynote speaker Canon Sarah Snyder, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Advisor on Reconciliation, called on Mothers Union members to be Ambassadors of reconciliation. She spoke of her work around the world explaining that one of the most powerful tools for reconciliation is to show hospitality – not just to our friends, but to those outside our comfort zone’. She gave an example of sharing coffee at gatherings and only when agreement is reached do you drink the coffee.

She asked us to share our exciting work in 6th forms and teacher training colleges, to go out into our communities and encourage them to join us. She challenged us to extend our wonderful hospitality and build on this strength in our families and community and also extending our reach beyond our comfort zone to be ambassadors of reconciliation.

MU must be a voice for women around the world serving as ambassadors in risky places and as a network of women and mothers, answer Gods call, to serve as His ambassadors and His ministers of reconciliation. It is hard to love our difficult neighbour, but we must love and pray for our enemy, including the enemy that lives within us. If we understand Gods love for us that will enable us to love our neighbour.



Lyn Reading from Australia and Eileen Galsworthy St.Peter and St.Paul Branch Enfield.

Following on from Sarah Snyder, Bev Jullien issued a **“Call for Action”**

“We, a global movement of 4 million members, many of whom have experienced directly the impact of conflict on the lives of women and children, and are actively involved in peace building, call for women’s voices to be heard, and their needs represented, in all areas and at all levels. Members are committed to putting their “Faith into Action” by nurturing and supporting those in need; working within their communities for lasting and sustainable transformation by enabling people to gain the skills and resources they need to take control of their lives. Together members touch the lives of over two thirds of a million people each year, of whom over 100,000 are in Britain and Ireland – so the 'comfort zone' is already quite wide.

In Britain alone we support prisoners and their families in over 85 prisons and in other countries feed prisoners who would otherwise go hungry, help reduce domestic violence and abuse, work to reduce gender-based violence, aiding reconciliation within families visit the sick and elderly and deliver healthcare programmes. As a movement, in response to the relative exclusion of women's voices, we are calling for them to be heard and their needs represented, in all areas and at all levels of peace building and conflict resolution” What a challenge !!!!

Members work in the heart of their communities for example in South Sudan where our work focuses on literacy, financial education, and the setting up of savings and credit groups in communities. Programmes include men and women, irrespective of religion. Nearly 17,000 men and women have become literate and numerate through this, but perhaps most importantly in such a conflict-torn environment, these practical measures have resulted in increased resilience within the communities. External evaluators have commented: 'Mothers' Union is uniquely placed because it is "under the radar"... its emphasis on family relationships makes it acceptable and potent. Its gentleness of approach means that it can address questions which are "hard to touch". Building peace and resilience within their communities is part of their ministry.'

In Britain, members are also addressing areas of need. They are offering holidays to disadvantaged families affected by Grenfell Tower – not immediately, but as and when families are ready, matching the type of break to the family's need.

The foundations are already very strong! Over the coming 18 months, inspired by Bible stories, members across the world will be reflecting together on those strengths and the needs in our local communities, to step up to the challenge and ensure that we can continue to be ambassadors for Christ supporting families, the marginalised and disadvantaged, whoever and wherever they are.

A very inspiring meeting and great to hear how Mothers’ Union is answering God’s Call in this very troubled world. It was very apt that we should finish the meeting singing “Let there be peace on earth” and YES let it begin with us.

Next year we will meet in Swansea, South Wales, 17th and 18th September 2018. Hope to see you there.



This year we decided to return to London straight after the Meeting but the members from Uganda (photo of them taken at Mary Sumner House) stayed on an extra night returning to London on the Sunday. Nikki Sweatman our Provincial President accompanied them on the journey and handed them over to Beryl Rickson and Sally Goulden of the Kensington Area at Kings Cross who then escorted them and all their luggage on to a packed Piccadilly Line train to Terminal 3 at Heathrow where they met a very kind ticket collector that persuaded a reluctant Ugandan member on to the escalator! A big thank you to Beryl and Sally for giving a hand of friendship to members from another Country.

Margaret Blazey & Sue Johnson

Stepney Area Sponsored Prayer Walk - Saturday 20th May 2017

This year our Prayer Walk began at St. Paul's Old with refreshment and a talk by Rev. James Hughesdon about St. Paul's Old Ford. We prayed for James and the ministry and new church plant at the Olympic site then walked and sang our way to St. Barnabas Church Bethnal Green where we prayed for the vicar and his assistants as well as the housing issues of the area.

Singing on our way we were joined by others singing at the bus stop and caught the no.8 bus to St. Matthew's Bethnal Green. On the way, we were met by Peter who guessed we were doing a prayer walk and asked us to pray for revival. The curate Erin met us at St. Matthew's and gave us some history of the church and her own faith journey. We prayed for young people, children, issues of drug abuse and the ministry of Fr. Kevin, Curate Erin and the ministry of St Matthew's.

We walked, sang, prayed along Cambridge Heath Road at betting shops, pubs, places of street women, and redundant churches. We prayed for St. Peters, Bethnal Green and continued onwards to St. John's Bethnal Green where members learned about the Bethnal Green Station disaster during World War II when 178+ people died in a rush to get into the air raid shelter at the station. We prayed at the Stations of the Cross by a painter whose memorial service would be held that week at St. John's. There Lois and Frannie welcomed us and gave us tea and biscuits as well as a little of their personal journeys of faith. We continued on to the Children's Museum where we stopped for a late lunch and prayed for the children and families who visit the museum.

We rode the bus to St. Paul's Bow Common where we were welcomed by the Rev.



Stepney area sponsored walk welcomed at St John's Bethnal Green

Bernadette and following prayers joined in the Christian Aid yarn prayer stations. These stations had pictures of real people who were refugees showing loss, grief, the terrible walks over days and nights, the horrendous ocean journeys, the huge amounts of money people pay smugglers; we made knots in our yarn offered our prayers and joined each of our yarn pieces together to be sent to the government with all the other Christian Aid yarn prayer vigils. We enjoyed tea and biscuits before giving our thanks and making our way home at 5:15pm. There was good fellowship among us all and we are so thankful for this day of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

The Rev. April Keech, Chaplain

David Loftus MBE



To celebrate reaching his 60th birthday David undertook to do a Hand Cycle Event as a sponsored event with a mile per year in the gym at Kneller Hall – the Royal Military School of Music. This year on reaching 63 he completed the distance in 4 and a quarter hours raising over £2,500 for Parkinsons UK. The hours of training paid off and David has now been put forward for the Invictus Games in Sydney next October. So the training continues in the hope that he will make the final selection for the UK team.

Well done David, we do hope you make Australia next year and thank you for being our Treasurer.

Action and Outreach Day

We were blessed on Tuesday 17th October to have two excellent speakers. In the morning Madeleine McClintock from the Samaritans Purse explained the workings of Operation Christmas Child. We saw how much joy a shoe box can bring! Every year people from all over the country put items like woolly hats and scarves, toys, toothbrushes, hair bands, sweets, flannels and soap etc. into shoe boxes and they then get flown to needy parts of the world where hundreds of children get the most amazing pleasure from these simple things. It made us feel happy seeing their joyful faces when they received their box.



In the afternoon our speaker was Jackie Kenealy who started her talk by quizzing us with questions on Uganda. It wasn't my strong point although I did know some of the answers but others were definitely more well informed.

Jackie has been out to Kampala to help with Jane Davidson's charity "Homes of Promise" and she showed us lots of photos and talked us through the progress of the charity. The poverty and dreadful conditions that the boys come from is something we would find hard to imagine but "Homes of Promise" give them a real chance to turn their lives around. The boys go to school if they are still young



enough or they are helped to find a career. Most of the boys do well but they do have one or two who fall away and go back onto the streets. The charity's purpose built house is kept clean and tidy by the boys and they do their own washing and take good care of their surroundings. At the weekend they go swimming and play football etc and are encouraged to go to church.

We all much appreciated both of the talks and some members present were keen to learn more about the two charities.

Diane Willcocks

Fund Raising by Car Boot

Some members from St. Nicholas, Shepperton have, for the past few years, taken to car-booting on a Saturday morning to raise funds. Friends, family, and members of the congregation have given them a steady supply of unwanted goods, household linens, cushions, curtains and lots of bric-a-brac. One member had a large double garage which was used for storage, another readily lent three sturdy folding tables, and even a dress rail was provided when required.



Although the initial 6.45 am start from home is always a daunting thought, the mornings always proved a time of great camaraderie between the members and 'customers' and of course, the MU logo was made very visible to the general public.

Luckily the weather was usually good and the overall verdict was enjoyable, but hard work!
a great way to raise funds.

Liane Betchley
Branch Leader - St.Nicholas Shepperton

Betty Bradbrook, aged 102 September 2017

In 1976 Betty joined the MU in St.Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley. This was her church from her childhood days and she shared many of her wonderful memories with us. At one time she kept in touch with our link in Sierra Leone. Even now she loves receiving the Audio tape of Families First to keep up to date with MU news. She is a lively and enthusiastic lady with a supportive family and she is greatly loved by all who know her.



Molly Jones St.Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley

CONGRATULATIONS

Long Service Awards presented to :-

Kensington Area

St.Hilda's, Ashford 2017

Daphne Roberts - 60 years

Sheila West, 7th March – 50 years

Betty Hunt - 5th October - 52 years

St.Matthews, Ashford

Brenda Bartlett – 55 years

Peggy Pinfold - 54 years

Pat Kitto, 5th December – 50 years

Sheila Freeman, 6th December - 52 years



Birthdays congratulations to :-

Edmonton Area

St.Lukes, Clay Hill, Enfield

Margaret McLachlan 90th Birthday on 21st September 2017

St.Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, Central Barnet

Brenda Gove, 90th Birthday on 20th February 2018.

St.Paul, Mill Hill

Barbara Nott-Macaire 90th Birthday 23rd November 2017

Kensington Area

St.Hilda's Ashford

Sheila West, 90th Birthday August 2017

Kathleen Brown, 90th Birthday on 13th November 2017

Willesden Area

Eunice Henlon, 90th Birthday on 1st August 2017

St.John the Baptist

Hannah Hatcher, 90th Birthday on 14th December 2017

St.Giles, Ickenham

Mrs. Dylis Ashworth 90th Birthday on 10th December 2017

Margaret, Diocesan President presenting Brenda Dowsett from St.Peter and St.Paul Branch Enfield with her Long Service Certificate in October 2017.



Anniversary congratulations to :-

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Edmonton Area

St.George's Freezywater, Enfield

Joyce and Nicholas McKoy, 10th February 2018

Ruby Wedding Anniversary

Edmonton Area

St.Peter and St.Pauls Branch, Enfield

Hazel and Jim Venn, 29th October 2017



** Apologies to Dorothy and Cyril Barton for underestimating your Anniversary.

“Congratulations on your Platinum Wedding Anniversary on 25th May 2017”

In Memory

Renee Kalnins, St.John the Baptist Branch, Harrow

Renee a much loved member of St.John's has died, aged 92; she joined MU in 1995. Renee was born in Germany to a devout Lutheran family where her father was the local pastor; she came to England after the war. She was a reader in our church and was a wonderful spiritual presence in the branch, kind and patient, leading services and talks especially in Lent. She will be truly missed.

Mary Patrick, Branch Leader

Diary Dates for 2018



“IN MARY SUMNER’S FOOTSTEPS”

JANUARY	9 th	Tuesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	St. Paul’s Cathedral
	15 th	Monday	Trustees “Get-Together”	LDH – Hall
	24 th	Wednesday	Faith and Policy Comm.	LDH –SPCK
	31 st	Wednesday	Action & Outreach Comm	LDH -SPCK
FEBRUARY	7 th	Wednesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	St. Paul’s Cathedral
	14 th	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	22 nd	Thursday	Fundraising & Communication / Finance & Admin Comms	LDH –SPCK
MARCH	11 th	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
	12 th	Monday	Trustees	LDH – Hall
	15 th	Thursday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	St. Paul’s Cathedral
	24 th	<i>Saturday</i>	Willesden Area Lady Day Service	St Mary’s Harefield
	25 th	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	30 th & 1 st	<i>Friday/Sunday</i>	<i>Good Friday – Easter Sunday</i>	
APRIL	7 th	Saturday	Stepney Area Lady Day Service	
	9 th	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Lady Day</i>	
	11 th	Wednesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	St. Paul’s Cathedral
	18 th	Wednesday	ACTION & OUTREACH DAY	LDH - Hall
MAY	8 th	Tuesday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	St. Paul’s Cathedral
	10 th	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Ascension Day</i>	
	16 th	Wednesday	Faith and Policy Comm.	LDH –SPCK
	21 st	Monday	Action & Outreach	LDH - Hall
	24 th	Thursday	Fundraising & Communication / Finance & Admin Comms	LDH – SPCK
JUNE *	5 th	Tuesday	FESTIVAL SERVICE (7 pm)	St. Paul’s Cathedral
	14 th	Thursday	Prayer Hour (11 am)	St. Paul’s Cathedral
	15 th – 17 th	Friday – Sunday	RETREAT – Bishop Woodford House	Ely
	18 th	Monday	Trustees	LDH - - Hall
	27 th	Wednesday	Diocesan Area Meeting	LDH - - Hall
JULY	9 th – 11 th		WAVE OF PRAYER	London Diocese
AUGUST	8 th / 9 th	Wed. /Thursday	MEMBERS DAYS	MSH
SEPTEMBER	17 th /18 th	Mon. /Tuesday	GENERAL MEETING	Swansea, Wales
OCTOBER	18 th	Thursday	PRAYER DAY	Hall, London Diocesan House

Articles & pictures for next issue
should be received

by 1st May 2018

*Wishing you all and your families a
very healthy, peaceful and blessed New
Year filled with love and happiness*

Margaret

your Diocesan President



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of London

Vision: Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.

Aim and Purpose: To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

Mission:

- To promote and support married life
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity



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