SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

It was wonderful to see so many people at the Diocesan afternoon tea at St. Mary’s in Ely, to hear Revd. Susan Bowden-Pickstock speak about her life. We were also able to present Gladys Fogg with her certificate to congratulate her on having been a member for over 50 years.

Our Autumn Festival is on Saturday 10th October at Milton Church. We will be hearing about Worldwide Council, link members in Rwanda and our own diocesan projects. Our special guest will be the new Bishop of Huntingdon, Rt. Revd. Dagmar Winter. We hope as many members as possible will be able to come and join us (not only branch leaders) to hear from our new Bishop. We start with coffee at 10am and finish with a shared lunch.

PRAYING OUR FAITH. MU Diocesan Quiet Morning at Bishop Woodford Retreat House Ely on Monday 21st October at 10am. Led by Canon Vicky Johnson. Coffee at 9. 30am and lunch at 12.30pm are provided. All welcome.

Many of you will know that Jo Wibberley has kept the MU updated on the future of Whitworth House in Cambridge. Their AGM is to be held on Monday 4th October at Benson Hall, Magdalene College from 5pm-8pm. Their patron Rowan Williams will be present and light refreshments will be provided afterwards.
Items for the next edition of **Grapevine** need to be with Melanie (mgsteen@icloud.com), with a copy to Hazel, by September 21st at the latest. This just allows time for Melanie to produce the magazine and get it to the printers so that Ros can bundle it in time for Autumn Festival. So many people tell me how much they enjoy reading about what is happening in the Diocese, do consider if there is anything you are able to contribute. Don’t forget we now have a page for letters.

**Impington** held a service and party for members to celebrate 40 years since the branch was re-started.

**MU THEME FOR 2020**

Trustees have decided that the theme for next year will be *‘Building Hope and Confidence’*

Staff at Mary Sumner House will be providing resources from September for those who wish to use them within their branches.

Thank you to all members who although they cannot regularly attend branch meetings are committed to the aims of the MU and continue to pay their subscriptions each year. Your help through prayer, knitting and other tasks is invaluable.

**FAITH IN ACTION**

Some of the wool given to us is used to knit garments for babies, children and young people.

Sheran Harper is the first Worldwide President of the Mothers’ Union to address delegates at a Church of England General Synod. This July she spoke about MU activities in Britain and Ireland including the Stories on the Street project from our own diocese and the healing and reconciliation facilitated by the MU for 160 Anglican women leaders in South Sudan. Her speech, which was described as ‘inspirational’, received a standing ovation. Susan Baker and Canon Mike Booker were also present and had the opportunity to speak of their direct positive experience in Wisbech.

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**THURSDAY PRAYER**

19th September  
10.30am Ely Cathedral  
2.30pm All Saint’s St. Ives.

26th September  
10.30am Little St. Mary’s, Cambridge