

The Trustees and I send you our love and very best wishes for 2019 - may it be a healthy and peaceful one for us all.

Judith Meaden ✕ President



The theme for 2019 is Listen, Observe, Act – in Step with God.

This follows on from the MULOA activities last year and Judith and our diocesan speakers look forward to sharing this with members during the year. There is much more information on the Central MU website with bible readings, prayers, services and other activities to be involved in – do take a look for new ideas.

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Best wishes to those celebrating a **birthday** in January, February or March - Very Many Happy Returns of the Day.

Congratulations to those celebrating a **wedding anniversary** in January, February or March; we hope you enjoy your Special Day.

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We pray for members who are unwell wishing you well and back to full health soon and for our members who are anxious or bereaved at this time – we pray that the Lord will surround you with his love.

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Margaret Harvey, our Diocesan Secretary, will stand down in the summer of 2019. We need someone to take over from her as this role is vital to the Diocese – IF YOU COULD SERVE GOD IN THIS WAY, do please contact Margaret or Judith to find out more. This is a paid, part-time, working from home role.

If you have an event in January, February or March, please email the details to: joan@grabawish.com for the website

Our new Worldwide President is Mrs Sheran Harper from Guyana and eleven Central Trustees have been elected from within the 11 zones worldwide, giving a Board rich in diversity with eight different nationalities. Sheran is proud to be leading an organisation that is making a difference in the lives of over three quarters of a million people worldwide. Sheran says “Mothers’ Union is as relevant today as it was 142 years ago as the call to support families globally is now even greater”.

COMING EVENTS:

26th January: Speakers get together in the morning and Deanery Chairmen meeting in the afternoon at Guy Harlings, Chelmsford.

28th January: Trustees’ Meeting

If you have an event in April, May or June, please email details to: joan@grabawish.com for the next Newsletter

Please also send Joan news and photos of your events

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Have you remembered to subscribe to Families First for 2019?

The subscription and distribution have changed - those paying by direct debit don't need to do anything but those who've previously paid through their branch, should have renewed direct to Mary Sumner House with the form in the latest edition.

If you have any queries, please contact Pauline Lovell on 01206 386626.

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An Epiphany prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who by the leading of a star brought seekers from other nations to bow before the Christ child. As they offered their gifts and their lives, may we offer ourselves to you in love and adoration, for you are the giver of life and life eternal. Amen



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2019?