

Nickie's Notes No. 11

As I write these notes I am taking shelter from the incredible heat outside and sitting in my lovely cool cottage. I do hope that you all manage to take advantage of this hot spell without melting!

Dates and events:-

FRIDAY 29th June – Cathedral Prayers IN ST SIDWELL'S – Totnes/Torbay/Woodleigh

THURSDAY 9th AUGUST – Mary Sumner Day service in the Cathedral at 11.00am

THURSDAY 13TH- SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER – VISIT OF MEMBERS FROM SOLOMON ISLANDS TO EXETER!

Monday / Tuesday September 17th-18th – General meeting and service Swansea.

Programme planning. In a previous copy of NN's I outlined what **MULOA** was all about. In the coming months and into next year (and the next!), we will be holding **workshops** to help you get to grips with this new initiative, and 'invigorate' your branches and membership! To that end I would ask you to leave at least one free date in your programme (but preferably two) so that, once some of you have experienced the workshop (which is fun!), you will be able to discuss and plan with your branch what you do next. For many of you I hope this will be what you are doing anyway.

Mary Sumner Day Service 9th August –response to this has been very slow and disappointing and unless I hear that more of you are coming then we may have to cancel. This would be a great shame and a bit of an embarrassment for me as far as the Cathedral is concerned! SO PLEASE LET ME or the office know!

NOMINATIONS for Diocesan President (DP), Archdeaconry Presidents (APs) and Trustees. As we will be coming to the end of the Triennium at the end of the year, the time has come for electing a DP, four APs and up to six Trustees. Although I am very happy to continue as DP there may be someone who would also like to be nominated – in which case there would be an election. Nomination forms for the other posts above will be sent out soon – the return date for which will be 7th August.

Shop. We **STILL** need some help in the shop – contact Bridget Vinton if you think you could spare a morning or two! It is warm and friendly, and free coffee or tea! Some members who volunteered have disappeared off the radar!

Cathedral Prayers for July. It has been decided, sadly, that Cathedral Prayers for **July have been cancelled** through lack of support and personnel.

A really big THANK YOU to all those who have donated **postage stamps** in the past. Please continue to do so, and if you haven't yet we do need them to help keep the costs down. We could ask every branch to pay a little extra each year for postage, but I really don't think it should be necessary!

VERY IMPORTANT! A group of 20 MU members from Honiara in the Solomon Islands will be visiting us here in Exeter and will need accommodation from 13th – 16th September inclusive before going on to the General Meeting in Swansea. We will need help in finding beds for them and organising a programme of events. HELP PLEASE!

With my thanks for all your support, and every blessing,

Nickie