

# Nickie's Notes No. 13

Firstly apologies for not sending these out sooner – I had to wait for the Trustee Meeting before I could do so. The sun is still shining and all's well....

Dates and events:-

**FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October – Speakers' Day**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October – Cathedral Prayers led by Diocesan Members**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – AUTUMN COUNCIL – ST. MATTHEW'S EXETER**

**25<sup>th</sup> November -10<sup>th</sup> December – 16 Days of Activism.**

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November – St. Stephen's Fair**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 – Commissioning Service in the Cathedral! Make sure you're there!**

***Diocesan Restructuring.** Accompanying these notes you will find a copy of the paper setting out the Trustees' proposals for the new 'clusters' – please read them carefully!*

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**AUTUMN COUNCIL – Raffle** – please can we have very good prizes for this, things that YOU would like to win. The proceeds will go towards making up the shortfall in our budget for AFIA that I mentioned in my previous 'Notes'. Also there will be a '**Begging Bucket**' for any of you who would like to contribute that little bit extra for AFIA!

While on the subject of AFIA please encourage your clergy and others who are responsible for referrals to check on the reliability of clients – we have been let down on occasions and had to pay for non-existent holidays!

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** – there will be two silent vigils held, 24<sup>th</sup> November at Bideford and 27<sup>th</sup> November outside St Stephen's in Exeter. These last about an hour and need 8 or so folk for each. Please get in touch with John Vinton if you would like to take part in either.

**St. Stephen's Fair.** This annual event is not only a good way of raising valuable funds and the profile of MU, but is such a happy occasion for us all to meet up and do our bit! There will be the usual stalls:- MUE, cakes, produce, Christmas Gifts, toiletries and the £1 stall. Mince pies will be most welcome for the refreshments. Please supply as much for the stalls as you can, AND TAKE HOME ANY UNSOLD GOODIES AFTERWARDS! Thank you.

**The dreaded DATABASE.** Make sure that you send in any changes in members' circumstances to keep records up to date.

**MULOA** and the theme for next year's speakers, '**Listen, Observe, Act – in step with God**'. This sounds similar to MULOA, and might cause some confusion. Although we encourage branches to have the talk, if there is a choice between that and the Workshop, then you are strongly encouraged to go for the latter. However, if you want to do both all well and good. The talk leaves out quite a lot of the vital MULOA material.

**A note of warning!** If you want to contact the media concerning anything MU, you must get approval from one of the Trustees, even me, before doing so, please!

Last but not least, the name of the new World Wide President is **Sharen Harper**, who lives in GUYANA! This is breaking new ground as all previous WWP have come from Britain. To find out more go on the MU website. This is very exciting!

With every blessing and love, *Nickie*