

Dear Fellow Members

It was wonderful to see about 90 members gathered in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral in March for the Lady Day service. After the experiences of the last couple of years it was lovely to be able to worship together again although, of necessity, it was a lower key service than previous ones. The service was led by Bishop Rachel and Rev'd Liz Palin, our Diocesan chaplain, and I thought it was very moving. During the service there was commissioning of Rev'd Liz Palin, trustees, and myself as Diocesan President.

I know that many people took the opportunity to catch up with each other and have a time of fellowship after the service. I trust that was also a very positive time for everyone. Several people were unable to come to the service due to Covid and I hope that you have now recovered and can get out and about again.

Back in February we had a successful Members' Day, with an impromptu quiz as our planned speaker had to postpone due to contracting Covid, and the Mue sales table was also popular – there is a sales table at most events so do take the time to see what is available.

Now that the clocks have gone forward and we have more daylight hours we are looking forward to summer events. There are details elsewhere but the Mary Summer Day event will be in Shurdington so get ready to pack your picnic and come along to join other members.

The Diocesan Mothers' Union raffle will be drawn at this event so some lucky people may also have prizes to take home.

We also have the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June to look forward to. There will be lots of big events but I know that branches are also planning their own events to mark the occasion so, in whatever way you celebrate, I hope you have a good time.

With love and prayers  
Doreen