

Diocese of Manchester (Registered Charity No. 250086)

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Report for Autumn Council 3rd November, 2012

2013 is a double celebration for members in Manchester. As a diocese we celebrate 125 years of Mothers' Union work and we also look forward to meeting up with our friends from Devizes and Bradford on Avon once again. It is 25 years since the first visit of members from Devizes. Ashton Deanery was linked with Devizes Deanery and as members in Manchester were about to celebrate 100 years of Mothers' Union, Ashton invited members from Devizes to visit for a weekend as part of those celebrations, when many lasting friendships were made. Ever since, we have continued to meet every two years.

The dates for our visitors to come to Manchester Diocese from Devizes and Bradford on Avon in 2013 are from Thursday 30th May, Friday 31st May, Saturday 1st June and Sunday 2nd June.

As yet, nothing has been finalized but

Thursday 30th May the visitors coach will arrive at St. Paul's, Blackley in the afternoon when Hostesses will meet and greet with a cup of tea and then take their guests home.

Friday 31st May will be spent with guests then taken for a communal meal.

Saturday 1st June, plans are being made for a day out by coach.

Sunday 2^{nd} June, Guests to be taken to Hostesses own Church, have lunch with Hostess and then to St. Stephens, Astley for a service at 3.00pm before departing to the South.

<u>WANTED</u> Volunteers to be Hostesses, those who did it so well in 2009 would you please enroll to do it again? Thank you.

There is a list at the front for you to add your name and address and how many guests you are able to receive.

Thank you all for your continued support for the Salisbury Link, without you it won't happen.