

## Report to November Council 2019



In March 2018 the MULOA process began in St Edmundsbury & Ipswich with a Family session, including several Trustees, to experience the techniques and materials that were to be offered within our diocese. The session lasted a day and was hosted by Anna and Andrew Vessey.

Sessions followed in North Suffolk Area, Yoxmere and Ipswich Area; information from these three sessions was submitted to MSH to provide the July Conference with data on the GB&I MULOA rollout. Viv Buckle accompanied Christine Ward to the residential July MULOA Conference at High Leighs, a very positive experience. In August there was another Ipswich Area session and one in October at Bures. In 2018, 62 members had experienced MULOA.

This year the sessions advertised on 09 April at Thurston, 15 May at Hadleigh, 05 June at Shotley Peninsula have taken place and the remaining session at the Cathedral branch is planned for 19 November. We anticipate, with the November event included that there will have been 71 members touched by MULOA, making 132 over the two years.

The sessions have been well received due in no small measure to the effort branches have put in to extend meeting times and include Soup lunches and extra refreshments – an essential part of the experience. My thanks to our DP, Linda, for inviting me to continue leading the 2019 MULOA program, I have really enjoyed seeing it through. On your behalf may I extend heartfelt thanks to Anna Vessey, Beryl Mee, Cathie McGregor, Clare Thomas, Monica Twaits, Sue Norrington and Viv Buckle for their generous commitment, their courage and the skill of their presentations.

MULOA has no expected outcome, no boxes to tick or certificates to award. Quite simply the experience was to open ourselves to the Spirit to move and lift us; to grow together as MU and touch lives. Susan Baker, our Provincial President elect, promoted 'Stories on the Street' in Ely diocese because she saw how it attracted the respect and involvement of the clergy. Not unsurprisingly, MULOA and Stories on the Street, have merged and transformed into the next stage of growth, METAMORPHOSIS. As we move forward in 2020 with Hope and Confidence, I shall be excited to see MU in Suffolk evolve, in new forms, to show God's love.

With thanks and blessings. *Christine*

## Appendices

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### MULOA sessions for Branches 2018

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| <b>14 March</b> 'Family Group' like the Conference, comprising mainly Trustees to familiarise themselves with the process. | <b>7</b>         |
| <b>26 April</b> North Suffolk Area members from most branches  | <b>9</b>         |
| <b>17 May</b> Yoxmere Branch   | <b>6</b>         |
| <b>22 May</b> Ipswich Area pilot   | <b>10</b>        |
| <b>13 August Ipswich</b> Area additional   | <b>14</b>        |
| <b>09 October Bures</b>  | <b><u>16</u></b> |
| <b>Total attended 2018</b>   | <b><u>62</u></b> |

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### MULOA sessions for Branches 2019

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| <b>09 Apr Tues</b> Thurston Branch meeting at 'the Rock' (by Churchyard) 1.30 pm start with Soup and rolls. Ending 3.45 tea and biscuits. Gt Barton invited too. Mark 10.46-52, 'Blind Bartimaeus'.   | <b>19</b>        |
| <b>15 May Wed</b> Hadleigh Branch meeting in Hadleigh Church 12.30 pm start with Soup and rolls and continuing meeting in Church to finish with tea etc by 4 pm. 1 Corinthians 12.12-27, 'The Body of Christ. Numbers boosted by arrival of East Bergholt branch. | <b>26</b>        |
| <b>05 Jun Wed</b> Shotley Peninsula meeting St Andrews Church Room 1.30 pm start with soup, rolls and fruit. Finishing with tea by 4 pm. 1 Corinthians 12.12-27 The Body of Christ  | <b>6</b>         |
| <b>19 Nov Tues</b> Cathedral Branch meeting upstairs in discovery Centre at 7.00 pm. giving a MULOA flavour if not complete session! There is parking in Cathedral car park.  | <b><u>20</u></b> |
| <b>Total attending in 2019</b>  | <b><u>71</u></b> |

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### Team

Anna Vessey, Beryl Mee, Cathie McGregor, Christine Ward, Clare Thomas, Monica Twaits, Sue Norrington, Viv Buckle