

Many congratulations to Mrs Annie Thompson, a parishioner of St Cedma's, Larne, who celebrated her 100th birthday recently.

Annie, who was 100 on January 25, received a special visit from her local postlady to deliver a birthday card carrying congratulations from Her Majesty the Queen. As Annie was born in Co Donegal, she also received a letter of congratulations from the President of Ireland.



These were just two of more than 80 cards of congratulations which were delivered to her flat in Larne. As a lifelong member of the Mothers' Union, Annie received congratulations not only from all the St Cedma's members, but also from Diocesan, All Ireland and World MU presidents. For many years an enthusiastic parish bowler, this part of parish life was not missed out either.

Annie also had a special visit from the Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev Alan Abernethy, accompanied by St Cedma's curate, the Rev Martin Hilliard and over a cup of tea she shared some of the key moments in her life with the Bishop.

Other family members travelled from England, Scotland and the South of Ireland, to join family, residents from McNeill Court and Larne friends to share Annie's very special day.

As the Ven Stephen Forde, rector of St Cedma's, was in Sudan on the day of Annie's birthday, he had delivered congratulations from the Parish before his departure. While the archdeacon's attempts to telephone Annie from Sudan were defeated as the technology did not connect, none of this prevented Annie from enjoying a lively family party at the Halfway House Hotel which carried on late into the evening!