**Preparing for the 150th Anniversary 2026**



**(also the diocesan ‘Year of Sharing’)**

Please make a note of the following hopes for Newcastle MU next year.

1. Each branch to have a display in their local church about MU. Illustrated posters about our local history will be available. All you need to add is your own branch information with photographs. Timing is up for local discernment.
2. A Central Gathering for us all in Newcastle cathedral on Saturday 25th July. There will be a display of our work. A creative, informal Midday Prayer time will be held with lunch to follow.
3. A Power Point on Newcastle MU past, present and potential future will be available for branches / deanery synods to use during the year. A taster of will be seen at Council this October (Friday 10th at 6.00)
4. Throughout the year, MU and the Cathedral will be working alongside other organisations to raise awareness of GBV and domestic abuse. This initiative will spread across the diocese.

We wish to collect information about each branch for our displays next year – so we can all celebrate each other’s endeavours. Please can you send the following to Anne M (Chaplain) before the end of November this year. chaplain@munewcastle.org.uk Try to be succinct as there is limited space for display.

* Name of branch / deanery
* How long it has existed
* What MU means to the branch / what matters most to members
* Any special feature of the branch, or memory from former years
* What projects the branch supports currently
* About 2-5 photographs, which help to illustrate who you are or what you enjoy doing.

This information will also be helpful for your own displays.

Many thanks for your commitment and prayers.