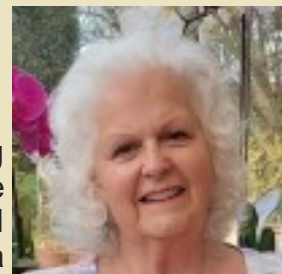




## From the Diocesan President

Dear Friend

My biggest regret this year was not being able to attend the 'Reimagining MU' Conference. It was an amazing opportunity to get together and re-image our beloved Mothers' Union. Our delegates talked, listened and prayed. Yes I suspect it was hard work but also emotional and stimulating. We must set a new course if we are to survive, flourish and be relevant in a changing world and 21st century life. Transforming will take time and we will give it time but the time is NOW.



We learn from the past but what we did 50 years ago does not work now. We need to open our minds and seize this moment, enabling us to reach out and grasp a new and exciting future. The journey will have many ups and downs but we know how special we are and the importance of our work.

With God's help we will travel together along the pathway with love and joy in our hearts making radical changes towards our eventual goal. Please pray for us.

At Diocesan Council on 14<sup>th</sup> October we will have an interactive discussion about how we can best 'Reimagine Mothers' Union', so that we can know members' views. I hope you are able to attend!

With love **Margy**

### Rosemary New's ordination

Pictured, Rev Rosemary New at her ordination at St Nicholas' Cathedral on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Rosemary is a valued member of the First Internet branch and a tireless campaigner raising awareness of domestic abuse and supporting its survivors

*Sylvia Hickey*



### New members on Mary Sumner Day

We were delighted to admit three new members to our branch at a special service for Mary Sumner held on Sun Aug 7th. The photo shows me, Brenda Graham, May Meilleur, Margaret Walker and Rev'd Dorothy Robinson, team vicar and past Diocesan President.

Susan Ogden, Branch Contact, Christ Church North Shields

### Direct Debit

Last year over one third of our members started to pay their subscriptions by Direct Debit, including a Gift Aid declaration where appropriate. The system worked well! Both Branch Leaders and the members themselves will have less administration in the future. I hope that more members will now feel encouraged to start paying in this way. The details will be included in the pack received by Branch Leaders at Council on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact me if you have any queries.

*Barbara Packer*



## A Tree for All seasons: Howick

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August our President, Margy, planted an Indian Chestnut Tree in the Bog Garden at Howick Hall, in the presence of Lord Howick, who grew the sapling from a conker he brought back from the foot of the Himalayas. Many members were there to witness the planting. For us, it symbolises our intention to bring transformation for the welfare of present and future generations, in line with our theme for 2022: 'Transformation – Now!' I wrote a poem for the occasion, entitled 'A Tree for all Seasons', which can be read on our website [www.munewcastle.org.uk](http://www.munewcastle.org.uk)



Anne Marr, Chaplain

**2022 Theme:  
Transformation - Now!**



## Cathedral Eucharist

On August 4th 2022 a new Mothers' Union link was formed with Newcastle Cathedral as our chaplain Anne Marr presided at the 12.30 Eucharist, wearing MU vestments and using MU vessels. It was the date that Hexham and Corbridge deaneries had an organised visit to the Cathedral and almost 50 people joined together for both mid-day prayers led by Anne Blight, and the Eucharist. Anne Marr is now part of a small team who will preside at the Eucharist on the first Thursday of each month at 12.30. Mid-day prayers are said at the Cathedral on the first Thursday of each month, starting when the Cathedral clock strikes 12. Anne will next preside at the Eucharist in December, when we will remember those affected by gender based violence, during 16 days of activism.



*Rev. Anne Marr celebrates Communion in the Cathedral*

Mothers' Union vestments and vessels are available for any groups to borrow and use at services. Anne has also written a Eucharist service sheet based on 2022 theme **Transformation – Now**, and there are plenty of copies available. Please let us know if you wish to use any of these in your branches. *Jackie Moore*

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### Calendar *Remember Midday prayers & Eucharist every 1st Thursday!*

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** 10 am Trustees meet on Zoom

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Trip to Belfast for Annual Gathering & service

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** 6 for 6.30 pm Diocesan Council at St. John, Kingston Park. All welcome

22<sup>nd</sup> at [10.30am](#) for [11am](#) Diocesan Members Day, St Nicholas Church Hall, S. Gosforth. The M.U. choir will sing! All welcome. Note new timing

**25<sup>th</sup> Deadline for copy for Winter Journal**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9.30 am Shoe Box Day & collection of Winter Journals at Church House

5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm Tynemouth Deanery Carol Service at Holy Saviour, Tynemouth

5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm West Deanery Advent Praise at Holy Cross, Fenham

5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm Hexham Deanery Advent Service at Hexham Abbey

12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm Morpeth Deanery Advent Service in St. James', Morpeth

14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am Alnwick Deanery Advent Service in St. Michael, Alnwick