



## From the Diocesan President

Dear Friends,

For the next Triennium 25/27 we welcome our new World Wide President Kathleen Snow from Canada, our Zonal Trustee Deb Lee from Carlisle and our Provincial President Christine Sharp from Manchester. We congratulate them all and wish them well.



As for our own Diocese elections, no one has come forward to fill our vacant posts. This will be discussed at our Trustees meeting on September 27th.

Our End of Triennium Service will be held at St Gabriel's Heaton on Wednesday December 11th at 2pm.

Our next Council Meeting is on Friday October 11th at Kingston Park 1 for 1.30pm. The speaker will be Deb Lee, our next Zonal Trustee. She will talk about the future of M.U. in Britain and Ireland and the way forward for Dioceses.

A huge thank you to those who gave us 2 wonderful Diocesan Events over the summer. An enormous amount of work goes into these special days.

The fellowship shared when we meet together is so rewarding and really good for our mental health.

Thank you all for your encouragement and prayers

Love Margy.

### How are your Footsteps in Faith?

Have they taken you on local journeys or far afield? Did they take you to Benwell in June? Or to the Cathedral in July? Did you join in the footfall to St Georges in Morpeth? Did you enjoy meeting others, hearing their stories and engaging in the song and dance of Middy Prayer? Have you been encouraged?

Mothers Union did 'Something Wonderful' in June and has since made new Footsteps in Faith by adopting '**Something Wonderful**' as an **Action & Outreach project**.

Despite slim resources, Benwell's Community Project in St James is truly 'Something Wonderful'. This community is united in hope and was recently quick to stand firm against some far-right trouble makers. In St James, food, activities and professional advice are free, the costs dependent on donations. MU made 'Footsteps in Faith' to gift a slow cooker and an air fryer to help make the work of the volunteer cooks safer and easier. *Please see more details on our website about how we can continue sharing in 'Something Wonderful'.*

Where will our MU Footsteps in Faith take us next? How can we join others in their journey of life? How can we do and be 'Something Wonderful' as we set foot into the coming months? I wonder? Do you?



MU in Newcastle Diocese makes many Footsteps in Faith



Revd. Anne Marr  
 Diocesan MU Chaplain

Vikki Ewan BEM

Vikki Ewan, of the Coquetdale Branch, recently received the British Empire Medal for her work with the Coquetdale Lunch Club. She, with her band of helpers (including President Margy) kept the Lunch Club going throughout COVID, and it is still going strong – feeding, socialising and arranging trips and activities, which have helped deal with loneliness. They have arranged visits to the theatre and the coast, with the help of Upper Coquetdale Community Transport. The photograph shows Vikki receiving the award from the Duchess at Alnwick Castle, surrounded by her family. Margy Tasker-Brown



### Some Action & Outreach opportunities

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 12.00 Informal Action and Outreach supporters team get together in M&S cafe prior to Diocesan Council at St. John's, Kingston's Park. All welcome.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November** from 10.30am -12.15 at Holy Nativity, Chapel House - packing gift bags for the People's Kitchen, for those branches that are unable to pack gift bags but have sent a donation towards them. Last year we enjoyed each other's company and got a lot of packing done. Wonderful refreshments were provided by Holy Nativity MU branch. **However, branches are very much encouraged to make up bags themselves if they are able, using the bags and contents lists available at Council.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Gift Bag Day at Church House 9.30am until midday. The gift bags will be collected by the Peoples Kitchen at midday. Coffee, tea, and mince pies will be provided. A festive occasion with a chance to catch up, as well as picking up the Winter Journal.

**Kneelers** Would you like to help make kneelers for the Cathedral? Please contact Helen Cooper (helencooper3113@btinternet.com) *Diana Macnaughton, A&O Coordinator*



### SAVE THE DATE

Mothers' Union retreat next year will be on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th June 2025. It will again be held at Shepherds Dene. The retreat will be led by Canon Clare MacLaren. Booking form and further details will be found in the Winter Journal. *Jackie Moore, Faith & Policy Coordinator*

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### Calendar

**27<sup>th</sup> September** at 10 a.m. Trustee meeting via Zoom

**11<sup>th</sup> October** at 1.30 p.m. Diocesan Council at St. John, Kingston Park.

**19<sup>th</sup> October** at 11 a.m. Diocesan Members' Day at St Nicholas, S. Gosforth

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** at 2.30 p.m. White Ribbon Service at Trinity Church, Gosforth High Street

**1<sup>st</sup> November** **Deadline for Winter Journal. Items to Barbara Packer, please**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 2 p.m. Provincial End of Triennium Service at Blackburn Cathedral (contact Anne Blight for details)

**29<sup>th</sup> November** 9.30 am – noon **Gift Bag Day & collection of Winter Journals, Church House**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 2 p.m. Advent Praise at Holy Cross, Fenham

**2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 1 p.m. Corbridge & Hexham Deaneries' Advent Service at Hexham Abbey

**9<sup>th</sup> December** at 2 p.m. Tynemouth Deanery Advent Service at St. Luke, Wallsend

**11<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.15 a.m. St. Michael, Alnwick Advent service and mince pies.

**11<sup>th</sup> December** at 2 p.m. **Diocesan End of Triennium Service St. Gabriel, Heaton**

**12<sup>th</sup> December** at 2 p.m. Morpeth Deanery Advent Service, St. Mary, Stannington