

# Com-Missioning



**Happy New Year !**

and **Happy New Triennial** – as we journey on together with Mothers' Union members world-wide into a new 3-year commitment.

**Our Commissioning Service for the next triennium will be in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am.**

As collective worship goes, the Commissioning Service is the most significant of them all. It is truly a 'co-missioning' of Mothers' Union. We gather for our bishop, on our behalf, to commission our President, Vice-Presidents and trustees to their roles and to rededicate our own commitment to MU. Without our trustees to establish and develop links locally and globally, Mothers' Union could not continue.

How wonderful to have a Commissioning Service as a collective statement of our commitment! If as few as three members from each of our branches across Newcastle Diocese are able to attend, the congregation will exceed 100. Might we aim for 150? Or even 200? Let's make a day of it - to see all our banners projected on screen, to meet fellow members, and enjoy lunch in the Café.

Com-missioning says what it is – coming together to commit to the mission of Mothers' Union. We commission our trustees to their vital linking roles. As chaplain I am commissioned to offer droplets of spiritual support and encouragement to our President, Vice-Presidents and trustees. I can truly report that I have been immensely privileged to have journeyed with our trustees over the last three years – what commitment, creativity, energy and extra mileage they have given us.

Anne Blight's farewell message was a tribute to the way in which Mothers' Union continues to be a vital part of the church's mission and ministry. Let's celebrate that 'loudly' in our **Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup> January.**

