

Connected? How?

The MU magazine is called Connected. It helps us to keep 'connected' with each other across the provinces and also with other provinces across the world: connected with information, and connected through the project work we all support, both locally and globally.



In Newcastle Diocese we are also connected with other organisations through our many projects – like People's Kitchen, NHS Hospitals, Refuges and others. This year a new connection is being explored.

TCT. Before Christmas, we were also approached by Jan Hodgson from **TCT Tyne to Tees**. TCT is '**Transforming Communities Together**'. Does that ring a few bells? Transformation Now? – Stronger Together? TCT is a national initiative of the Church of England which is operating in the Tyne Tees region. Like MU, TCT aims to encourage safer, welcoming communities that can flourish. So why operate independently, if we can be stronger together?

Margy and Anne M met with Jan to hear her story and hopes, and to tell her about our Mothers' Union story and hopes. We agreed to trial a joint initiative in the Morpeth and Bedlington deaneries. Branches in mid Northumberland are being invited to send representatives to a meeting about **Places of Wellbeing**, led by TCT. Morpeth MU and Revd Simon White are hosting this event at **St Aidan's Church in Stobhill, Morpeth: Monday 17th February 1.30-3.30pm**. Clergy are also invited.

Please pray for this event and for some fruitful outcomes.

Making and strengthening connections may be the way forward for MU this year. As our World-Wide President elect, Kathleen Snow says – 'we are better together' if we aim to be transformational in communities.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much
apart from me you can do nothing."* John 15.5

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