

**Presidents Remarks**

We have had a very busy year with our usual Projects and Events, election year and Safeguarding being high on the Agenda. Safeguarding will begin it’s roll out, Trustee Training has already taken place. Sheila and Anne C will be getting in touch with Deaneries and Branches soon.

At this year’s October Council we welcome Deb Lee who is our Zonal Trustee on the World Wide Board elect. We thank Kath Hilton for all her hard work on our behalf and hope as she gives up her Zonal post she remains to lend her valuable support to York Province.

The time has come to rethink and reorganise our Diocese as so many key posts remain unfilled for the next triennium.

The Commissioning Service on Saturday 25th January at the Cathedral will be our only Diocesan Eucharist during 2025.

We must set up a Planning Committee for our celebrations of 150 years of MU. Anyone interested in joining our Newcastle Celebration committee, please message me as soon as possible.

A group will attend a service in St Paul’s with the rest of Britain and Ireland.

The Province has begun to plan, possibly a baton carried through all our Dioceses on its way to St Paul’s. The end of Triennium Service is at St Gabriel’s Heaton on December 11th at 2.00pm.

Our Diocesan Banner and Indoor Members Book will travel to Blackburn for the Provincial Triennium Service.

Please make sure that photographs of all banners from active branches are sent to Anne M to be on show at our Commissioning Service in January. Hopefully they will be shown on the screens throughout the service.

Thank you for all your hard work and joyful fellowship supporting our amazing Mothers’ Union.

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