

# Mothers' Union Diocesan Celebration

11<sup>th</sup> July 2020

I trust that many of our members have been able to watch this wonderful celebration of Mothers' Union in Newcastle Diocese. In the 2 weeks since it was broadcast on YouTube there have been around 400 views, not all will have been MU members from our Diocese or even Mothers' Union members. It has been a window through which all that MU is and does is there for all to see. If you have not yet seen the Service, it is available on YouTube, Morpeth Parish, Mothers' Union Celebration, or using the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NCm5NxXjes> Please watch it!!

We are very grateful to Rev Dr Sarah Moon, our MU Diocesan Chaplain, for putting this together with the help of Rev Simon White Rector, of Morpeth Parish.

The Service began with that rousing Hymn "Tell out my Soul" and continued with a collage of pictures illustrating the work of Action and Outreach in Newcastle Diocese. Linda Benneworth, A&O Coordinator, gave a commentary on the many and various projects that are on-going in the Diocese.

Bishop John Packer gave the address and on St. Benedict's Day spoke of the three principles of Benedict; Food and Health, Relationships, and Prayer. In this present difficult time, with Covid 19, these are very relevant. They are also so important to Mothers' Union as they fit well with our Aims and Objectives.

Steven Moore performed "Over the Rainbow" arr. By Robert Oetomo while we watched more pictures and a video of MU members from Stannington branch distributing afternoon tea treats to the Housebound.

The intercessions were led by Jackie Moore, Faith and Policy Coordinator, filmed in Jesmond Dene, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Mothers' Union Prayer.

Before the Blessing by Rev Simon White we had the final Hymn "Go Forth and Tell"

This was a truly joyful celebration and Mothers' Union in Newcastle Diocese should be justly proud.

Sheila Walker VP