



From our Diocesan President

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the inspiring events throughout our Diocese to celebrate 150 years. The fellowship oozing from the atmosphere at gatherings has been simply wonderful.

Britain and Ireland's focus on AFIA, Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery and Prisons are our priorities as we move forward.

We have invited Fiona Sample, who is founder of The Oswin Project which helps prisoners, to speak at Council on Friday 9th October at 1.30. Too many young people have nothing when released. They need to be encouraged and educated to find their way to living a normal life. Learning skills that will achieve this is part of the Oswin Project.

We also must encourage members to step forward to lead Newcastle Diocese onward at the next triennium when most of the present Trustee Board comes to the end of their office. Please pray for Newcastle MU being able to continue its amazing work – "Touching as many lives as possible for thee" in the name of Mary Sumner.

Love Margy



We gathered, we celebrated, we left a mark.

On Saturday 25th July Newcastle Cathedral experienced a Mothers' Union 'take-over'.

It occurs to me that Mary Sumner would be horrified at the idea of her union of mothers taking over a Cathedral for worship – that was not the role of women in her day.

What Mary would warmly approve of is the great number of MU members involved in the celebration: the exhibitions; the hospitality; the music and song; the spoken, silent and gestured prayers; the tributes and conversations; and the many ways in which ideas and resources were contributed, to show the world what can be done when we work together.

So well done and thank you for your participation in this celebration – including those who watched or prayed in absentia.

Anne Marr (Chaplain)



Prayers: Faith in action

Editor's note: What a wonderful celebration of 150 years this was! Thanks to Anne and all the planning team for enabling it to happen. There will be a fuller report and more pictures of our 150th anniversary around the diocese in the Winter Journal.



'You shall go out with joy'

A reflection

Seeing Margy's comment about looking for a new President and other officers for the new Triennium I reflected a bit on my own presidency. When I was originally asked, I said that I was much more comfortable in taking on Action & Outreach, as we had intended, and didn't feel like a leader. However, I think that experience was probably the best thing I ever did, despite the pressures. I saw my main role as encouraging and affirming the work of my colleagues, and that was hugely rewarding, as together we covered the various roles and made sure that Mothers' Union flourished in this Diocese. Starting quite shortly after we moved to the Diocese, it was a huge learning curve for me, but the relationships made during that time have enhanced and changed my life and taught me about myself. It has been a gift!

Do think about whether you or anyone you know could take on any of these roles in 2028. Elections will take place next Spring.

Barbara Packer

Family holiday with reNew which we support through our AFIA fund



We have been asked to send you some photos from the reNEW NE Family Camp that Mothers' Union supports.

We had an excellent 3 days away with a total of around 50 people including the team enjoying a great holiday. We had onsite activities including archery and climbing, made use of our local beach, visited North Berwick for a 'Hunt the Teddy' competition and visited East Links Family Park. Each day began with an Open the Book bible story and some family craft activities.

We are very grateful to Mothers' Union for their support. Most of the families attending could not afford to come without this help and the whole event is staffed by volunteers.

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Calendar

26th September Trustees meet on Zoom at 10 am.

1st October Cathedral Midday Prayers led by Tynemouth Deanery.
All welcome

9th October Diocesan Council at Kingston Park at 1 for 1.30 pm.
Please note this date (not as in the Journal). All welcome

17th October Diocesan Members Day, St. Nicholas Church Hall, Gosforth at 2 pm. All welcome

26th October Deadline for Winter Journal. Copy to Barbara Packer, please

5th November Cathedral Midday Prayers led by Jackie Moore

3rd December Cathedral Midday Prayers, led by Rev Anne Marr

4th December 10 am -12 noon Gift Bag Day and collection of Journals at Church House