

About Mothers' Union

MU is an inclusive organisation integral to the mission of the Church, with 4 million members world-wide.

MU has consultative status with United Nations on the promotion of women's rights and gender equality globally.

Members in Newcastle Diocese engage in many local initiatives, whilst also supporting life-giving projects in 84 countries.

Newcastle Diocese was one of the first to adopt Mothers' Union, shortly after the Diocese was formed in 1882. The first President of MU in Newcastle Diocese was Mrs Emily Wilberforce, wife of the first Bishop of Newcastle, Rt Revd Ernest Wilberforce.

The work of Mothers' Union is embedded in the church, engaged in many local initiatives and life-giving projects world-wide.

Please encourage MU membership in your parish.

Midday Prayers link members together daily. MU members lead the prayers in the Cathedral at 12.00 on the first Thursday of every month and also enjoy informal fellowship in the café.



Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York:

"Where would we be without the Mothers' Union? At home and across the world it offers the love and hope of Christ, helping to transform communities through teaching, prayer and pastoral care and by working with others to stop violence, injustice and hunger."



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Tell . Teach . Tend . Transform . Treasure

The Mission of the MU is to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities world-wide, through the promotion of stable family life and the protection of children.

Through prayer and action members of MU help to fulfil the Anglican Communion's **Five Marks of Mission**, locally and globally...

As the church's largest worldwide organisation,

Mothers' Union...



bears witness to the gospel as a worldwide Christian fellowship united in prayer, worship and service.



creates teaching and nurturing resources for prayer and worship, also skills and education programmes to strengthen families and communities.



tenders loving service by offering helping hands to those whose family life has met with adversity and people who are facing challenging circumstances.



helps to transform the unjust structures of society by working with United Nations to advocate for families, to challenge gender violence and support the 'voiceless'.



strives to treasure and safeguard the earth for future families by raising awareness of environmental issues and by supporting responsible initiatives.



Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann, Bishop of Newcastle, says of MU...

“The Mothers’ Union needs little introduction, but it is worth repeating how important this organisation is not just locally but across the Anglican Communion.



Newcastle has a unique connection to the MU: the first Bishop, Ernest Wilberforce, encouraged Mary Sumner to make her first public address about her women’s groups and so launch what was to become a global organisation.

As I sit and write these words at his desk, which is in my office, I am honoured to endorse and support the work that MU does. Prayer and action are at the heart of the Gospel and, as you exercise your role amongst us, I hope they will frame all our work together in God’s name.”

+ Helen-Ann.

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To our clergy
and church leaders...

**Mothers’ Union
thanks you for your ministry.**

Members of MU pray for you, for your family and for your ministry among the people of your parish and deanery.

Through prayer and action MU is integral to the mission and ministry of the Church both here and across the world. So please pray for us too as we seek to support your important work in our diocese and our many vital MU projects here and in other countries. Your support is invaluable.



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**Do contact us with particular needs for prayers
or for more information about our many local projects.**