



From the Diocesan President

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all those who made Pay In Day so constructive.

My heartfelt thanks goes to Julian who has the mammoth task of reconciling all the forms against our membership. Your Leadership Team enjoyed meeting and talking to Branch Leaders and Treasurers. Problems were solved and we do appreciate all you do. We will hold Pay in Day at the Cathedral next year but hope there will be many more Direct Debits. Please try and encourage our membership to embrace this much easier and less time-consuming route to paying subscriptions.

Please may I make a plea for a Fundraising Leader to come forward and join our Marketing and Communication unit. They will not work alone but will have the whole Trustee Board eager to help. It can be very rewarding completing a task with like minded people and having fun.

I will give an update on Newcastle's 3 Actions at Council in March, 2 of which are doing really well.

I look forward to seeing you at our Diocesan Events: the Eucharist in June, Visiting our Tree in July and of course our Gathering in York in September.

Love, Margy



Mothers' Union Diocesan Eucharist '23. "A GRAND DAY OUT"

This year we visit the town of Rothbury straddling the banks of the river Coquet. We will hold a service in All Saints Church, an ancient place of worship, on Saturday 10th of June at 2 p.m, including the Mothers' Union choir. Of course you can plan your trip to arrive earlier and explore the town with its welcoming pubs, cafes, shops and galleries, and the beautiful surrounding countryside.

Make a day of it. Bring family and friends and enjoy the atmosphere of rural Northumberland. More information and details will follow as we near the time, as well as a leaflet detailing things to do in Rothbury.

Anne Cairns (Lindisfarne Vice-President)



Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw

MU are having a "Make a Mother's Day Coffee Morning" on Saturday March 18th from 9:30 to 12midday. It will be held in Bardon Mill Village Hall, a rare example of an earth sheltered building. There will be stalls for home produce, raffles and books. Entrance fee £1:50 includes refreshments. All proceeds to MU Projects. A warm welcome awaits you!

Anne Brunton Branch Secretary

Val Pawsey, Secretary at Delaval Branch, writes:

In February our speaker was Margaret Storey (left), shown here with Branch Leader , Vivienne Scott. Margaret updated us on her amazing work in Blue-

fields, Nicaragua, where she spends 8 months each year providing help and support for members of the local community, who are extremely underprivileged.



The Annual Gathering for 2023

is to be held at **The Barbican in York on Friday 22nd September** (please note change of date). The doors open at 10.30am for an 11am start, ending at 3.45pm. Tickets are now available on sale at a cost of £23.50. There will be a special Evensong in **York Minster** from 5.30pm until 7 pm. where Archbishop Stephen Cottrell will be the preacher.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish me to book tickets. Seats will be unreserved, you can sit wherever you wish, but if you have mobility requirements please let me know. Alternatively,

feel free to book your tickets online at 'Eventbrite, Mothers' Union Annual Gathering 2023'. It is possible to travel independently by train to this one-day event. If you wish to stay overnight do book accommodation early, as the York Races are on the following day so demand may be high.

The programme is not available yet but will build on our triennial theme: **Transformation - Now**. So much has been achieved already and there will be uplifting stories about how Mothers' Union is moving forward in faith and love. I look forward to joining with you in this wonderful event where we can all meet in fellowship and faith.

Much love,

Anne Cairns (annemarycairns@yahoo.co.uk, tel:01661 612640)



A "Souper" Lunch at St Bart's, Long Benton

On Sunday, 19th February, St Bart's Branch held a soup and sandwich lunch to help raise funds for MU project work. We had a lovely selection of soups, accompanied by a wide variety of delicious sandwiches.

Sheena Hayes, Branch Secretary



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Calendar

9th March at 7 p.m. Units meeting on Zoom

17th March at 10 a.m., Trustee meeting on Zoom

31st March Diocesan Council & AGM, 6 for 6.30 p.m. at St. John, Kingston Park

21st April Deadline for Summer Journal: copy to Barbara Packer

22nd April 10.30 for 11 a.m. Diocesan Members' Day at St. Nicholas, Gosforth Church Hall (opposite South Gosforth Metro)

10th June, 2 p.m. Diocesan Eucharist at All Saints, Rothbury & distribution of Summer Journals

19-20 June MU retreat @Shepherd's Dene, led by Revd. Anne Marr

18th July Visit our tree at Howick Hall

9th August Mary Sumner Day — local events

14th September at 10.30 a.m. Units meeting at Cathedral

22nd September Annual Gathering and Service in York