

NEWSLINE



'Blossom'- Maybe a Mothers' Union member in the making?

Letter from our President...

I would never have expected my first year as President to have been so hectic and so varied. As Pauline told me before I took on this role, 'you get to see and meet some wonderful people and places.' She wasn't wrong! I have visited every Deanery except one and that will need to be rectified soon.



Every Branch and Deanery is different. Days, times and venues vary as do the number and makeup of the members. However, what is evident is that, despite any problems or differences, we are still a group of Christians who are doing what we can to raise funds, raise awareness and support children and families throughout the world.

What I hadn't realised or expected was that I would send and receive such a lot of Emails from people from all over the world and would also have to write many reports. I must admit that I often spend more time doing 'clerical/administration work' than I do doing housework. Well that is my excuse any way! Mothers' Union certainly has a lot to answer for. Mothers' Union has opened up so many opportunities for me. I have spoken to, worked

with and met many interesting and inspiring people. Canon Gordon Taylor is one of those inspiring people. I consider myself fortunate to have had his help and support with the planning and delivering of services before his retirement. We will formally say 'Thank you' to him at our Spring Council Meeting at Warmsworth on Saturday 14th March.

Following meetings and discussions with Bishop Pete and some Trustees, I am pleased to announce that Reverend Hilda Isaacson has agreed to take on the role of Chaplain as the successor to Gordon. We are hoping to commission Hilda during a service in April where we also hope to enrol Bishop Pete and others. What an exciting start to the year we are planning.

As well as all our usual projects and activities, members in Sheffield & Rotherham Archdeaconry are busy creating and planning for 'Upcycling' at Bishop Pete's Garden Party in June. Members in Doncaster Archdeaconry are busy planning for three days of celebration at Doncaster Minster in July.

Whichever type of member you are whether Branch, IMPC, or Diocesan member, whoever

great things that we do, not only in Sheffield Diocese, not only in Britain and Ireland but all the support and outreach that Mothers' Union is engaged in throughout the world.

Sheffield Diocese will continue doing great things but will do it better and for longer if YOU help and support us.

2020 Theme: Building hope and confidence



'Building Hope and Confidence' is the Mothers' Union theme for 2020. My aim is that our members grow in Confidence and to spread the word about Mothers' Union to even more

you are or wherever you are, there is always something for you to get involved in. If you can't get to any meetings or events perhaps you could write an article or send a photo, to Newsline and Webmaster, about 'My life as a Mothers' Union member.' Don't forget that EVERYONE can help us by praying for our work.

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Don't forget to wear your badge with pride, spread the word about the wonderful things achieved by Mothers' Union and keep smiling and praying.

Love and blessings for the future Gill x



Editor's Note:

You can find lots of resources for groups and branches on:

www.mothersunion.org/2020-theme-building-hope-and-confidence

Jenny Barton, Worldwide Trustee and President of Monmouth writes...

A Message and Reflection for Indoor Members, February 2020

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you are keeping warm and keeping well. Although it is still cold, I now have the sunshine yellow of daffodils to brighten up the view to my garden. I do hope you are able to enjoy some of the beauty of God's wonderful creation.

Jesus said "You are like salt for all mankind" "But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again" But if you use it to sprinkle the love of God among those you meet in your daily lives it will not lose its saltiness. I know you, like me, will spend some time each day in prayer. When you do please do not forget to thank God for the members of your diocesan MU Trustee Board, praying for them by name if possible, whose main task will be to spread the good news of the work of the MU in your dioceses to outside bodies who may be willing to help with our work.

He also said, "You are like a light for the whole world". I know that as you give visitors a warm welcome, just like the daffodils in my garden you will be able to sprinkle a warm glow of love because Jesus is love and is surrounding you with His loving arms. He will give you strength to get through each day because sometimes at this time of year when the days are dull and the sun seems to have lost its way, getting through each day can be hard.

But, let's go forward in Hope and with Confidence. If you remember this is the theme for the MU this year. Our world is still suffering because of natural disasters, one of the worst being the bush fires in Australia where many people have lost their homes. Our members are not only being affected by the fires but are supporting others they meet in their daily lives. The only thing they can do is go forward in Hope and with Confidence, so please also pray

that God will be gracious and bring this disaster to a close.

Thank you for being you, because without you we would be poor indeed. God Bless you. Keep well, keep warm and keep safe.

Love and Prayers, Jenny



Prayer

My God, I believe most firmly that You watch over all who hope in You, and that I can want for nothing when I rely on You in all things.

Therefore, I am resolved for the future to cast all my cares on you. You are a loving Father, you are my rock and my refuge, for You alone settled me in hope.

Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.

AMEN



News from Bev Jullien in Mary Sumner House



Thank YOU from Mary Sumner House

On Tuesday 16th December 2019, the draw for our Christmas Raffle took place and the winners were announced. Mothers' Union would like to congratulate all the winners from the raffle and thank everyone who bought and sold tickets this year.

Thanks to your support, our raffle has so far raised an incredible £32,800. The donations raised this year will support our work in the UK and in countries around the world like South Sudan. Since the conflict started in South Sudan in 2013, more than four million people have fled their home, taking refuge in neighbouring countries such as Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia. The on-going conflict and insecurity have not only left many people displaced but millions on the brink of starvation, relying on outside aid agencies for survival.

Editor's Note:

Unfortunately, this year there were no Christmas raffle winners in Sheffield Diocese. But Thanks all the same if you did buy a ticket. Remember if you DO NOT want to receive tickets in future you must let Mary Sumner House know.

MU Live

In January we were excited to launch MU Live - our new survey for Diocesan Presidents to help us reflect, learn and celebrate the difference we are making across our dioceses and provinces in Britain and Ireland. This will help us communicate our work, so we are no longer 'The Church of England's best kept secret!'

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We hope you find it exciting and informative as you reflect on your work and we hope to share a consolidated report covering the data collected at Diocese, Provincial and Britain and Ireland level in April/May 2020.

News from Bev Jullien in Mary Sumner House (Cont)



Thy Kingdom Come Global Moment 2020

As you will have seen in the last MU eNewsletter, we will be holding our Thy Kingdom Come Global Moment at Coventry Cathedral on Friday, 22nd May at 2.00pm. We are delighted that our Central Chaplain, The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Penrith, will be giving the address at the service.

The Cathedral will be open from 1.00pm and there will be refreshments served before and after the service. There will also be stalls and displays for people to browse.

The service isn't ticketed but please pass on numbers you have attending as it helps with catering arrangements to Catherine.Kyte@mothersunion.org



THY KINGDOM COME

Lambeth 2020

Lambeth 2020 is seen as an excellent opportunity for strengthening relationships with the clergy, particularly at Diocesan level through the pre-hospitality initiative. Four Bishops and their partners will be visiting Sheffield from 16 July to 21 July.

Editor's Note:

The Lambeth Conference is a gathering of all active bishops of member churches of the Anglican Communion. It takes place approximately every ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and enables senior Anglican leaders to meet, pray together, discuss common concerns and, in prayer, to seek a common mind. The Lambeth Conference 2020 runs from the 23rd July until the 2nd August.

News from around the Diocese

Rev Hilda Isaacson is to be our **Diocesan Chaplain**, her Commissioning will be on **on Saturday 25th April at 2pm** and at the same time The Rt Revd **Dr Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield** will be enrolled into Mothers' Union along with others.



Revd Hilda Isaacson writes...

The call to be the Diocesan Chaplain to Mothers' Union came at a time I least expected it.

The phone rang. 'Can we fix a date for you to meet with the bishop' I was asked. My answer, after lots of prayer - and wondering how I could juggle my diary, was to be 'yes'. As a parish priest (Vicar of Cornerstone), married to Alan, mum to 3 sons and now with 3 daughters-in-law, and with 6 grandchildren I am used to being busy juggling things: and I had certainly felt God's guidance as I prayed about the role.

After leaving school I worked for the YWCA and then trained as a dental nurse. I moved to Sheffield and worked as a community dental nurse in Stocksbridge which is where I now am the Parish Priest. Between dental nursing and ordination, I was a mum and homemaker before working as a Teaching Assistant and Cover Teacher.

I am looking forward to the next few years journeying with the MU. Please pray for me as I pray for you.

**God bless
Hilda**

Editor's Note:

Cornerstone is a newer benefice - it's in the North West of Sheffield, it consists of 2 parishes, Bolsterstone St Mary and Deepcar & Stocksbridge St John the Evangelist. Cornerstone covers the Stocksbridge township, the Liberty Steel are there along with Fox Valley, a new retail development built as part of regeneration of part of the former steelworks. Some of you will have met Rev Hilda already as she helped administer at the Mary Sumner Day service in 2019. We will welcome her formally at Spring Council.

Reverend Canon Sophie Jelley has been appointed as the next **Bishop of Doncaster** and her Consecration will take place at **at York Minster on Wednesday 25th April at 11am.**

Following this, the Installation will take place on **Saturday 28 March at 2pm in Sheffield Cathedral.**

Please save the dates in your diaries.

News from around the Diocese

Mothers' Union Day Apart will be held in the **Chapter House, Sheffield Cathedral on Tuesday 12 May at 10.30am** and led by Cathy Davie. The theme is 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts' There will be opportunities to explore the theme through meditation and various activities. We will explore what Jesus meant when he added that he was not giving the sort of peace the world gives and how we prepare ourselves for times when things that disturb our understanding and experience of peace.

Cathy Davie writes...

I am passionate about growing my own faith as a disciple of Jesus and accompanying others, inspired by the Holy Spirit. I draw on experience of a range of spiritualities and Christian traditions to support people at their particular stage of life and spiritual journey. My experiences include a career in education, being a clergy spouse,

mother and grandmother. Through challenging circumstances, I have discovered the benefit of taking time out to grow my relationship with God. I am keen to pass that on and I lead quiet days for groups, run quiet day and events for people of all ages and stages at my home which is affiliated to The Quiet Garden Movement.

Editor's Note:

Coffee will be available from 10.15 am. It will be a good day, so please encourage as many as possible to attend.

Do you recognize anyone from 1976?

The photo is of a float that MU entered in the Lord Mayors parade in 1976 to mark the Centenary of MU. From left to right it shows **Mary Dakin, Frieda Wingfield, Muriel Connah** - in a black hat, and **Dorothy Kent** in the blue dress. **Can you recognise anyone else?** (Thanks to **Rosemary Kirkham** for supplying the photo)



News from around the Diocese

Trustees and their partners enjoyed a Festive lunch in January at the Holiday Inn, Barnsley. We said farewell and thanks to our retiring Chaplain, **Canon Gordon Taylor** and presented him with a plant. An official 'Thank You' will take place at Spring Council in March when members are present.



Updates from our Units

AFIA (Away From it All)

At the moment there are three families who have booked for a Haven Holiday.



Prison Play Area

The play area has a new look with no Perspex screens now, just a waist high wall all around opening where the doors were. Mums and children can wander in and out at all times. PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is very much involved and wanting to have volunteers in the visitors centre to serve food and drinks as visitors with children have to arrive two hours before visiting.



Women's Refuges

It was such a pleasure to meet the manager from a new build Sheffield refuge. This has prompted St Nicholas, Bradfield MU to make it their major outreach for 2020. We have taken up Tanis's idea re the Moving on Baskets and although not quite ready to take the first ones – plenty of items are being donated. Rotherham refuge sent their thanks for Christmas gifts and they continue to need basic toiletries & sanitary wear. Thanks go to all who help and visit the refuges and it is important to be able to keep Trustees updated.

Updates from our Units

Faith & Policy

Thank you to all those who supported the vigil for those affected by gender-based violence after the December Coffee morning, luckily it was a fine day and the new outdoor MU banner was on display. Two university students, reading journalism, were interested to hear about the vigil and Mothers' Union. They interviewed some of us after the vigil and were preparing to write up a report.

We trust that this was well received by their lecturers and fellow students.

All that is done through the Deaneries to promote our corporate spiritual life, through Lady Day, Deanery Festivals, and Advent services and also through Deanery quiet afternoons is appreciated.

Fundraising & Communications

Website

(www.sheffieldmu.co.uk)

Take a look if you haven't already.

The events page regularly receives news from Ecclesall, Wath and DASH.

Some Deaneries must hold events but don't tell us about them. Please encourage all Deaneries to spread the news about all their events and achievements. There are also several resources on the resources page useful for branches to download.



Facebook

(Sheffield MU) continues to be of interest to many, being 'liked' by 193 people from all around the world. Posts reached 3,708 people in December and 740 were engaged by these. One particular post about 3 Wise Women was shared by 46 people!

Newsline

Elizabeth reported that she has had positive feedback on the winter copy from a variety of sources saying what a good read it is and well worth the money we pay. As Liz Paver suggested at last Trustees meeting, we hope copies are being passed on to non-MU members, who in turn will pass on to others, so that each copy is being read by more than one person.



Updates from our Units

2020 events - Add these dates to your diaries!

Fundraising & Communications team is organizing two events in the summer months across the Diocese promoting the work of the Mothers' Union.

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The Bishop's Garden Party is on **13 June** at **Bishopscroft**. This will have an **'UPCYCLING' Theme (Upcycling** is a very specific form of **recycling** that turns waste into a material or product that is of a **higher quality**) and the Mothers' Union contribution is being organised by **Sheffield and Rotherham Archdeaconry** with activities for both adults and children. Everyone is welcome to attend or get involved. Just contact Moira Leach, Vice President, Sheffield & Rotherham vp.sheffroth@sheffieldmu.co.uk

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At the other side of the Diocese, **Doncaster Archdeaconry** is organizing a **3-day event (9-11 July)** at **Doncaster Minster** with the theme of **'Celebrating God's Love –All Things Bright and Beautiful'** starting with an opening service at 11am on Thursday July 9th and closing with an Archdeaconry Festival at 3pm on the 11th to which the Bishops, Mayor and other dignitaries will be invited. It is hoped that all Deaneries in the Diocese will provide raffle prizes. It is hoped that all branches in the Archdeaconry will be involved in some way, whether it be by contacting schools, involving Messy Churches for artwork illustrating verses of the hymn, attending with banners, providing cakes, staffing stalls and the other work involved. Again this is open to everyone but if you would like to be involved in the organisation then contact Liz Paver, VP Doncaster Deanery vp.donc@sheffieldmu.co.uk

Banners

We now have two banners, one for indoor use and the other for outdoor use, promoting Mothers' Union by advertising our Aims and objectives. Both are available for your events and if you would like to borrow one or both, then get in touch with Pat Simpson: webmaster@sheffieldmu.co.uk

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Membership Development (néeTraining)

We are offering a bespoke IT /Computer session themed. "What do you need to be able to do?" e.g. Data Bases, attaching photos to emails or anything else?

Doncaster Archdeaconry

Wednesday 1st April
10.00 – 12.00 - Bessacarr, Doncaster

Sheffield & Rotherham Archdeaconry

Thursday 26th March – 10.00-12.00
at St Oswald's Church, Ecclesall

You will need to bring along your laptop, tablet and you will be asked your requirement and learning need in advance so the session can be tailored to participant requirement.

Both venues are open to all and further information is available on booking with Elizabeth on data@sheffieldmu.co.uk

Updates from our Units

2020 events - Add these dates to your diaries! (Continued)

Jo Anne Van Levesley is a Dementia Champion and is able to deliver Dementia Friends Information sessions.

The sessions are 45 min long approx and you can book through training@sheffieldmu.co.uk



Social Policy

Red Box Scheme It was good to read recently that free sanitary products will be available to all schools and colleges in England as part of a drive to stamp out “period poverty”. The Department of Education hopes the change will break down the stigma surrounding menstruation. This leaves a question over the Mothers’ Union initiative to provide red boxes to local schools; do we have a back log of these boxes? If so, it maybe that they could still be given to local schools or maybe donated to the Women’s Refuges.

IMPC

The letter written for IMPC members from Jenny Barton, Worldwide Trustee is included in this Newsline for all to read. We now have around 78 IMPC members across the Diocese.

Ideally those IMPC members from closed branches should come under the wing of the Deanery.



**WE SEE YOU.**
THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Clewer Initiative

We will know more about the supply of the bags required for 2020 in next Newsline

Database

This is ongoing and under GDPR we have a legal right to know who our members are and so the least information I require from each member is their name and address.

Would all Branch Coordinators let Elizabeth Dean (data@sheffieldmu.co.uk) have a list of the current members as soon as they have collected the subs and also stress the importance of letting her have the forms back for new members and keeping her informed of members moving and of deaths.

Have you tried any of these?

Ideas from around the Diocese

Editor's Note:

Here are a few ideas of some things branches/churches around the Diocese get up to – they are included for ideas and inspiration perhaps your branch/church does the same or something different – then do let us know – it is always good to share ideas!

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Mary's Meals

St Francis MU and church members have been collecting school items, school uniforms, soap, towels, toothbrushes and paste, spoons, balls, filled pencil cases and back packs for quite a while now and Saturday 25th January was packing day!

70 back packs were filled and will be sent to schools in Africa where Mary's Meals provide meals for children. Now 70 more children will be able to go to school for meals, proudly taking their own equipment and wearing their own uniforms!



Editor's Note:

Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. It provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every day they attend school. By providing one good meal in a place of learning, children are drawn into the classroom where they can receive an education that could one day free them from poverty.

You can find out more at www.marysmeals.org.uk

If anyone would like a talk on **Mary's Meals** then contact Liz Tarleton by emailing: etarleton123@btinternet.com

Have you tried any of these?

Ideas from around the Diocese

'Blossom'- Maybe a Mothers' Union member in the making?



Blossom was a member of **All Saints' Wath MU** Tiddler & Toddlers group until she started school in September. She was 5 in early January and had a party in the St James Rooms, attached to the church and invited all her school friends. As her birthday was so close to Christmas, Blossom decided that on her party invitations instead of presents for her, she would ask for donations to **Wath Food Bank!**

Even Blossom was surprised at the generosity of people and the Food Bank were very grateful!



Editor's Note:

What a splendid idea Blossom – Wath MU will look out for you joining them when you are a little older!

Have you tried any of these?

Ideas from around the Diocese

Holiday makers setting off on their trip to Cleethorpes

Holiday@Home at St Francis Church, Bessacarr



Our church has a range of activities aimed at older people, run by church members under the title J.O.Y (which stands for Just Older Youngsters).

The area of Doncaster we are in has the highest number of people over 80 living on their own in the Borough. We are therefore hoping to play our part to help prevent loneliness which is a growing concern across the country.

For three days in the first week of August 2017, we held our first Holiday@Home which we aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at those over 70 who had not been able to have a holiday recently. It was a real joy to see people enjoying themselves as they took part in the various activities such as doing jigsaws, playing bingo and whist, watching a film, while eating popcorn and ice cream, taking part in a food tasting session or just putting their feet up on comfortable sofas to read magazine and newspapers. We also spent one day at Cleethorpes, enhancing the holiday spirit with fish and chips on the pier. The third day ended with a wonderful Sing Song, with hearty singing by all! Many people who came said they really appreciated spending time with others and

doing something different and one lady talked about being "on a high" for days afterwards. It was a tentative experiment but was so successful, we were asked to do this again. So, we have now run Holiday@Home every year since then and are busy planning the 2020 event.

A great contribution to the success of Holiday@Home is the love and support shown by the volunteers, which is so much appreciated by the holiday makers. Over 40 people help over the three days and the vast majority are MU members. The helpers, among other things, cook the lunches, provide refreshments during the day, run the activities, push wheelchairs at Cleethorpes and spend time sitting with and talking to people. We were very grateful to have the cost of the coach to Cleethorpes for the first two years paid for from AFIA funds. This helped us ensure we would cover costs. Thanks to the success of the Cleethorpes trip, donations are now covering the cost of the coach.

Have you tried any of these?

Ideas from around the Diocese



Dore MU held several events throughout the year to raise funds for sewing machines for Burundi – see the last edition of Newsline!

Rosemary Kirkman received this update from Lesley Fenemore

I am pleased to write to tell you that the sewing machines have arrived in Muyinga at the MU.

Once the money had been exchanged there was 900,000 Burundian francs (BFI). The Bishop's wife had to travel to the capital, Bujumbura to exchange the money at the central bank and purchase the sewing machines. They have purchased a treadle sewing machine for 330,000 BFI and zig zag electric machine for 500,000 BFI. Both machines have a strong, purpose made table. The group were particularly keen to have a zig zag machine as this gives them more scope.

At their meeting the MU talked about how they would use the machines to make and sell clothing for the local schools and pastors, teach other members and young people how to sew and make items for other projects in the diocese. They are practicing using the machines and have made kanga skirts and a strap for a "bucket seat" which will be used to support a disabled child with poor sitting balance.

The Muyinga MU currently have 3 pigs. A member of our group, Marian has donated money this week to buy 3 more.

The Dore MU should be very proud of what they have achieved. The Muyinga MU are extremely grateful for their generosity and have vowed to make sure that the machines are well used and not taken for granted.'



There is a short video called **'A Bridge from Dore To Muyinga'** on YouTube available to watch



News from the Deaneries

Attercliffe Deanery

At our monthly meeting at **St James, Woodhouse** on the 14th of January we celebrated the 90th birthday of **Joyce Myatt** who has been a long-standing member of over 30 years.



Doncaster, Adwick, Snaith & Hatfield Deanery (DASH)

DASH Deanery held their Advent service at **St Mary's Church, Tickhill**. It was well attended by members from across the Deanery and Tickhill MU provided some lovely refreshments. Donations for the Women's Refuge were also collected.



News from the Deaneries

Doncaster, Adwick, Snaith & Hatfield Deanery (DASH)

Barnby Dun branch held their annual lunch in January. The entertainment was provided by Tanis Cockerham and June Lister, who through a short alcohol fuelled sketch, reminded everyone of the MU theme for 2020.



Tickhill MU decorated a Christmas tree with knitted dolls and other decorations all in MU colours as part of the Tickhill Christmas Tree Festival.



St Francis MU West Bessacarr again had several Messy Nativities travelling around the locality. Tabitha and Reuben enjoying the nativity. Reuben did the dot-to-dot and Tabitha loved the word searches. They both enjoyed colouring a picture.



Our youngest client!
Hazel making friends with the angel.



St Francis MU also held a Beetle Drive in the Autumn in aid of **AFIA**, this was well attended by all ages and great fun was had by all as well as raising over £250.



News from the Deaneries

Ecclesall Deanery



Ecclesall Deanery MU held their Advent Carol Service at **All Saint's Church, Ecclesall** on 9th December 2019. The lovely Service was led by Revd. Beth Keith, the Associate Minister, who gave an inspirational talk on the theme "Waiting". A solo was performed by **Margaret McWilliams**, a member of **St. Oswald's MU**, who sang "Silent Night" and "For unto us a child is born". Thirty-five members from the different Branches in the Deanery attended. Ages ranged from 2 to 90 as **Sally Wood**, our **Deanery Leader**, brought her grandson, William. Everyone enjoyed mince pies, cake and tea after the Service.



Dore Mothers Union enjoyed a visit from **Lana Boulger** who helped them achieve the creation of amazing flower orbs.

They also welcomed two new members at the morning service on 17th November last year, **Anita Campbell** (on left) and **Sue Knights**.



News from the Deaneries

Ecclesfield Deanery

Ecclesfield Deanery Advent service was held at **St Saviour's Church** Mortomley High Green on 3rd December 2019. The service was conducted by **Rev. Canon Gordon Taylor**. At the service three new members were admitted to St Saviour's branch of the MU. **Karen Cooper**, **Lesley Thulborne** and **Patricia Webster**. Also, a new branch co-ordinator was commissioned for St Saviour's, **Heather Stennett** succeeding **Maureen Brewis** who had served in this position for nine years. The service collection of £118 was given to AFIA.



Sylvia Charles, St John's Church Chapeltown writes...

On September 22nd, 2019 our longest serving member, **Kathleen Marsden**, celebrated her 90th birthday. Kathleen's family organised a party for her following on from our 10.30 church service. This was attended by many of Kathleen's family and friends together with most of our MU branch. The tablecloth we are displaying in the photograph is where each new member wrote her name, and this was lovingly embroidered by Kathleen. Although Kathleen is now an IMPC member, residing at Chapel Lodge Care Home she remains a very interested and



supportive member of our Branch. Kathleen was enrolled in MU on the 13th July 1960, a total of 60 years this July. Kathleen remains a role model and inspiration to so many of us.

News from the Deaneries

Ecclesfield Deanery (cont)

At our January Branch meeting we had Worsbrough Flour Mill staff come to show us how to make bread, it was an extremely enjoyable (if sticky) experience and we all ended with a lovely piece of dough we had made to take home and bake into a tasty loaf.



WORSBROUGH MILL
WORKING MILL & COUNTRY PARK



34 members and friends of
St Nicholas High Bradfield MU
enjoyed Fellowship, Fun, Food
and a quiz on Candlemas.

St Mark's Grenoside had a fabulous evening raising monies for Summer of Hope Appeal and raised over £135.



News from the Deaneries

Rotherham & Laughton Deanery



Rotherham Minster branch held a closing service at **St Paul's Masborough**. It was a Eucharist Service led by **Rev Philip Batchford** and followed by pie and peas.

Editor's Note:

It seems a shame that this branch had to close looking at the numbers! Perhaps they could have thought outside the box and continued to meet at a chosen venue to keep the fun and friendship going. Maybe they will keep in touch as Deanery IMPC members or Diocesan members or join other branches.

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Wath Deanery

Wath Deanery IMPC members were invited to have a Christmas afternoon tea in St James Rooms, Wath. Those, that were able to come, were joined by **Mary Carr** (Deanery Leader), **Lesley Harpham** (Diocesan IMPC co-ordinator), **Gill Fellows** (Diocesan President) and **John Parker, Vicar**, and **Charles Burton, Curate**. Members of **Wath All Saints Mothers' Union** were the waitresses and another member, **Betty Frost**, played carols and songs for a sing song. There was even a visit from Santa who brought them gifts.



Editor's Note:

What a good idea. Maybe other Deaneries do this or if not it's a great way of keeping IMPC members in touch.

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Barnburgh MU members enjoyed a Christmas meal at The Crown Barnburgh as well as an outing to Burton Agnes Hall to see the Christmas decorations.



Brampton MU celebrated the end of the year with a Faith Christmas lunch

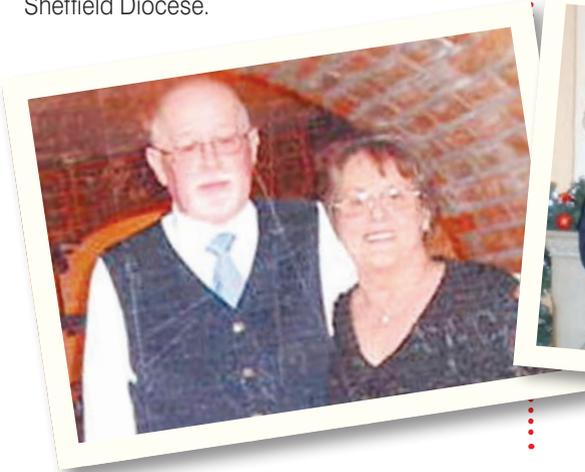


Wedding Congratulations



Diamond Wedding Congratulations to...

Diocesan member from Goole, **Lynne Rhodes** and her husband Barrie celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 18th. Lynne has been an active MU member since 1982 in the Dioceses of Bradford and York before coming to the Sheffield Diocese.



Pearl Wedding Congratulations to...

Tanis Cockerham and her husband Peter, who celebrated their anniversary on 16th December with family at the Mount Pleasant Hotel.



IMPC Birthdays of 90 years and over

Doncaster Deanery

October 10th 2019	Audrey Williams	96 years
January 13th 2020	Jean Clarke	92years

Ecclesall Deanery

October 10th 2019	Mary Roberts	90 years
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Rotherham & Laughton Deanery

October 12th 2019	Betty Winks	93 years
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Birthday Congratulations

Happy Birthday

Sheila Wenninger of **St. John's Abbeydale MU** who celebrated her 90th birthday in November 2019 alongside **50 years of committed membership of the Mothers' Union.**

Sheila was presented with flowers and her long service certificate to mark both occasions. Our prayers and every blessing to you Sheila.



Margaret Ducker and **Anne Blythe**, both from **Thurgoland MU**, who celebrated their 80th birthdays in January

Evelyn Glover, an IMPC member of **St Wilfrid's MU in Cantley** celebrated her 80th birthday with a party for family and friends.



Betty Kelly, a member of **St Laurence Adwick le Street MU** celebrated her 90th birthday in January.

Regrets and Blessings

Ecclesfield

St Mary's, Ecclesfield – Mrs. Margaret Roberts



Welcome New Indoor Members

Attercliffe Deanery

Mrs. Pat Bollington
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Dates for your diaries



March	
Sat 21st	Coffee Morning – Make a Mothers' Day Appeal Old School House Barnby Dun
	Quiz Night St Francis, Bessacarr 7pm All Welcome
Wed 25th	Ecclesall Deanery Lady Day Service St Oswald's Sheffield
	Consecration of The Rev Canon Sophie Jelley (Bishop of Doncaster) York Minster 11am
Thurs 26th	Computer Training 10.30–12.30- St Oswald's Sheffield
Sat 28th	Installation of The Rev Canon Sophie Jelley as Bishop of Doncaster Sheffield Cathedral 2pm
April	
Wed 1st	Computer Training 10am-12noon Doncaster
Fri 3rd	Cathedral Coffee Morning 10.15–12noon Hosts: Rotherham & Laughton
	F&C Meeting 1pm–3pm Hilton Room Sheffield Cathedral
Thurs 21st	Afternoon Tea in support of AFIA 2–4 Sprotborough Church Hall
Sat 25th	Commissioning of Rev Hilda Isaccson as Sheffield Diocese MU Chaplain and the Bishop of Sheffield's enrolment into MU – Rotherham Minster 2pm
May	
Fri 1st	Cathedral Coffee Morning 10.15–12noon Hosts: Wath
Tues 12th	Day Apart – 10.30am Chapter House Sheffield Cathedral
Thurs 21st	Trustees 10 for 10.30–3pm Welsey Centre Maltby

Dates for your diaries



June

Friday 5th	Cathedral Coffee Morning 10.15am–12noon Hosts: DASH
	A&O Meeting 1pm–3pm Hilton Room Sheffield Cathedral
Friday 12th	Tea under the Tower 10-30–12.30 Doncaster Minster
Saturday 13th	Sheffield Archdeaconry Event: Bishops Garden Party 2-5 Bishops Croft – Theme Upcycling

July

Friday 3rd	Cathedral Coffee Morning 10.15–12noon Hosts: Ecclesall
	F&C Meeting 1pm–3pm Hilton Room Sheffield Cathedral
9th/10th /11th	Doncaster Archdeaconry Event- 'All Things Bright & Beautiful' Doncaster Minster

August

Fri 7th	Cathedral Coffee Morning 10.15–12noon Hosts: Tankersley
Sun 9th	Mary Sumner Day Service 2pm Sheffield Cathedral

September

Wed 2nd	Wath Deanery Festival 2pm Christchurch Brampton Bierlow
Fri 4th	Cathedral Coffee Morning 10.15–12noon Hosts:
	A&O Meeting 1pm–3pm Hilton Room Sheffield Cathedral

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