



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Leeds



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Dear Members



As I write this letter, we are fast approaching the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I am sure many of you are planning family, church or community events and we as Mothers' Union give special thanks for the many years that she has served as our Patron. In all that she has accomplished during her reign she has not been afraid to highlight her strong Christian faith. Her life has been one of service and commitment and in one of her Christmas broadcasts, she said the following.

"...through his teaching and by his example, Jesus would show the world how small steps taken in faith and in hope can overcome long-held differences and deep-seated divisions to bring harmony and understanding"

As Mothers' Union members I am sure that we would all echo this as we seek transformation of ourselves, our community, and our churches by the power of his Spirit working within us. Perhaps it is appropriate that Pentecost Sunday falls on the Jubilee weekend.

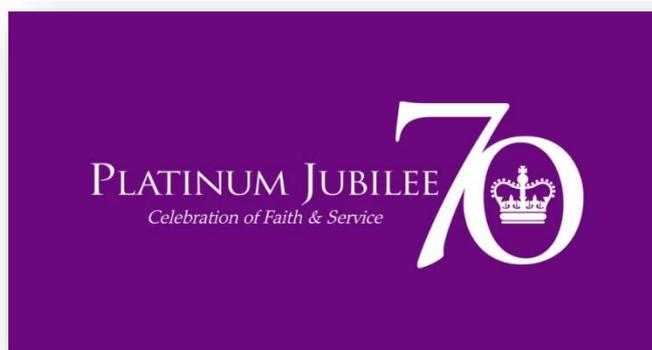
"the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you". John 14:26

It is a real pleasure that at last we can have fellowship in person, and I have enjoyed spending time with some members over recent weeks. Coming soon there will be two opportunities for more of us to meet to share our memories and prayers and to mark this important time in our nation's life. On June 9th a Council meeting with a difference is taking place in Batley. The AGM and business will happen in the morning, but the afternoon is an opportunity for fun and fellowship together – a film, a quiz, singing, and cake tasting, all around the theme of the Jubilee. The second event is the Celebration Service in Bradford Cathedral on 9th July. We want this to be a family occasion and there will be activities for children in the grounds of the Cathedral before the service "weather permitting". I hope many of you will be able to join us and bring children and grandchildren with you.

With love and prayers

Elaine

Elaine Swinhoe
Diocesan President



Prayer for Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of Mothers' Union

Eternal God, we thank you for Queen Elizabeth II,
Patron of Mothers' Union.

For her life of dedicated service to your Church, to Mothers' Union and people of
all nations.

Bless her with more years of good health and service to you.

Teach us to serve you with humble hearts.

Lead us from despair to hope.

Make us trust you without fear.

Remove hate and install love within us.

Help us make peace not war.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world our universe. Amen

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You are invited to the
Spring Council Meeting
and AGM with

Jubilee Celebrations
at Batley Town Hall

on Thursday 9th June 2022

At 10am for 10.30am until 2.30pm



All welcome!

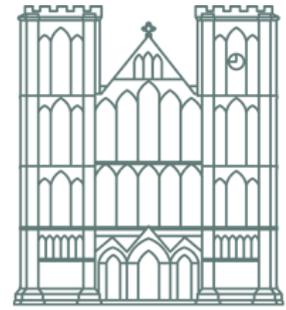
Please wear red, white and blue!

Bake a cake for our Jubilee Bake off
Competition!



Golden Wedding Service at Ripon Cathedral Sunday 12th June 2022 at 3.30pm

Were you married in 1972 or earlier? If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding or an even longer time together, you are warmly invite to a special service of thanksgiving and blessing, to renew your vows and to reflect on and celebrate your many years of married life.



There are golden corsages for the brides and wedding cake will be served afterwards.

It doesn't matter where you were married or where you are living now...

You will need a ticket but these are free! Contact Mrs Trina Knockton, The Chapter House, Ripon Cathedral, Ripon, HG4 1QT, email postmaster@riponcathedral.org.uk or call 01765 603462.

Flower Festival at Almondbury, Huddersfield Area

Hilary Pollard, Branch Leader, at Almondbury says

“Almondbury Mothers’ Union has members from each of the three churches in the parish of Almondbury with Farnley Tyas. When St Lucius, Farnley Tyas had a “Say it with Flowers” festival we had a table with a little help from members in our neighbouring branch at St Mary’s Church Honley to show what MU does.”



Spring Lunch at St Chad’s, Headingley in the Leeds Area

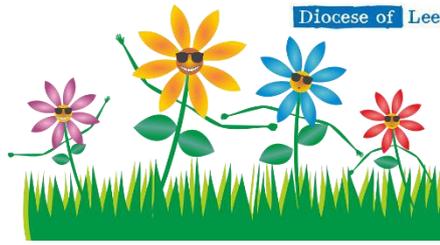
A lovely Spring Lunch was arranged by Elizabeth Johnson, Branch Leader at St Chad’s. Elizabeth says *“It was wonderful for us all to meet up again in person and the food was delicious!”*.

Diocesan President, Elaine Swinhoe and her husband, Terry, were welcomed at the lunch and enjoyed meeting members in the Leeds Area.



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You are invited to a
Summer Celebration Service
at Bradford Cathedral
on Saturday 9th July 2022
At 1.30pm
Children's activities
from 12 noon

All welcome! Please bring your
family along!

Annual Gathering in Belfast - 23rd & 24th September 2022

The details on the Annual Gathering 2022 to be held in **Belfast** on 23rd and 24th September 2022 have now been released on the main Mothers' Union website, including details on how to purchase tickets. You can find the details here:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/events>



Direction shaped by 72 leaders in Worldwide Council, June 2019



Our Identity

Mothers' Union is a **global, women-led, volunteer movement**. United in our diversity and living out our faith, we **support individuals and families to transform their lives**. Embedded in the Church and community, we have unprecedented reach that gives a **voice to the stigmatized and vulnerable** around the world.

Working for transformation

