

Keeping in Touch - Newsletter 6 July 2021

Dear fellow members,

Hello everyone as we enjoy some warmer weather and longer days despite still wearing masks and dodging the showers. Since March 2020, people have dealt more frequently than usual with disappointments, challenges, bereavements and illness. This has been balanced with appreciating the natural world around us more than ever, discovering the uses and advantages of technology along with the joys of welcoming new grandchildren, appreciating the kindness of others and learning new skills. I pray that the joy of meeting in person again is just around the corner and as MU members we can all join in fellowship before I hand over to Elaine, my successor, in 2022. Enjoy the summer and see you all soon.
With love and prayers
Jean



Introducing your new Diocesan President for 2022-24 Elaine Swinhoe



I am so pleased to introduce Elaine to all our members. Elaine is married to Terry, a retired vicar, and lives in Bradley, Huddersfield. They have three married sons and five grandchildren. Elaine joined MU in 1988 and has been a Branch Leader, Faith & Policy Leader in the Wakefield Diocese and Huddersfield Area President since 2016. She is a retired teacher and enjoys walking, playing tennis and reading and with the rest of her family supports Manchester City football team since she lived in Manchester as a student. Elaine will be writing a message in future newsletters. She will take up office in 2022 and we assure her of our best wishes and prayers in her new role. Having worked with Elaine for the past six years, I know she will be an excellent leader for MU Diocese of Leeds.
Jean Thurman

Triennial Elections - your new Trustee Board members

Each Episcopal Area must have an Area President and elect a General Trustee
Thanks, prayers and best wishes to these members who have been elected so far:

- Margaret Crawford** - Area President for Ripon Episcopal Area
- Julia Tum** - Area President for Huddersfield Episcopal Area
- Daryl Kelly** - General Trustee, elected by members in Leeds Episcopal Area
- Trees Fewster** - General Trustee elected by members in Huddersfield Episcopal Area





Please support the “**Summer of Hope**” Appeal or some fundraising for AFIA holidays if you can. Across the world, including in the UK, lives have been affected more than we can imagine by Coronavirus leading to difficulties earning a living and caring for family with inadequate vaccination programmes in place in some countries. Whether we are able to walk 5km, count our blessings or host a socially distanced cream tea, we can all pray for members across the world.

How are you fundraising this summer?

Sponsored Walk? Cream Teas?

Count your blessings calendar? Change in a jar?

Please let Jean Thurman or Jo Sarkar know so we can publicise it and say THANK YOU!

Email: mupresidentleeds@gmail.com or musecretaryleeds@gmail.com



***Huddersfield Area Diocesan Members raised £105 at their Cream tea.
Thank you all!***

“Transform our lives, Loving Lord, that we may shine as lights in the world, showing love and compassion, reaching out as your hands and heart on earth”

(Words from the MU Prayer Diary page 39)

MU on the Move in the Diocese of Leeds!



This year Mothers’ Union celebrates our 145th anniversary and MU on the Move is part of the Summer of Hope Appeal to raise money for the work of Mothers’ Union worldwide. Our original plan was to raise at least £145 by completing a 5K walk. So on a warm sunny day in June six intrepid members set out to do a circular walk along the Huddersfield Greenway and the Huddersfield Broad Canal. We admired wild flowers, watched boats on the canal and did



lots of chatting to catch up on news - always obeying social-distancing rules of course! At the time of writing, over £900 has been donated which is far more than we had hoped for and my Just Giving page is still open. We are hugely grateful to all those who donated and we know that the money will be used to support families throughout the world.

Elaine Swinhoe



Invitation to
GARDEN and CONSERVATORY TEA and CHAT
In Leeds Episcopal Area on Monday 26th July 2021

At the home of Beryl Lee in Alwoodley

To be COVID SAFE and avoid a crush of people
Please could you book a time from

Morning 10 - 11.30 am or
Lunch time 12 - 1.30 pm or
Afternoon 2 - 3.30pm

This will give time to make everywhere as safe as possible.

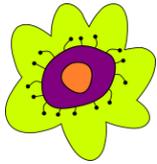
RAFFLE in support of the AFIA caravan - BRING AND BUY TABLE - MU CARD stall

I do hope you can pop in!

Beryl Lee

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Gift for Rev'd Bryony as she leaves Leeds Diocese



Rev'd Bryony Partridge retired as Mothers' Union Chaplain for the Bradford Episcopal Area and is moving to Cheshire to be near one of her sons and his family. Here is the cross-stitch picture which I worked of the back of Bryony's house. I presented it to her as a thank you from Bradford Area. She was very pleased and almost in tears. She said it was a lovely memory to take with her. Rev Pat Smith from Silsden took over as Chaplain at the Lady Day Service in March.

Pam Aston, Bradford Area President

Children's Christmas Card Competition

I know Christmas seems far away but I would like to let you know about a forthcoming Outreach Project for MU Diocese of Leeds. We will be inviting children in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to design a Christmas card in A4 landscape using paints or felt tip pens.

Three winners will have their designs professionally printed as Christmas cards, and a gift of a book token will be given to each winner.

MU works in many local prisons and the cards will be taken in for prisoners to send to their children or grandchildren.

All Branch Leaders and Contacts will be receiving detailed information in due course to give out to each member, clergy and Sunday School leaders, but if you have any questions please contact me.

Mary Marshall, Member Development



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 9th August - Mary Sumner Day Service at 3pm on Facebook and YouTube
- Monday 9th August - Virtual tour of Mary Sumner's church and the grounds of Old Alresford Place - 10am on YouTube
- MU Annual Gathering - virtual online event on 25th September, details will follow.
- End of Triennium Service for York Province - Liverpool Cathedral on 6th November at 3pm.
Tickets are not required. All members are welcome.
- The Global Day (part of 16 Days) will be 27th November live on-line.
- Final Council Meeting of the Triennium for Leeds Diocese MU with **Celebration and Thanksgiving** on 18th November at 10am for 10.30am at St Chad's Parish Centre Otley Road, Far Headingley, Leeds, LS16 5JT.



Do YOU want to help Mothers' Union move forward?



Starting this Autumn, there will be an opportunity for every member to share thoughts and opinions about Mothers' Union. There will also be chances to meet other members, to share ideas and experiences - of Mothers' Union and other similar membership organisations, in order to shape the content of a weekend conference, scheduled for January 2022. One or two representatives from each diocese will be able to attend but others may be able to join sessions online. Look out for more information in the next edition of CONNECTED magazine.

Membership Support Manager, Marian Pope, says "We want as many members as possible to be part of a transformational process that will reimagine Mothers' Union, building on our strengths and moving forward with confidence. **YOU can make a difference!**"

Enjoy the summer and stay safe and well!

