



DIOCESE OF LEEDS MOTHERS' UNION,

incorporating Episcopal Areas of Bradford, Huddersfield, Leeds, Ripon and Wakefield,

linked in prayer with Lesotho (S.Africa), Kibungo (Rwanda), Etche, Ogbomoso (Nigeria), Hanuato'o (Solomon Islands),

FROM THE DIOCESAN PRESIDENT.

Dear fellow members,

Mothers' Union members promise to care for the world, for their communities and for each other. As I write this, because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) issue and the latest Government advice, we are living through something which we have not experienced before. This is a time to make a difference to others through our prayers and actions of love. Please pray for the situation worldwide and keep in contact with fellow members especially those who live alone.

I have recently enjoyed a busy time attending some of the Area meetings and branches. Thank you for all that you are doing in the name of Mothers' Union, most of which is done quietly and often in the background. Please be proud of everything you are doing and be CONFIDENT to tell others what MU is all about.

During Lent, we are on a special journey. It is a time to pause and reflect, to pray and be very close to Jesus.

Easter gives us HOPE for the future

with love & prayers *Jean*



A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.

Take time to listen to God through prayer

CHRIST IS RISEN

Holy Spirit, lead us to Christ that we may walk with him the way of resurrection, the path which takes us onwards to new life.

Eastertide brings new life and new beginnings

Deadline for June/July edition of is.

Friday 15th MAY 2020.

Diocesan Secretary's , April/May 2020

Saturday 13th June 2020 – Council Meeting at St Mark's Church, Harrogate

The Spring Council Meeting will take place at St Mark's Church, Harrogate at 10am for 10.30am. Our main speaker will be from the Leeds-based charity Charlies-Angel-Centre Foundation. All welcome! *We look forward to seeing you there!*

Notification of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at the Council Meeting for Mothers' Union, Diocese of Leeds on Saturday 13th June 2020 at 10.30am at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate, HG2 8AY the Annual Accounts for 2019 will be presented for approval and adoption. The accounts and reports from all officers will be distributed in the form of an Annual Review given to those in attendance on the day and circulated to others after the meeting.

Golden Wedding Service



The Golden Wedding

Service will take place at Ripon Cathedral on Sunday 14th June 2020 at 3.30pm. If you would like tickets, please contact the Cathedral Office on 01765 603462.

Time for Reflection 2020 - Building Hope and Confidence

Monday 20th July to Wednesday 22nd July 2020

At Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, North Yorkshire

Looking for peace and renewal in a beautiful setting? Come along and join our Quiet Days at Parcevall Hall. Hurry there are just a few spaces left! A waiting list can be set up. Please contact Hilary Pollard on woovilesgeorge@btinternet.com or Tel. 01484429106 if you would like to come along.

Plenty of Fantastic Photos Please!!!

Please do take quality pictures of all your events this year as we need pictures of what we are doing for our website and publicity brochures. We especially need pictures of families and children (but *please ask permission from the parents first!*). Please send them to the Diocesan Secretary on musecretaryleeds@gmail.com
Many thanks!

Annual Gathering in Belfast 25th & 26th September 2020

We are looking at going to the Annual Gathering in Belfast as a group so please contact the Diocesan President, Jean Thurman, or your Area President if you are interested in going .

Charlies-Angel-Foundation

Sam and Clive Key are coming to speak at the Diocese of Leeds Mothers' Union council meeting on Saturday 13th June at St' Mark's Church in Harrogate.

Charlies Angels is a wonderful organisation set up in 2013 supporting families who have been bereaved of children from a miscarriage, babies and children up to the age of 16.

They cover the whole of Yorkshire and beyond, offering home visits, Bereavement counselling, Telephone and e-mail support, community support groups, Grandparents Social circle, and a Men's Social Group, as well as giving a Bereavement pack at the time of bereavement.

Charlies Angels work in collaboration with Hospitals, Midwives and GP surgeries.

They are open 7 days a week for 24hours a day.

Always a willing ear.

You can read more about them on their website.

www.Charlies-Angel-Centre.org.uk

