



Newsletter, (information sheet). February/March 2018.

From the Diocesan President

Dear fellow member,

I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year as we begin our second three year term as Diocese of Leeds MU. Already, we have taken part in the Wave of Prayer and I feel humbled to know that members across the world have prayed for me as your President between 8th-10th January. I encourage everyone to stay grounded in prayer as prayer underpins all our activities and fellowship as we care for one another and for others in our branches and in our Diocese.



"Listen, observe, act...in step with God" is our 2019 theme and we will focus on this through meeting together - first in our Areas and then in the branches as we take part in MULO sessions. Through prayer, Bible study and discussion we will reflect, listen to people, share stories of all that MU does and seek out the needs in our communities. I look forward to meeting many members at these sessions which are engaging and fun.

Thank you to those who made the journey to Ripon for the Commissioning service. Your support for the Trustees and Team leaders is much appreciated.

Let us look forward together as we continue our commitment to God's work through Mothers' Union. I shall be at Southwark Cathedral on 26th February to represent all of you at the Commissioning of Sheran Harper as Worldwide President. This will be a privilege.

Please remember to invite me to one of your meetings or events during 2019.

With love and prayers

Jean

**Diocesan Publications –
a change from January 2019**

1. Information sheet

The editor of the MU Diocesan Newsletter, Carol Daley, has agreed to produce a shorter bimonthly Information Sheet. This will be two sides of A4 so will be easier to copy for members and will still be distributed by the Episcopal Area President. Please send notice of future events for inclusion. The Final date for copy will be in the last issue as before.

2. Annual Review

Please continue to send branch and Episcopal Area news and photographs to Carol e.g. any projects or events members have been involved in.

Remember that photographs which **"capture someone doing something"**. tell much more of a story and engage people more than a group of people in a row. An Annual Review will be produced incorporating your stories and pictures along with the Annual accounts and report in time for the Council meeting in June.

AFIA caravans open day?

Our wonderful members have been amazing over the last couple of years in raising funds to enable us to upgrade our two AFIA caravans at Primrose Valley, Filey. We are happy to arrange a couple of open days if any of our members would like to see the caravans for themselves. This would be during March, before the holiday lettings begin.

If anyone is interested please email me -

Yvonne Hutson, General Trustee:
gravonne@btinternet.com

Then, if there is sufficient interest, I will be in touch.
Yvonne.

Make a Mother's Day

Give a gift with a difference for Mothering Sunday

This year Mothering Sunday will be on Sunday 31st March 2019 and it won't be long before Branch Leaders/ Contacts will be receiving their packs through the post.

Make a Mother's Day is a fantastic opportunity to publicise the work of Mothers' Union. Please do not miss the opportunity to hand out the Make a Mother's Day leaflets together with the

"Welcome to our World"

publicity brochures to church members and others, such as parents of children at toddler groups or parents of children in the uniformed organisations. We have plenty of brochures available, please ask your Area President if you need some.



Subscription Payments

Just a reminder that the deadline for 2019 subscriptions for all members was **31st January 2019**. If you have not yet submitted your subscription payment, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Forthcoming Dates

February 2019

- *Friday 1st February 2019*
Quiet Day for Trustees & Team Leaders at Hollin House.
- *Friday 8th February 2019* Leeds Trustees' Meeting
10am for 10.30am at the Leeds Diocesan Office
- *Monday 25th February* – Ripon Area Meeting – Skipton Cluster - 2pm at the Hellfield Institute.
- *Tuesday 26th February* – Ripon Area Meeting – Harrogate Cluster – 10am at St Andrew's, Starbeck.
- *Tuesday 26th February 2019* –
Leeds Area Meeting 10am at Leeds Minster.
- *Tuesday 26th February 2019* –
Commissioning of the Worldwide President at Southwark Cathedral.
- *Wed. 27th February* – Huddersfield Area Meeting -
10am -10.30am at St Thomas Centre, Bradley.
- *Thursday 28th February* – Ripon Area Meeting –
Ripon Cluster - 2pm at the home of Myra Shield.

March 2019

- *Monday 18th March* -Wakefield Area Meeting – venue tbc.
- *Monday 25th March 2019* – Lady Day.
(See Area notices for details of Services).
- *Sunday 31st March 2019* - Mothering Sunday.

April 2019

- *Friday 12th April* – Outreach Meeting - tbc.

May 2019

- *Friday 17th May*- Leeds Trustees' Meeting on
10am for 10.30am at the Leeds Diocesan Office.

June 2019

- *Tuesday 4th June* - Huddersfield Area Meeting at
6.30pm for 7pm at St Thomas Centre, Bradley.
- *Friday 14th June 2019*—Diocesan Council Meeting –
at St Chad's Parish Centre, Headingley, Leeds.
- *Monday 24th June* Wakefield Area Meeting –
venue tbc.
- *Tuesday 25th June* – Leeds Area Meeting –
10am at Leeds Minster.

Jo Sarkar

Another Date for your Diary:-

TIME FOR REFLECTION 2019

JUNE 3rd – 5th at Parcevall Hall

An arrow prayer.

Lord, give peace to our troubled world.

MUe NEWS.

The Spring/Summer Catalogue will be available for each Branch, Church and anywhere you think will generate sales.

PLEASE NOTE; Any orders direct from Mary Sumner House must now be worth £60 + to qualify for free postage.

Easter Cards will also be available at the Area meetings but pre orders would be appreciated to help stock control.

Margaret Stears.

Deadline for next issue,

(i.e. April/May2019)is 14th March.

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