



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,
A New Year has begun and I am now in my fifth year as the first President of Leeds Diocesan MU. No one can be more surprised than I am that the time has passed so quickly!

You will be aware that our theme for 2020 is **"Building Hope and Confidence"**. It is important for us to recognise all that Mothers' Union, through its members and supporters, does to care for families both locally and globally.

Knowing what is being achieved can make us confident to promote the outreach of Mothers' Union to a wider audience. There are many resources on the central MU website (mothersunion.org) to help us all to pray about,

discuss and act on this theme.

Christ brings us hope through the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit keeps hope alive in us to take Mothers' Union forward, I pray we may increase in confidence to do His work in the communities in Leeds Diocese and also encourage others to be a part of our worldwide organisation.

Stepping into this new decade together, remember these words:

"Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you can do a bigger thing well too."

(David Storey (Novelist & playwright, born in Wakefield)

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

With love & prayers

Jean



We are pleased to announce the appointment of

Reverend Tim Stevens

(Vicar of Darton with Staincross and Mapplewell),
as Chaplain for Wakefield Episcopal Area.

Deadline for April/May edition is

March 14th.

TIME FOR REFLECTION.

Parcevall Hall - July 20-22.

It's a time to relax and refresh in beautiful, peaceful surroundings.

Have you booked your place? All Branch Leaders have details and application forms or contact Hilary Pollard 01484 429106 for information.

ASAP Always Say A Prayer.

The unchanging rhythm of life leads us towards Lent and Easter; in your branch meeting in February and March will you be thinking about this season?

Lord, as the days lengthen, and the earth spends longer in the light of day, may we spend longer in the light of your presence. Grant Lord, that there may be a springtime in our lives this Lent.

(Extract from 'The Prayers we breath')

Make a Mother's Day

Give a gift with a difference for Mothering Sunday



Sunday 22nd March 2020 – Mothering Sunday

This year Mothering Sunday will be on Sunday 22nd March 2020 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.

Lady Day Service – Bradford Cathedral

Saturday 28th March 2020 at 2pm

We would like to invite all members to our Diocesan Lady Day Service at Bradford Cathedral led by Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford, All welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!



Subscription Payments 2020

Just a reminder that the deadline for 2020 subscriptions for all members is 31st January 2020. If you have not yet submitted your subscription payment, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Spring Council Meeting

The Spring Council Meeting will take place on Saturday 13th June 2020 at St Mark's Church, Harrogate at 10am for 10.30am.

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. Bookings are now being taken, please contact Hilary Fielding for more information and a booking form - hilaryfielding303@btinternet.com



Annual Review

Once again this year we will be putting together an Annual Review covering all our activities in 2019. If you have any items or photos that you would like submit for inclusion, please send them to the Diocesan Secretary, Jo Sarkar – musecretaryleeds@gmail.com