



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 friends and fellow members,

By the time you read this, I will have attended the Mothers' Union General Meeting in Portsmouth where we find out about current MU projects across the world, new initiatives in Britain & Ireland and this year, information about how we will be involved in supporting the Lambeth Conference in 2020. Sheran Harper, in her first year as Worldwide President, will give the keynote address at the General Meeting. However, members in Leeds Diocese and those from the other dioceses in the York Province will have the opportunity to hear Sheran speak and meet her at Leeds Minster on 7th November. Please be there if you can. Sheran is in our Province for one week and I will be at the Conference for Diocesan Presidents on the Monday and Tuesday. Please pray for a fruitful outcome of that week.

See further details in this newsletter.

In July 2020, Bishops and their spouses from Dioceses linked with Leeds will be here before they travel to Lambeth for the conference. Mothers' Union will be meeting the Bishops' spouses and taking part in some of the events to be arranged.

Do take this unique opportunity to be at one of the events to meet the two MU leaders from Sudan. Mama Hewaya and Mama Samira will have personal stories to tell and they need our prayers.

We truly are a worldwide fellowship and I urge all our members to take time to pray for peace in the world, a more political stability here in the UK and for all families who are struggling through drought or floods due to climate change.

I hope to meet many of you at one of our future events.

With love and prayers

Jean (Diocesan President)

Two messages from our Wave of Prayer Link Partner in Hanuato'o

It was amazing when we recently received two letters from our partners in the **Solomon Islands**.

The first letter informed us of the changes in the Mothers Union in the Diocese of Hanuato'o. Like us they have had many changes and our link partner is now **Sarah Taasi**. Sarah sends this message *'May Gods divine spirit be enlightened in you and your work while taking on board every families under your care. Thumbs up to you.'*

In March 2018 she introduced a Lady Day Service to **Kirakiva and Bauro** parish she says the members were very emotional about the content of the service and the renewal of their Mothers Union promises. They continue their work with families, travelling around the Islands but their work was interrupted by National Elections, thankfully now the elections are over they have peace and no

disturbances in the Diocese. They are now looking forward to the Diocesan General Meeting and they ask for our prayers.

Sarah finished her letter as follows – ***'May God's grace be with you always.'***

The second letter was from **Mrs Annie Diutitaa** who has retired from her role as CDC. Annie is now living in Natagera Village, Santa Ana in the Diocese of Hanuato'o. She has told the members in her branch about us and they would like to link directly with a branch. They meet on a Thursday and have a programme of activities, they pray for us and the Mothers Union world wide. **If your branch is interested in linking up please contact me by email suziewainwright@aol.com**

Annie finished her letter ***'Love and peace to you all'***.

Suzanne Wainwright.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 19 /JANUARY 20 is 14 November 2019. Please send to me only notices/information of future events. All news of past activities etc. should go to Jo Sarkar, email - musecretaryleeds@gmail.com for possible inclusion in the Annual Revue. Thank you, *Carol Daley* (Newsletter editor).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Invitation to meet Sudan Visitors

Mothers' Union members are warmly invited to meet

Mama Hewaya and **Mama Samira** from the Sudan. Both ladies are very active in the Literacy Project and it will be very interesting to hear what they have to say. Please come and meet them on the following dates:-



Monday 30th September at St Mary's Church, Wyke at 6pm.

Tuesday 1st October at Leeds Minster at 11am for refreshments and chat - please bring a packed lunch to have after Midday Prayers



Thursday 3rd October at Ripon Cathedral at 11am to look round the Cathedral followed by Midday Prayers at 12 noon. Lunch at 12.30pm at the Cathedral View Coffee Shop across the road from the Cathedral

Sunday 6th October at Bradford Cathedral at 10.15am

Sunday 6th October at 4pm for Afternoon Tea at St. Mary's Parish Centre, 43 Station Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale, LS29 7SE. **Please do come along!**

Provincial Service at Leeds Minster with Worldwide President, Sheran Harper

Members are warmly invited to the **Provincial Service on Thursday 7th November at 12.30pm at Leeds Minster** to meet our World-wide President, Sheran Harper.



The service begins at 12.30pm followed by a time of Meet & Greet which ends at 3pm.

Refreshments will be available and members may bring a packed lunch to eat in the Minster before the service.

We hope to see you there!

WILL BRANCH LEADERS PLEASE LET THEIR AREA PRESIDENT HAVE NUMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.

Autumn Council Meeting

The **Council Meeting** will be taking place on **Thursday 14th November at Christ Church, Skipton** at 10am for 10.30am. Our speaker will be Caroline Collins, Diocesan President for Liverpool, who will be speaking about "**Mini MU**", a new type of MU set up in Liverpool. **All welcome! Jo Sarkar.** (MU Diocesan Secretary).

Other forthcoming events.

Saturday 5th Oct. - 60s 70s evening, Parochial Hall, North Lingwell Road, 7-10pm. Tickets £5 adults, £3 under 12s.

Tuesday 8th Oct. & 12th Nov.— Coffee Knit & Natter, Leeds Minster 11am. Concluding with Mid-day Prayers.

Saturday 19th Oct.— Coffee Morning, St Margaret's Parish Centre, Horsforth, 10am to 12noon.

Saturday 30th Nov.— New Housing Conference, Liz Morton (*Young families and Children's Team*), Baptist Church, Moortown.

For more details contact Pat Ainsworth (Leeds Area President).

MUE NEWS

The Christmas cards eventually arrived at the end of August! Certain cards are already selling fast, so if you want to be sure of receiving your desired choice, PLEASE order asap! I realise many of you will not have received a selection pack, as in previous years, so you will have to use your powers of persuasion & the Catalogue to enthruse your members.

I know I promised each Branch a selection pack to use as a promotional tool, but due to the late arrival of the cards I have had no means of circulating them. If, however, you would like a pack, I am happy to post one to you, but postage will be charged.

Reps are available to come to your Branch meeting with the cards, if invited & they will be available at area meetings, special events & Council. There are also a few diaries & Calendars available.

Otherwise goods are selling well, so thank you for your continued support—we want to top that TRG list in 2020!

Keep Buying-----!

Margaret

Sheila Ward died peacefully in hospital at the end of July. Her funeral took place at All Saints Church Kirby Hill on 9th August, Mary Sumner day.

Our friend and faithful member of Boroughbridge Mothers' Union for 33 years. Over these years Sheila was Branch leader, secretary, Deanery Treasurer, Newsletter editor and always active in the Prayer Network being organiser of Ripon Cathedral Prayers. Sheila was much respected locally and by Mothers' Union members throughout the Diocese of Leeds. I owe much to Sheila for her support and guidance on becoming Branch Leader myself. We are thankful for all she gave to the work of the Mothers' Union and are assured that she is now resting in peace in the glorious light of Christ. *Margaret Crawford.*



A prayerful thought: The Lord hears what is in my heart.

Mothers' Union is grounded in prayer; Midday prayers are regularly said in all areas of the diocese. In addition they are ideal opportunities for diocesan and branch members to meet together and catch up on the latest news. Have you shared in Midday prayers? Why not check the location and day and give them a try? Prayer really is our link in the MU.

Prayerful Pointers: In addition to praying for all leaders at this turbulent time please think of these events.

Oct. 1st International Day for Older People. Oct. 13-19 Prisons Week

Nov. 11th Remembrance Day. Nov. 14th Diocesan Council at Skipton.

Nov. 25th Start of the 16 Days Campaign Against Gender Violence

Always Say A Prayer. *Hilary Fielding.* (Prayer team leader).