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### AUGUST

- 2nd** **Diocesan Eucharist**  
2.20pm St Georges Mossley
- 9th** **Bolton Archdeaconry Festival**  
St Mary Rawtenstall 7.30pm
- 11th** **Thursday Prayers**  
12 noon in the Cathedral
- 11th – 30th Office and Shop closed**

- 23rd** **General Meeting.** Hampshire Court Hotel, Basingstoke.

### OCTOBER

- 8th** **Autumn Council**  
Church House 3rd Floor – 9.30am
- 13th** **Thursday Prayers**  
12 noon in the Cathedral

### SEPTEMBER

- 3rd** **Retreat at The Schoenstatt Shrine** in Kearsley led by Terry Biddington
- 8th** **Thursday Prayers**  
12 noon in the Cathedral
- 14/15/16th Making Up of Welcome Bags**
- 19/20/21st Distribution of Welcome Bags with Soup**
- 22nd** **Celebration of 140 years of Mothers' Union -**  
Winchester Cathedral .

### NOVEMBER

- 10th** **Thursday Prayers** 12 noon in the Cathedral
- 26th** **Quiet morning**  
10.00 – 12.30pm – Cathedral

### DECEMBER

- 1ST** **Advent Carol Service** – 1.15pm – St. Ann Manchester (PROVISIONAL)
- 8TH** **Thursday Prayers** 12 noon in the Cathedral

**Congratulations**

### Special Birthday Congratulations to :-

**Mrs Sylvia Evans** a member at St Paul's Walkden (also my mother-in-law) was **80** on 5th May and celebrated with family & friends.

**June Hall** - Branch Leader at St Catherine's Farnworth celebrated her **75 birthday** on 7th June (article page 6)



### Up and coming Diamond Wedding Anniversaries



#### St Paul's Walkden:

**Beryl & Brian McNulty** : 25 th August 2016  
**Mary & Stan Longworth** : 20th October 2016  
**Sylvia & Jack Evans** : 17th November 2016

#### Christ Church Harwood:

**Joan & Gordon Rye** : 2nd April 2016

### Up and coming Golden Wedding Anniversaries

#### Christ Church Harwood:

**Hazel & Terry Kirane** : 19 th March 2016  
**Sandra & Alan Thorpe** : 2nd April 2016  
**Doreen & Roy Pearson** : 27th August 2016  
**Pam & John Hawkins** : 15th October 2016



## From our President Cath Hilton

**The year so far has been very eventful as you can see from various articles in this magazine.**

**Our members are very busy working in their**

**own communities through 'Just Up Your Street' and that work has been recognised by those who work at Mary Sumner House. Christine Sharp and myself were privileged to be asked to do a workshop at Worldwide Council/ Equipping for Leadership conference at Swanwick. We were able to speak to representatives of over twenty dioceses. Following from this, we were asked to take part in filming (details on page 4).**

We also had the wonderful opportunity to have a stand at all four of the Archdeaconry Roadshows led by Bishop David. This has enabled us to network and make contact with PCC members and clergy from across the whole diocese.

The work of Mothers' Union is reaching out as God's hands and making a difference.

On June 19th, I was privileged to attend a confirmation service in London and to hear the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres. Two sentences stood out. Firstly, when speaking to the candidates for confirmation he emphasised several times that they were to remember that THEY did not choose to take this step in their faith, GOD had chosen THEM. This made the words of the confirmation, 'God has called you by name' resound very strongly. Secondly, when speaking to the congregation, he spoke of the fact that we need to put the young and the vulnerable at the centre of all we do. To put them at the centre of our churches and all our work. I believe that Mothers' Union in Manchester is attempting to do exactly that.

Our work is growing in every sense. As we do more there seems to be more to do! It is important that we look to God for guidance. That we look to see what God is doing and join in!

Our Praying, Enabling and Campaigning entwined with the Diocesan vision of Growing, Nurturing and Serving will help parishes to create a '**Church for a Different World**'.

Returning to the words of the confirmation -  
**'Shine in the world as one of God's chosen ones, beloved and accepted in Jesus Christ our Lord.'**

Catherine Hilton

## Hilda Price, National Service of Thanksgiving

We are so proud of our member Hilda who did a fantastic job of leading some of the prayers at today's : part of our patron, The Queen's, 90th birthday celebrations. Transcript of the prayers she read are as follows:



**"God our Saviour,  
we give you thanks for Jesus Christ your Son,  
enliven the Church, his body in the world  
that it may be united in his love.**

**Lord, hear us.**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**God our Guide,**

**we give you thanks for those who inspire us,  
encourage all people of faith**

**that together we may embrace the future  
you have in store for us.**

**Lord, hear us.**

**Lord, graciously hear us"**

# Movie Stars in the making...

## MOTHERS UNION, ST PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTON – CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

Clothesline is a project that the Mothers Union at St. Paul's Church, Monton, has been running since the spring of 2013. It started with an idea that Andrea Young (our previous branch leader) had to raise funds and fit in perfectly with the 'Just Up Your Street' ethos.

We collect donations of good quality second hand children and baby clothes from within our church, among our friends and family and in the local community. We wash and iron every item and label and price them. Most items are priced at £1 and under. If items are new or have a designer label we price a little higher but still very affordable. We hold stalls about 5 times a year at our Church Fair, in Eccles Shopping Centre and at Monton Festival.

About 20 of our members at St. Paul's M.U. have been involved in Clothesline in one way or another.

### Primary Objectives of Clothesline:-

- To work out our faith in Christ by outreach to local communities, especially where there is inequality and disadvantage.

- To offer good quality clothes at low costs to those in the community, particularly those families in the Eccles community that are economically disadvantaged.

### Secondary Objectives:-

- To raise the profile of the Mothers' Union as an organisation with care for the family at its heart.
- To raise money for MU projects.

Since 2013 we have raised almost £2,000. All the money we have raised goes to help various Mother's Union projects throughout the world: Worldwide Parenting, Wheels Appeal, Literacy Project, M U Refugee Relief Fund and MU Family Life Project. The project is hard work at times, but also very fun and rewarding. Promoting friendship in faith and helping us to help others in our local community and worldwide.

Please pray for our Clothesline Project.

### Diane Spence – Clothesline Coordinator

*Filming at St Paul's Monton 'Clothesline' their extremely successful project, featuring Diane Spence Branch Secretary plus 'Clothesline' coordinator and Chris Leach Deanery Leader.*



**BIG THANK YOU** to all the ladies who help out but especially Mavis Furness who does a wonderful job washing & ironing. *Keep up the good work ...*

# The Queen's 90th birthday!

**I hope you were able to watch the Patron's Lunch on television and got an idea of the wonderful atmosphere of love and thankfulness that was abounding on the Mall.**

I was very privileged to have the opportunity to attend that event. Excitedly, I



travelled on the tube to Victoria and walked along to Mary Sumner House to meet with all the other Mothers' Union members who had been lucky enough to get tickets. We had a group photo after getting our special polo shirts with the logo and 'Faith in Action' printed on them. We were determined to show off our pride in the organisation.

As we travelled together to the Mall it started to rain. We had to proceed to Gate 2, which opened at 10am, where we passed through security. As you can imagine, that process took some time as there were 10,000 people attending.

To cut a very long story short, having received a commemorative cup and saucer from PG tips and a bag of goodies from Boots, it was 11.45am when we entered the Mall and found ourselves queuing for hampers and cups of tea! By this time we were VERY wet but in excellent spirits.

Concession stands with tea (PG tips) of all types; Pimms and alcohol for those inclined and ice cream in many forms were scattered along the roadside. (All complimentary!)

We had allocated seats at two tables in an excellent position with a big screen on one side and toilets on the other!

Then the celebrations began! A wonderful parade with bands, dancers and banners for all the six hundred charities represented.

When we sat down for lunch and opened our hampers we were amazed at the quality and quantity of its contents. Too much to eat in one go.

The rain abated and then the most exciting part of the day started. Members of the Royal Family arrived and walked and talked to people as they wandered along. Our section had Prince Edward, his wife Sophie and their young daughter, Louise. Edward approached us and chatted to Lynne Tembey who was by my side at the time. It was lovely.

The Queen and Prince Philip passed by in an open topped car and were only an arm's length from us. When the speeches were made we were truly moved and sang the National Anthem with gusto! The Queen is truly a remarkable woman who has devoted her life to service.



Patron's lunch 12th June in London on the Mall members waved flags had a delicious lunch of salmon + met royals on their walk about fabulous

## A wonderful day!

My day concluded with evensong at St Martin-in-the-fields in Trafalgar Square. The music included the hymn All people that on earth do dwell with trumpets; the anthem Zadok the Priest by Handel and concluded with Walton's Crown Imperial, all reminiscent of Royal occasions and chosen specifically to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

The sermon reminded us of the inclusivity of this country of ours and the fact that England

is part of a democracy which has also been a monarchy for over a thousand years.

***"And it is not in its glorious history or magnificent landscapes but in the reign of one, who wishes only to enable the flourishing of all, and who lets those all grow in power and creativity and joy, that England comes closest to an image of the ways of God."***

Dr. Revd. Sam Wells

## Hospital Links - Christine Sharp Action and Outreach Coordinator

As you are aware, we supply a variety of items for the Maternity Units at hospitals throughout the Diocese of Manchester. Here is an update of items requested by each unit and the contact details of each link person, kindly provided by Jenny Murphy our project coordinator.

Hospital Unit	Items Requested	Link Person	Contact No.
Royal Bolton (Neonatal)	Baby nests, scratch mitts, bereavement packs, emergency toilet bags. "Twiddle muffs" (Dementia)	Jenny Murphy	01204 594539
North Manchester	Babygro, cardigan and hat sets, blankets, emergency toilet bags.	Lynne Longworth	01706 829062
Royal Oldham	Angel pockets, Babygro, cardigan and hat sets and blankets (small and large). Larger hats (children's ward) Baby nests and throws (incubators)	Mary Helliwell and Margaret Fowler	0161 624 3942
St. Mary's Manchester	Beanie hats and neonatal hats with ribbon (no ventilator hats with button). Baby nests as required	Ann Smith	0161 766 3495
Tameside	Beanie hats, cardigans and blankets, emergency toilet bags.	Violet Bradshaw	0161 370 0546
Wythenshawe	Beanie hats, cardigans, tiny blankets, tiny teddies, emergency toilet bags. Larger blankets from knitted squares (Chapel)	Barbara Pye	0161 747 0269

As Salford Royal no longer has a Maternity Unit, Carol Eyles (0161 788 9428) will collect any items from Salford Archdeaconry and take them into our Office to be distributed in the Diocese.

## NEW MEMBERS:

Great excitement as two new members are enrolled at St Crispin's

From the left – Edith Harrison (new member), Sandra Brawshaw

Manchester Archdeaconry President, Fr Patrick Davies Manchester MU Chaplain and Rita Williamson (new member) Well Done & Welcome



## The making of Posada plus a Branch Leader

Kirsten Rutherford – new Branch Leader at St Gabriel's Middleton commissioned on 5th June, congratulations Kirsten. Kirsten has also completed a Mary for the Posada and sent a picture, look how beautiful she is... so get knitting ladies



## War Time MU St Gabriel's



### Mothers' UNION

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War Time MU St Gabriel's 1940 Mothers' Union Branch raising money and moral in difficult times, well done girls ...

## Mothers Union Bake Sale...

... to have some fun in the sun (hopefully) and raise money to help people in need at home and abroad.

This summer, join with others up and down the country as we bake some lovely cakes and enjoy a cuppa with friends to help an illiterate person learn to read, a survivor of gender based violence find healing, a family facing difficulty and so much more.



# Diocese of Kagera Tanzania

**Dear Jennifer;**

A warm greetings from Mothers' Union Diocese of Kagera Tanzania, thank you so much for your email and congratulation for saving God for such so long, may God bless you for whatever you have done to lift up Jesus name. I hope your family are all fine.

## **WHAT MOTHER'S UNION MEMBERS DO IN DIOCESE OF KAGERA.**

Mothers Union members meet once in a week and share bible study, leaders preaching, visiting sick Mothers Union members, help orphans in different ways. They also run small project like vegetable gardens, got keeping where Mothers Union Diocesan Office distribute two goats per Parish and we have nine Parishes stated the Project, food crops small shambas, in some parishes since last year we have been sensitizing woman to grow permanent crops such as coffee and bananas, and I



was encouraged to continue with sensitization about growing permanent crops after visiting some mothers Union branches who stated to grow bananas though is in small scale. We have some Parishes where members serve small amount of money every month and get small loans from what they serve which help women to get capital to start small business like selling fruits which can increase family income and improve the diet.

## **CATHEDRAL CHURCH GOATS DISTRIBUTION FOR M.U MEMBERS TO INCREASE THEIR INCOME**

As Diocesan level we do different activities such as seminars and teaching on different topics depending on the need, can be spiritual or normal life. We also try to start small project such as making pouch, simple kitenge or khanga bags table cloth for decoration we do this to improve our Office income in-order to manage some Office activities, I hope you know that Mothers Union Diocese of Kagera are not getting Mary Sumner financial support since 2013, therefore we have to work hard at list to get money of running our Mothers Union office though it is difficult to get money to visit our Parishes as it was done before when

we were receiving financial support from Mary Sumner house. One of the project we have which is going on is a mothers Union hall which we started to build in August 2012 the purpose of the hall is for meetings, marriages etc and an fee will be charged. Mother Union DK have started a strategy in order to increase own funding by building a hall and create other Projects that will enable the Mothers Union to have own funding to enhance sustainability.

**EdithaJasson**, Diocesan Mothers Union Development Co-ordinator, Diocese of Kagera.

# Thy Kingdom Come

The Revd. Graham Lindley's day of reflection in Manchester Cathedral for Our Quiet day in May last was on the theme of '**Thy Kingdom Come**'. The basis of his talks was from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York call for '**Great Wave of Prayer**' for Evangelism leading up to Pentecost. There was to be observed 'Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Week from 8th – 15th May. It very appropriate theme as the Quiet Day was on the Thursday before that Week of Prayer.

The booklet produced for this occasion had an Introduction by the Archbishops who wrote:

*"We long to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other churches. Our hope is – for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ – for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel – for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and seek God's Kingdom from day to day. At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us – 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer .... When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory."*

The Wave of Prayer asked us to choose, list and pray for five friends. To help us to do this we are encouraged to use the **BLESS** acronym:

- B**ody (health, protection, energy)
- L**abour (employment/unemployment, retirement, adequate income)
- E**mootional (Inner peace, joy, wisdom, insight, patience)
- S**ocial (healthy relationships between spouses, parents, children, friends)
- S**piritual (repentance, salvation, obedience, faith)

Revd Lindley's reflection gave us much to think about regarding the aims of our own prayer life, especially as prayer lies at the very heart of the Mothers' Union. Prayer leads to action and our acts of faith and prayer can and do contribute towards 'Thy Kingdom Come.' Perhaps you can use BLESS in your prayer life?

## Roy Chow

(Faith & Policy Co-ordinator)

## Advance Notices:

### Saturday 3rd September:

Day Retreat at Schoenstatt Centre, Kearsley, 10am – 3.15pm. Cost £10.00 (incl. liquid refreshments)

### Saturday 26th November:

Half Quiet Day at Manchester Cathedral, 10am – 12.30pm led by Revd Dr Peter

Bellamy-Knights, Cathedral Chaplain.

**Cost £3.00**

Revd Terry Beddington leading  
For further information:

Home: **0161 681 6215** or email:  
**tsrchow@jhotmail.com**

The night raised  
**£143** **Ciao!**

St Paul's Monton

## Champagne & Strawberries'



St Paul's Monton had a 'Champagne & Strawberries' on Sunday 5th June to celebrate The Queen our Patron's Birthday

### Italian Night...

Plus an Italian night at St Paul's Monton MU organised by Michele Evans – Branch Leader & Carol Eyles - Archdeacony President for Salford and a member of St Paul's MU branch.



## June Hall – Branch Leader

### Birthday Celebrations

Branch leader At St Catherine's Farnworth celebrated her 75th birthday on 7th June (her birthday being on the 8th) with her Mothers' Union friends and members from other branches.

The Big Dance came for entertainment. Christine Faulkner our Archdeacony president led in prayer and was involved in the Big Dance, exercise to music. June also had a surprise party over the bank holiday with family friends and Mothers' Union members were invited. She was so delighted when she turned up to see everyone there not having any idea what was going on.



# SAYING HELLO... FROM SUNNY MANCHESTER

Hi just to introduce myself I am Michele Evans - Branch Leader of St Paul's Monton plus a General Trustee. I work full time within a school in Longsight as an Admissions Coordinator plus deal with school finance.



I am married to John my very supportive husband, and we live in Eccles near Manchester, John's mum Sylvia Evans has been in Mothers' Union St Paul's Walkden for 52 years therefore I was inspired by her to join and through this I have gained true friendship from the ladies at St Paul's Monton plus throughout the Diocese. Therefore, after much thought I have accepted

to take over from Chris Haworth as Fundraising & Communication Co-ordinator (a very hard act to follow).

As Chris said to me on our first meeting **ENTHUSIASM ENTHUSIASM ENTHUSIASM** is all you need, and I know I have that being extremely passionate about Mothers' Union and all we stand for and achieve.

I look forward to working with you all and for your support within my new role, (just get information to me on time or else ...) only joking Love in fellowship Michele :)

[micheleevans2014@hotmail.com](mailto:micheleevans2014@hotmail.com)

## From Chris Haworth

" - I am so pleased Michele has agreed to take over from me, I know she will be successful in promoting Mothers' Union around the Diocese. Sending love and best wishes to you Michele, enjoy the challenges and the friendship of members, not only in our Diocese but from around the world."

St Georges having a birthday bash for The Queen's 90th birthday, ladies cutting the cake with her majesty in attendance...



# MOTHERS' UNION

## PETITION:

**STOP CHARGING SURVIVORS  
OF DOMESTIC ABUSE THE  
COLLECTION FEE FOR CHILD  
MAINTENANCE**

**TO: RT HON STEPHEN CRABB MP,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WORK  
AND PENSIONS**

*\* I have emailed Archdeaconry Presidents with the above information to pass down to Deanery Leaders/Branch Leaders. There is also a separate sheet regarding 'Child Maintenance Service' which will be passed onto members through Deanery/Branch Leaders. Information can also be found on the Mothers' Union website as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence 2015. Thanks Michele Evans (info from Roy Chow)*

## The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name.

**Amen**

## Remembering those who have died

It is with great sadness we report the sudden death of Mrs Doreen Rylands on Thursday 2nd June

Doreen was a valued member of St Margaret's Branch of the Mother's Union. Over the years Doreen had held many offices within the Church mostly

with young people in her later years she has lived quietly on her own near the Church she loved, but always keeping up with all that went on there. We wish you eternal rest with our Saviour Jesus Christ sleep well Doreen

**Jean Johnson** ( Branch Leader)  
St Margaret's Prestwich

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## Welcome Week at Manchester University

Welcome Week at Manchester University is here again. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with bagging up and handing out our goody bags this year. This part of our outreach wouldn't be possible without our excellent group of volunteers, the generous donations from Branches throughout the Diocese and the organisation of deliveries to the University Chaplaincy by Archdeaonries.

### Welcome Week dates...

<b>Wed 14th Sept 2016</b>	Bagging up.
<b>Thurs 15th Sept 2016</b>	Bagging up.
<b>Fri 16th Sept 2016</b>	Soup 12.00 – 14.00 + bags for International Students
<b>Mon 19th Sept 2016</b>	Give out bags + Soup
<b>Tues 20th Sept 2016</b>	Give out bags + Soup



### Volunteers Needed!

We always welcome new volunteers and if you would like to help out in whatever capacity, please email [chrissharp.flm@gmail.com](mailto:chrissharp.flm@gmail.com) or telephone our Office 0161 828 1427

The contents of our bags has changed slightly, taking into account the current needs of students and the management of storage and physical capabilities. We no longer include mugs and we have sufficient sugar this year. Our Branches are collecting:

- Cup a soups**
- Hot chocolate sachets**
- Coffee sticks**
- Individually wrapped chocolate biscuits**
- Boxes or packets of plain tea**

Christine Sharp  
Action and Outreach Coordinator

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# “Time Out For Parents : The Early Years”

**Christine Sharp** Action and Outreach Coordinator

“Time Out For Parents: The Early Years” took place at Christ Church, Patricroft, Eccles from April 19th to May 24th 2016. in conjunction with the Church, Kiddiewinkles Nursery and the C of E Primary School.

Positive Parenting Time Out for Parents courses provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship. Over six sessions you increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to make your relationship with your child even better.

This was the first time I had facilitated this particular course and we all had an enjoyable time, with a lot of laughter as well as very useful, confidential sharing of ideas and experiences. It was especially interesting to see how suitable this course was for grandparents, who so often act as carers these days.

**Maybe we could run a course just for grandparents somewhere?**

**Do let me have your ideas and comments.**

## Time Out For Parents

The Early Years



**positiveparenting**

Common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship

### Session 1

What being a parent's really like!

### Session 2

Children's needs.

### Session 3

Play and listening

### Session 4

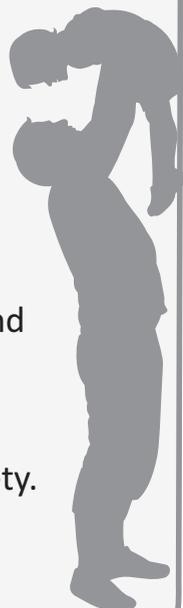
Parenting styles and boundaries.

### Session 5

Discipline and safety.

### Session 6

The wider family.



## Revd Ian Butterworth

Rochdale Archdeaconry Chaplain

### 'It's not like it used to be'

As I write this article it is pouring with rain. Yet just a few days ago we were basking in glorious sunshine and enjoying the heat. During that spell of good weather I had a lot of conversations about summers past when every day, in memory at least, was hot and sunny and I lost count of the times someone said ***'Everything's changed these days, even the weather!'***

Whether or not summers were better in the past is debatable but it certainly is true that lots of things have changed in recent years and that change is continuing at a rapid pace. I suspect I'm not alone in struggling sometimes with a changing world and looking nostalgically back to a past where life was simpler and slower.

Change is inevitable of course – without change we die – but as Christians we know that there is one unchanging point in this confusing modern world and that is God. However fast life around us changes we can always rely on God not to change. He is the quietness at the heart of the universe and we can touch and draw his stillness into ourselves at any time. All we have to do is sit quietly, perhaps light a

candle and look at a picture or listen to some music, or read or listen to a poem. Just still ourselves in the middle of the busyness of the world and of our lives and touch God.

We do not need hours on our knees, or days on retreat. All we need is a little time with God, a little space and he will expand the quietness of that small space into all of our lives. I love the story in the Bible of the woman who had been bleeding for years and having exhausted the resources of the doctors came to Jesus for help. There were so many people crowding round him that she could only touch the edge of his robe but as soon as she touched it she felt a healing power flow into her and the bleeding stopped. That story reminds me that all we have to do to find healing and peace in the world's confusion is to touch the edge of Jesus' robe, to stop our busyness even for just a few minutes and discover that those few minutes have actually been a window into eternity, into God's world and that through that window has come pouring out God's peace.

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