

SALFORD ARCHDEACONRY REPORT SPRING COUNCIL 2013

Around the Deaneries, branches continue to raise funds for Mother's Union projects and have been encouraged to hold coffee mornings to aid Sodor and Man with the Literacy and Financial Education Programme in Malawi. Branches have been knitting small white blankets and tiny teddy bears for memory Boxes, the larger cot blankets and making up toiletry bags for hospitals.

Branches across the three Deaneries continue to grow and admit new members, which is very encouraging. This year Sally Sargeant, Deanery Leader Salford and Jessie Higgins, Deanery Leader Leigh decided to stand down from the role, although Jessie is still the Branch Leader at St. Peter's West Leigh. I would like to thank both Sally and Jessie for all their hard work and support and to thank Yvonne Holt for her continued support as Eccles Deanery Leader. Janet Patrick is the Correspondent for Leigh Deanery and we offer Janet our prayers and support in her new role. A Deanery Leader or Correspondent is still required for Salford Deanery. I have written/e-mailed all Branch Leaders in Salford to ask their branch members if anyone would like to take up either role and to contact me as they would be given all the support they needed.

Since my last report we have two new Branch Leaders. Ena Foster is now Branch Leader at St. Philip's, Salford, and Andrea Young Branch Leader at St. Paul's Monton. Our prayers and support go to both Ena and Andrea.

Andrea is setting up a Mothers' Union project to support the local community. It is still in its early stages, and the project could be called MU @St Paul's 'Clothesline'. The Branch will aim to recycle baby and children's clothes and books - the proceeds will go towards an MU Overseas Project. The Branch will also make contact with Health Visitors and School Nurses and start a referral system that will aid really needy families with clothing. We offer our prayers to Andrea and St. Paul's MU Branch for success in the project.

Jane Ransley, Manchester Diocese MU Social Policy Representative, is moving forward with opening a Mothers' Union branch at St. Paul's Church, Kersal. Jane, who runs a Toddler group at St. Paul's, has held a couple of informative meetings and thought it may be helpful if I joined her at the Toddler group, which I did on the morning of November 19th. I met mums and grandmothers to chat about the Mothers' Union and its work and projects. I have since been to two Friday evening meetings, to support Jane, and meet prospective members. With faith and prayers the branch will be up and running soon.

After celebrating in January the Commissioning of our Diocesan President and Archdeaconry Presidents, I look forward to a new Triennium going forward in faith and prayer with all members across the Manchester Diocese.

Carol Eyles

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