

Eight of St Chad's Branch attended the Deanery Festival on Wednesday 3rd September at 2pm at Christ Church Thornton. Congratulations go to Doreen Underwood who received a long service certificate for 40 years. I have certificates to present to Pearl Harris for 40 years, Joan Swan for 50 years and Elsie Murray for 60 years. Between them, they have clocked up just under 200 years of service to the Mothers' Union.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings. The first one is our Opening Service in St Chad's Church on Wednesday 24th September at 2pm when our theme is 'Join Us, Join In.' At our evening meeting on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm at the Teanlowe 60+Community Centre, we will have our postponed Church/Beetle Drive and possibly a quiz. Our October afternoon meeting is on Wednesday 22nd October when our members will meet and welcome Deanery Indoor Members. We will be entertained by the Wedgewood Choir and will have Afternoon Tea provided by our own members. If you can help please let me know.

Four of us are looking forward to attending a MU Diocesan Sharing Day on Thursday 9th October at Garstang.

We continue to collect items for the Women's Refuges. They need any size of nappies, shampoos, conditioners and any cleaning items. They do accept some small kitchen electricals - they get them PAT tested before giving them out and also accept plates, bowls etc and pyjamas. When I visited last time I took a collection of crockery for which they were very grateful.

The theme for this month is "The Power of Reconciliation-Empowerment.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

Loving Lord, help us to remember that we are all created in your image and empower us to look for you in all others and especially in those that are different from us. Aiming to love our neighbour, help us to learn to live with the differences and to celebrate and cherish our diversity. Amen