

Dear Friend, Member of IMPC or Member who hasn't been able to attend meetings recently,

Bringing you up to date with our meetings, our 'Evening Planning' took place on 9th September. Then on Wednesday 24th September, our Opening Service was taken by Archdeacon Anne when the theme was 'Join Us, Join In.' The Evening MU had a Church/ Beetle Drive on Tuesday 14th October, then we welcomed Deanery Indoor Members to our meeting on Wednesday 22nd October and were entertained by the Wedgewood Choir with fifty of us enjoying afternoon tea together. Tuesday 11th November was a wet night but we enjoyed playing dominoes. On 26th November, Lisa Bickerton and Lisa Hall talked to us about Westmoreland Homecare and our Christmas lunch is fully booked for 17th December at the Blackpool Golf Club. Our December EMU will be a Jacob's Join at Jennie Sly's on 9th December and then we plan to have a Post Christmas meal at Bistro Italia on Tuesday 13th January.

We have received several thank you emails from the Women's Refuge. They are very grateful for all we collect. We are now collecting Christmas items for them. The MU has given chocolate Christmas angels to Messy Church at St Hilda's, JC Kids at St Chad's and to the Refuges.

Mothers' Union Subs are £32.50 only 50p more than last year to be collected early in the New Year.

Theme – Invitations and gifts *Isaiah 43vv1-4*

1But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen
(Henri Nouwen)

Festive Food and Drink Quiz

1. You might find 20p in this.
- 2 Old fisticuffs?
- 3 Don't serve these with gravy.
- 4 Withdrawal symptoms if cold?
- 5 Belgian growth spurts.
- 6 Don't put these on the fire.
- 7 Are these best cooked in goose fat?
- 8 'Thought about' festive warmer.
- 9 Wrap up these little porkies.
- 10 Dad cuts this vegetable.
- 11 Striped walking aids.
- 12 Money you can't spend
- 13 Not a long loaf
- 14 Choose your favourite from this variety pack.
- 15 Nothing trivial about this dessert

Humour

When you think of a dove

Old Trevor, the Horticultural Society Chair, was in church to find that the Vicar was preaching on the symbolism of the dove. "Tell me," he asked the congregation, "what do you think of when you see a dove?" Surely you must think of something when you see a lovely, white dove?" "Gentleness," called out a parishioner. "Purity," said another. Trevor couldn't restrain himself. "They eat my brussel sprouts!" he shouted.



In Facebook 22.10.25 by Susan Willoughby

Lovely afternoon spent with Poulton Deanery Indoor Members hosted by St Chad's MU. Wonderful music and poetry provided by the Wedgewood Singers, a very talented group of ladies followed, of course, by cakes. Thank you to June and all the ladies from St Chad's. So good to be together.

Actual children's versions of Christmas carols

"Joy to the world, the Saviour rains" "While shepherds washed their socks by night"
"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plane." "..sleep in heavenly peas";

Answers- Festive Food and Drink Quiz

- 1 Christmas Pudding
- 2 Rum Punch
- 3 Mince pies
- 4 Turkey
- 5 Brussel sprouts
- 6 Yule Log
- 7 Roast potatoes
- 8 Mulled wine
- 9 Pigs in blankets
- 10 Parsnips
- 11 Candy canes
- 12 Chocolate coins
- 13 Shortbread
- 14 Selection box
- 15 Trifle

Link- The Anglican Church of Kenya Nambale Diocese



On the 21st Sunday after Trinity, 26th October 2025, we gathered at St. Stephen's Church, Namboboto, for the Women's Ministry

Enrolment Service, presided over by The Rt. Rev. Isaiah Obuya, Bishop of the Diocese of Nambale. During the service, 330 women were enrolled into the Associates and 180 into the Women's Ministry. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the women who were enrolled. May they continue to be beacons of faith, love, and service within their families, the Church, and the community radiating the light of Christ wherever they go.



Savings Group Workshop in Nairobi

Our colleagues Sarah and Naomi met with Provincial Community Development Coordinators (PCDCs) and our partner Five Talents for a workshop reviewing the impact of our savings group work together.

Susan Willoughby said on Facebook, "We've made it as a diocese... thanks to the 45 branches (43 Bronze, 1 Silver and 1 Gold) that have taken up the challenge of the Rise Up campaign. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the victims of abuse and for so generously supporting refugees across the Diocese. Keep up the great work!"



St Chad's Branch was presented with the Silver Award for support of RISE UP against



Abuse for Refugees in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre on Sunday 30th November

May we be the first to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



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