

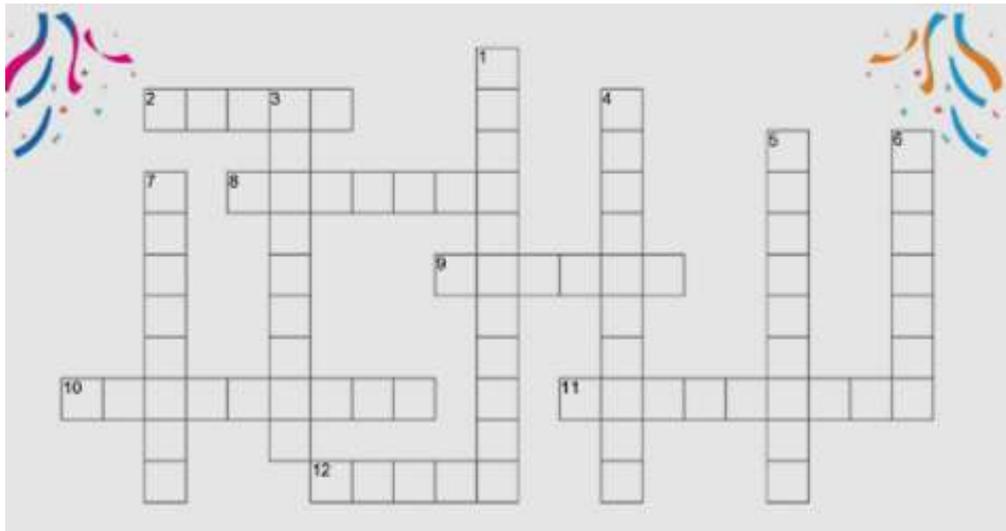
Dear Friend, Member of IMPC or Member who hasn't been able to attend meetings recently,

Bringing you up to date with our meetings, 18 of us had our Christmas lunch on 17th December at the Blackpool Golf Club. It was a lovely meal which we enjoyed together. Our next afternoon meeting will be on 28th January at 2pm when the talk is 'My Visit to Kenya'. We will have a collection and raffle for MU International (used to be Overseas).

Our December EMU was a Jacob's Join when 11 of us gathered at Jennie Sly's on 9th December. The Evening MU will not be meeting after our meal at Bistro Italia until Tuesday April 14th.

The Silver Award Certificate that we received on Sunday 30th November is now on show in Church. We have received several thank you emails from the Women's Refuge. They are very grateful for all we collected especially at Christmas..

Mothers' Union Subs are £32.50 only 50p more than last year to be collected now.



ACROSS

- 2. A mechanical or electrical device for measuring time.
- 8. 1st month of the year.
- 9. All the descendants of a common ancestor.
- 10. The point in time at which something starts.
- 11. Low explosive device used for entertainment.
- 12. A social gathering of invited guests.

DOWN

- 1. January 1st.
- 3. A white sparkling wine associated with celebration.
- 4. A firm decision to do or not do something.
- 5. Counting numerals in reverse order to zero.
- 6. People one knows and with whom one has a bond of mutual affection.
- 7. Twelve o'clock at night.

A note from East Lancashire Hospitals

A note to all of our knitters. We are so grateful for all of the beautiful knitted items we have received recently for our wards, we have been absolutely inundated with knitted items and we can't thank you all enough. However, people have been so generous with their knitting donations that our wards have actually run out of room!



Theme –The Selfless love of Christ – Believe in Him John 3v16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life..."

God of love – we thank you for your universal and limitless love. Strengthen our belief and faith as Christians. We strive to serve you and to make you known where you are not. We pray for those who do not know you and need to hear that you love them. We pray that they will experience your love, feel your presence and hear your Word. In Jesus' Name. Amen

**Answers- Crossword
ACROSS**

- 2.Clock
- 8.January
- 9.Family
- 10.Beginning
- 12.Party

DOWN

- 1. New Year's Day
- 3.Champagne
- 4.Resolution
- 5.Countdown
- 6.Friends
- 7.Midnight

Some humour for Lent and from Church notices

I've been trying to give up innuendo for Lent
But it's so hard, and longer than I realised

Next year I'll give up spreadsheets for 40 days and 40 nights.
It's going to be Excel Lent

Accidental Church Notices
Don't let worry kill you off-- let the Church help

Link- The Anglican Church of Nambale Diocese, Kenya

11.01.26 Good to see the MU banner being displayed at the confirmation service in Nambale



A MU banner in Nigeria



New USA Provincial President

On 10 January 2026, Rev. Dr. Ebele Okonkwo Onuigbo was installed as MU USA Provincial President, alongside the Executive Members for 2026–2028, at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Maryland.

In her address, Rev. Dr. Onuigbo called members to reflect on their shared calling to serve Jesus, reminding us that Mothers' Union moves forward as one body, united in purpose. She echoed the vision of Mary Sumner and the words of our Worldwide President Kathleen Snow, "We are stronger together."

We thank God for His blessings. [#GoodNewsTuesday](#)

Kicking off York Diocese year of 150th parties at Thornton-Le-Dale. Cake cut by Jane (a member for 1 hour) and Beth (member for 55 years)



I saw some snowdrops at St Anne's Singleton and I think there are some at St Chad's too. I always find seeing them a joy that spring is on the way. We may have to wait a while but snowdrops can push their way through, even when it's wet and cold. Lent begins on 18th February. Let us in the Mothers' Union keep a Holy Lent and look forward to God's forgiveness and true joy.

June