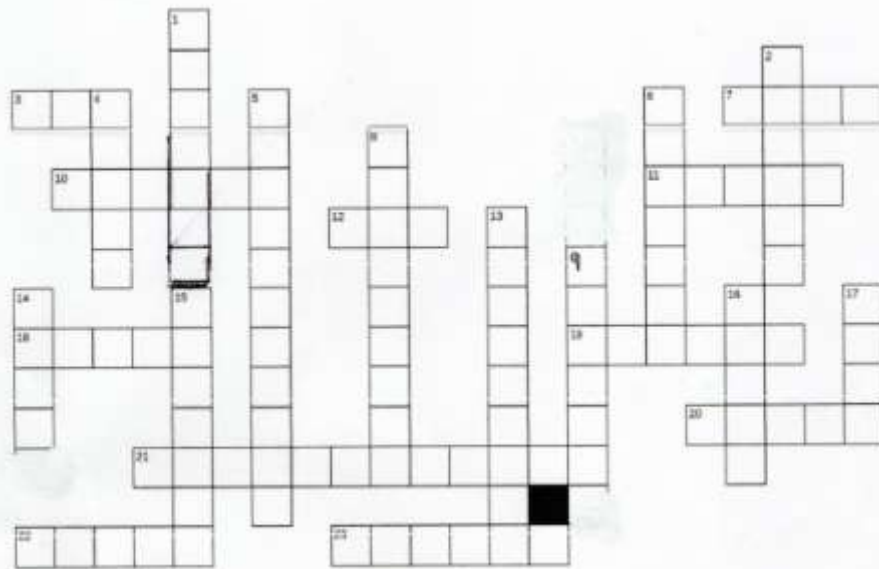


Dear Friend, Member of IMPC or Member who hasn't been able to attend meetings recently,

Bringing you up to date with our meetings, our Evening Post Christmas meal was at the Bistro Italia when 9 of us enjoyed a lovely meal on 13<sup>th</sup> January. On 28<sup>th</sup> January, I gave a talk about My Visit to Kenya when 24 people attended. 15 members attended the MU AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to our Lent Talk by Rev David Dewey on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We start our EMU again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at 60+ Community Centre when we will have a Quiz. Then on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we will have a talk about Coast Watch. We are planning an Open Celebration on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for our 150 years of MU. We hope this will be a time of fun and information.



**Easter Crossword ACROSS**

- 3 Something we hunt for at Easter.
- 7 The Sunday when people wave branches for Jesus.
- 10 Easter eggs are carried in this.
- 11 A colour that is clean and bright.
- 12 The one Christians believe made everything.
- 18 The month when Easter often happens.
- 19 A fancy hat at Easter.
- 20 A cute animal with long ears.
- 21 Jesus coming back to life.
- 22 The shape where Jesus died.
- 23 The season when it gets warmer and flowers grow.

**DOWN**

- 1 A baby hen showing new life.
- 2 The day Christians celebrate Jesus being alive again.
- 4 Green stuff on the ground.
- 5 A sweet roll with a cross on top.
- 6 Someone or something just born.
- 8 Easter eggs are made of this.

- 9 When you become a Christian you are...
- 13 Something your family does yearly.
- 14 Jesus was buried there.
- 15 Bright plants that bloom in spring.
- 16 God's Son-He died and rose again.
- 17 Very special to God

**Theme –** Waiting in love / Love is patient

*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*  
Isaiah 40.31

Lord Jesus, in the silence of the tomb, wrapped in linen cloths of love and tears, you gave your all that we might see the new dawn beyond the grave. Help us to wait with you in times of stillness, ready to awake with you in joy. Gracious God, for your love for us sure as the dawn like the first morning transforming our darkness revealing your truth, we give you thanks. In silence and in speaking, we worship you. Amen

**Some humour from the Bible**

- Did you know that there was a DJ in the Bible? *It was Jesus because he turned tables. (turntables)*
- Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible? *When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.*
- How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman? *By his net income.*
- Which Bible character had no parents? *Joshua, son of Nun (Joshua 1:1).*
- Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean? *Because he knew there was something fishy about it.*

**And for Easter**

- What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole on Easter morning? *Hot cross bunnies!*
- What did one Easter egg say to the other? *"You crack me up!"*



This year's Mothering Sunday featured Mothers' Union members from the Liverpool Diocese at Liverpool Cathedral for Songs of Praise on BBC One on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March as part of our 150th anniversary. During the filming, members recreated a typical Mothers' Union gathering, complete with conversation, craft and hospitality. At the centre of the meeting was the making and writing of handmade cards for people in local prisons. Through parenting courses and ongoing pastoral support, members in Liverpool seek to help parents maintain relationships with their children. When asked what Mary Sumner might think of Mothers' Union today, Sue River's answer was simple: "I believe she would be thrilled. We are still serving God in our communities, responding to need as Christ's hands and feet. While the organisation has grown and adapted over the years, we remain rooted in prayer and committed to sharing God's love in practical ways."



Church of Kenya- Nambale Diocese · Officials from the Western Region Mothers' Union gathered on 7th March 2026 for their meeting at the Diocesan Headquarters. In attendance were The Rt Rev. Rose Okeno, Bishop of the Kenya Diocese of Butere and Western Region M U Chaplain; Rev. Regina Obuya, Nambale Diocesan M U President; and Mama Ann Kascan, M U President of the Diocese of Maseno North. Also present were representatives from the Katakwa Diocese, Diocese of Mumias, and the Diocese of Bungoma.



The Provincial Service to celebrate 150 years of MU was at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Yvonne, our Deanery President is on the left with her daughter Clare. Also, the Blackburn Diocesan Banner with the York Province Banner

**Answers To Easter Crossword**  
ACROSS 3 Egg 7 Palm 10 Basket 11 White 12 God 18 April 19 Bonnet 21 Resurrection 22 Cross 23 Spring.  
DOWN 1 Chicken 2 Easter 4 Grass 5 Hot Cross Bun 6 Newborn 8 Chocolate 9 Reborn 13 Tradition 14 Cave 15 Flowers 16 Jesus 17 Holy.



Biodun Bakare from Kenya –said Mothering Sunday is always a beautiful moment in the life of the Church. It is a day to pause and honour the quiet strength, sacrifices, and prayers of mothers who hold families and communities together. When we think about the word MOTHER, every letter tells a story of the life she lives every day.

- M – Maker of a Home
- O – Overflowing with Love
- T – Tireless in Sacrifice
- H – Helper and Healer
- E – Enduring Strength
- R – Root of Nurture and Righteousness



May the joy of Easter warm us, and radiate from us, as we journey through our days.

**June**