

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings.

Our Lent Talk about William Tyndale was very interesting and was made by Rev David Dewey on Wednesday 25th March and was attended by 15 people. We started EMU again on Tuesday 14th April when we had a Quiz on Wildflowers when 9 came. Then on Wednesday 22nd April, Stuart Gay and David Johnson showed slides and talked about Coastal Watch when 19 attended. On Tuesday 12th May, 13 came to the meeting and had a great time sharing photos about family weddings and memorabilia.

As I said at the AGM, the MU Diocese of Blackburn is suggesting that we be part of the 150th Anniversary Appeal. This is for Central Mothers' Union and for the MU Blackburn Diocese Caravan. It is hoped to replace the caravan for Away From It All in time for the 2027 season. It is suggested that each branch try to raise £150 during the year and the trustees have offered matched funding.

One suggestion to raise money was that at our next afternoon meeting we pay our £2 but add a donation of whatever amount you want to give as you come to the meeting.

Four of us were able to attend the service at St Michael's Grimsargh on Tuesday 28th April when the MU prayer capsule, which is travelling around Mothers' Union Dioceses for the 150th Anniversary, was presented to Blackburn Diocesan MU from the Isle of Man Diocesan MU.

We are planning an Open Celebration on Wednesday 22nd July for our 150 years of MU. We hope this will be a time of fun and information.

We continue to collect items for the Fylde, Wyre and Blackpool Women's Refuges and a Men's Refuge. They are very grateful for all we collect.

The theme for June is Join in Come On and Celebrate!

¹Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do. "Respect your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise added: "so that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land."

Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, bring them up with Christian discipline and instruction.

Ephesians 6vv1-4

Thank you for our families and for the gift of children. Help all parents to care diligently for their children putting their interests before their own and trusting You to meet their needs and keep them safe. We thank you too for all church-based toddler groups during this national month of prayer for toddler groups. We celebrate the many MU members who provide help and support in these groups, sharing their faith in action. Amen

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