

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

Three of us also managed to go to the celebration of our 150th Anniversary at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday 8th August at 2pm. It was an uplifting service and a great joy to see the Diocesan Banner carried into the Cathedral. The banner was produced by the St Chad's Embroiderers guided by Anne Riley in 2002. Banners from branches across the diocese were displayed around the cathedral. They also had exhibitions, one was the 'Souls of our Shoes' containing a selection of shoes belonging to those who had suffered controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse. Another had knitted chains to raise awareness of modern slavery. Another was an exhibition of historic MU pictures including a number from our parish.



We look forward to the Deanery Festival at St Chad's Church on Wednesday 23rd September at 2pm when some members will receive Long Service Certificates.
On Tuesday 13th October at the Teanlowe 60+Community Centre at 7.30pm, Stephanie Selby who is local to Poulton will talk about writing children's books.
Then on Wednesday 28th October Judith Beeston will speak to our afternoon group at 2pm at the Poulton Methodist Hall as Edith Rigby (Suffragette) It sounds an interesting talk!
Finally the Evening MU will meet on 10th November to do some Advent crafts..
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.

Quiz ..Bible Characters Write the number next to the name

No.

1 This man built an ark to survive a great flood.	Daniel	
2 A young shepherd defeated a giant with a sling and stone	David	
3 This man led the Israelites out of Egypt.	Esther	
4 This prophet was swallowed by a great fish after running from God.	Jonah	
5 This man survived a night in a lions' den because he refused to stop praying.	Joseph	
6 This young man received a colourful coat from his father.	Joshua	
7 This queen bravely approached the king to save her people.	Moses	
8 This woman laughed when told she would have a child in old age.	Noah	
9 This leader marched around Jericho until its walls fell down.	Ruth	
10 This Moabite woman remained loyal to Naomi.	Sarah	

Theme –Peace and Reconciliation- Peace in our hearts and our world
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
(John 14:27)

God of Peace, plant your peace within our hearts and let it flow into our world. Give us the peace that Christ promises, calming our fears and strengthening our hope. Where there is conflict, bring understanding; where there is division, bring unity. Help us to be instruments of your peace. Amen.



Happy Birthday to the Mary Sumner building!

First opened in 1925, the building was named in honour of Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union. This year feels especially significant as we celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union. As we reflect on our history and look ahead to the future, we give thanks for Mary Sumner's legacy and for all those who have carried her vision forward over the past century and a half. From its beginnings as the headquarters of a growing movement to its continued role at the heart of our work today, the Mary Sumner building remains a symbol of faith, service and community.

Some light humour

Which Bible character had no parents? Joshua, son of Nun.

Church notices

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



New CEO Mothers' Union has announced the appointment of Alison Marshall as the new Chief Executive of Mothers' Union.

Alison brings more than 30 years of experience in international development, advocacy, campaigning and charity leadership to the organisation, as Mothers' Union looks ahead to the next chapter of its worldwide mission

Answers to Bible Characters

Daniel	5
David	2
Esther	7
Jonah	4
Joseph	6
Joshua	9
Moses	3
Noah	1
Ruth	10
Sarah	8

Creating floor mats as part of the Mary Sumner celebrations in Southern Africa



It's been wonderful to see how MU members all over the world have been celebrating our 150th Anniversary. Recycled plastic bags into mats? Very creative!!

St Mary's Droylsden



To mark the 150th anniversaries of both Mothers' Union and St Mary's CofE Primary School in Droylsden, Manchester, MU members and pupils joined forces to support vulnerable patients in their local community. Together, they created 150 hygiene care packs for patients arriving at Tameside Hospital without essential personal items.

Celebrating 70 years of faith fellowship and service in Guyana



The Mothers' Union of Christ the King Anglican Church recently marked its 70th anniversary with a special celebration honouring its history and those who have faithfully served over the years. A highlight of the occasion was the presentation of a plaque to Sister Desiree Saul in recognition of her

remarkable 40+ years of dedicated service to Mothers' Union.

I hope you have enjoyed seeing all the photos in this edition of IMPC News. It has certainly been an eventful year celebrating the MU. Best wishes

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