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Durham Diocese Newsround Autumn Winter 25/26

150 YEARS

Join us, Join in

Presidents Letter.

Hello to Members and Friends
I hope you have had a good summer and now refreshed.
I am now in the role (again!) as Diocesan President. I ask for your prayers and support. We will be there for each other, as we join together at an exciting time for Mothers Union. God Bless .x A new season of colour and change, always comes around in a wonderful world we live in.
Not so for the homeless, Refugees and those through war, prisoners, bereaved, others with no family care. A silent pressure, - empty times ahead!
This where we as Mothers Union members come into action. Support in communities, food banks, housing associations, refuges and more. Talking, listening, visiting. Acceptance of All people, in All situations.
2026. Mother's Union celebrates 150 years of voluntary service. Our Founder Mary Sumner's vision continues today. Through, our actions and achievements, observed through work, action and progress. But! with similar issues as 150 years ago.
Galatian's.6.9: 'And let not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up'.
Mothers Union is a progressive organisation where change is powerful and effective.
Worldwide President Kathleen Snow requested a visit to Durham, alongside Provincial President Christine Sharp and Zonal Trustee Dr. Deb Lee. They were amazed at our branch work at Low Newton prison and its development.
Afterwards On meeting all Diocesan Trustees and observing the display of all projects took away new ideas for their areas!
All of this work is because of all members interested and generosity.
Psalm. 107.v37. '. Enhance change in glorious splendour. Reminds us to accept and flow with change'.
150 years celebrations. A program for all to participate in. Services, events, fundraising at Diocesan/ deanery/ branch level. To include a Time Capsule. Encourage new members.
Deanery/ branch leaders will be kept updated to pass on information.
Do not be worried or anxious, we will enjoy this time together.
Thank you for all that you do for Mothers Union.
Through God's Grace, we continue in Prayer, Hope and Love for another 150 years.

As we enter into Advent preparation to greet a baby destined to be The King of Kings, The Prince of Peace. May the spirit of His love be with you and those you love at this Christmas season. God Bless. x

Happy Christmas and A Healthy 2026.
My Love and Prayers.
Kathleen.x

150th ANNIVERSARY 2026

Mothers Union celebrates 150 years and there is great deal to celebrate.!

Prayer. Special Services and Festival Service Projects. Membership growth. Fund Raising efforts. Provincial Time capsule! Members will be kept up to date.

Diocese Diary dates: Cathedral Festival Service: June 16th. 2pm.
MU 150th Capsule: Receive from Newcastle Sunday 17th May to Durham. - to Sunday 24th May. Then delivered onto Leeds Diocese. Sunday to Sunday.
Main celebration service at St Paul's Cathedral 10th June at 5pm.
Annual Gathering Meeting. 11th June. 10-30am The Emmanuel Centre London (next door to Mary Sumner House).

Still awaiting confirmation re tickets.
An exciting time ahead for us all to be together.
Deanery /and Branch Leaders will be updated to pass onto members as necessary.
This a time for Praise, and celebration for all that we do. For our Founder Mary Sumner whose vision continues today.
Thanks be to God.

Members of All Saints Newton Hall MU enjoyed a lovely summer meal at the Godfather, West Rainton.

Festival Service Durham Cathedral, June 17th

Janice Clasper writes:
I met Kathleen Wilson when I went to see my granddaughter sing with her school choir at an N.S.P.C.C. event in the Cathedral. They had a table with leaflets etc on, and Kathleen asked me what I thought of it and could we do something similar. I was impressed and after several chats we decided to do a MU table at the Festival Service, with our leaflets, prayer books, merchandise trustees have bought in the past and samples of projects that are being done in the Diocese. Janice Hardman and myself set this up and were able to answer several questions about projects. Quite a few people were interested and also surprised by the variety, proving that we don't just make tea.
We were very pleased to have our Provincial President Christine Sharp looking at our table and she was very happy to have a photo in front of our stall.
We will use what we have learned this year to make a good display for next years 150th Anniversary of Mothers' Union.
Look forward to seeing you there.

Christine Sharpe, Provincial President

Janice Hardman and Janice Clasper

Julie Elesy President, Barbara Hall and Liz Swinburn all St Andrews

Liz Swinburne writes:

Durham Diocese Mothers Union Festival Service June 17th, 2025, Bishop Frank White and the Reverend Norma Clee made the introduction to very well attended Durham Cathedral. The parade of Banners was a marvellous sight, while the Hymn Lord, the light of your love is shining a wonderful ending to the Service

Friday July 25th, 2025

A lovely sunny day for the Commissioning of Provincial President Christine Sharp and Provincial Chaplain the Right Reverend Dr. John Thomson by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, at York Minster during Eucharist on the Feast of James the Apostle. Look at all those banners!

Rt Reverend Dr John Thomson, MU Provincial Chaplain & Kathleen Wilson

Kathleen and Val with banner & Archbishop of York

Linda, Val and Kathleen

We're running our Branch by rota!!!!

Sadly, our Branch Leader passed away earlier this year which obviously left a big hole to fill within the Branch.

Who was going to be Branch Leader? Lots of offers….no! I had been fronting our meetings for a little while but there was no way I could be permanent Branch Leader as I was already Branch Treasurer and also Diocesan Secretary and it really is not good practice for one person to do everything and …… I had a life outside MU!

I did make a list of what a Branch leader did, and we all discussed things at a branch meeting we came up with the following …..

We have a rota for making the refreshments each month, and for providing a raffle prize. We now have a rota for prayers and attending Deanery and Diocesan meetings. For our Branch it would mean someone attending a meeting once every four years. Not an onerous task. We also have two members who have taken on the task of arranging a programme of speakers for the year. Someone even offered to be the Social Secretary and arranges our summer and Christmas meals out and any other events etc.

We have a printed programme, and all the Rotas are included, so each month we all know who is doing what. I still front the meeting to pass on any information, but the rota system works. If you are struggling looking for a Branch Leader, try running your Branch by rota. It's good for the branch that everyone is involved and it seems to work!

Linda Murdie, All Saints Newton Hall.

Deadlines for Newsround 2026 are

20th February
5th June
2nd October
Please send entries to:

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REST IN PEACE

PATRICIA WILBERT
17 March 1938 – 30 June 2025

Egglescliffe Mothers' Union are sad to report that their beloved Member (and Branch Leader for many years) has recently died. The funeral took place at Egglescliffe on Monday 4th August 2025.

Pat was a devoted member of our Church and passionate about the Mothers' Union. Whilst her loving and loved husband was first in her thoughts until the end (he is in a Nursing Home in Billingham) she had a wonderful family who she adored, and we send our heartfelt sympathy to them.

Pat is remembered in our church congregation as someone who would help with anything – particularly if it involved baking and her Lemon Drizzle Cake will not be forgotten. For many years she was involved with young children in the church – she began to be known by them as *Auntie Pat,* and this nickname remains amongst us all as we think of her now.

May she rest in peace.
From our present Branch Leader, Judith, and all the members of our Branch.

I am sorry to have to write to you with more sad news from Egglescliffe. We lost our Member, Sheila Mary Hathaway on 18th August 2025 at 81years old. We were intending (and she knew about this) presenting her with a certificate for 30 years membership of our branch at our first meeting (actually today) but instead, Red. Sylvia Wilson who took funeral service handed over the certificate to her husband at an appropriate moment in the service.

REST IN PEACE

In April Mamie Simmons, our Branch Leader at All Saints Newton Hall passed away. Her funeral took place at All Saints Church. Mamie was a faithful member of the church, having served in many roles over the years.

She was also the driving force in making our MU banner and she was never short of needles and thread. Her handiwork will always be remembered.

She served the parish of Newton Hall and Framwellgate Moor as a councillor for many years and was on the board of governors of a number of schools. She was so proud when she became Mayor of Durham and as a branch, we were all at the cathedral for her induction service.

At her funeral service we learned so much more about Mamie, she was one of eight children, she loved sport, had been to many cup finals, and also to Wimbledon. Her passion for the care of children and families was always on show, and she is sadly missed.

The members of St. Luke's Hartlepool recently held an open afternoon and invited Kathleen Wilson to give a talk on the work being carried out by the members of the HMP Low Newton Branch. I must say we all found it very interesting and informative. After our usual tea and cake Kathleen presented long service awards to the following members Mary Fletcher, Mary Scott and Joan Mills.

Holy Trinity Southwick Linda Ferries and friends from Jarrow deanery.
Members and friends together a wonderful day at Beamish Museum. Thank you to Mark Austin for the arrangements.

Group photo.

A visit down the mine!

Holy Trinity Southwick Mothers Union and Congregation Coffee Morning, for the 4Louis project (through our hospital support.) raised £2262.Plus 500 knitted hearts from MU Southwick and All Saints Fulwell A time of friendship and hospitality together.
Kathleen Wilson.

Mary Sumner Day service 5th August at Waddington Street, Durham

A good attendance at the service.
Worship lead by Rev Norma Clee. Linda Ferries read the Gospel and Sue Begg lead the intercessions.
Norma spoke about our Founder Mary Sumner, her life and how Mothers Union started. We all learned something new!
Kathleen, informed members in 2026 is the 150th Anniversary of Mothers Union. We will all work to celebrate this wonderful occasion and progression throughout the organisation. Special times together.
Kathleen Wilson.
Diocesan President.

Members from St Andrews Chilton Moor attending Mary Summer Day Service

Durham Deanery Cathedral Prayer time (usually held each month in the Cathedral) is "on tour". Members at the September gathering at St Aidan's Framwellgate Moor. Last month was held at St Mary's Sherburn. Members from 5 branches in the Deanery attended. A light lunch afterwards added to our spiritual nourishment. Next month we'll be visiting All Saint's, Newton Hall.

St. Paul's, Spennymoor Mothers' Union enjoying an Afternoon Tea at Bishop Auckland Town Hall.

Our Afternoon Tea at Bishop Auckland Town Hall was instead of our usual monthly July meeting. There were 17 of us in total. We really enjoyed the social time together. There was plenty on offer to eat and drink, so much so that we took the remaining food home with us. Thanks to Barbara for organising this event and for taking our photographs."

Mrs Park, a Reader at St John's Burnhope and our Treasurer had the experience of a lifetime on 17th April - Maundy Thursday when she received two purses from King Charles 111.

All Saints Fulwell Ladies Fellowship.
Leader Linda Hughs Treasurer Susan. Evelyn Gardner Treasurer. and Kathleen Wilson.
Members presenting a donation for Mothers Union funds after Kathleen's talk on the Royal Garden Party.

St Aidan's and St Cuthbert's MU, Durham, and friends who enjoyed a day out in Whitby. After our glorious summer the weather was a little inclement, but that did not dampen our spirits.

Durham Cathedral Volunteer Badges.

Appreciation to Volunteers. St Cuthbert Cross badge. Volunteers and Mothers Union members with their badges.

Susan Carter. Gold for 20 years' service. Christine Thompson and Kathleen Wilson. Silver for 10 years plus.

Holy Trinity Branch Southwick enjoyed a delicious Strawberry Tea. A presentation of bronze certificate for 'Rise Up against Domestic Violence' was well accepted. With a promise to continue support

Long time member Beryl Wilson receiving flowers from Worldwide President Kathleen Snow on her visit to the diocese.

St Paul's Winlaton branch pictured after update on Low Newton Branch

Wave of Prayer Service 2025

Please join in with the words in bold type

Welcome and gathering

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God. *John Stott, theologian*

Welcome to our Mothers 'Union Wave of Prayer Service. We gather to give thanks for our Wave of Prayer links across the world and for the privilege of prayerful support that we both give and receive. We gather to commit ourselves afresh to upholding our unity in prayer in the year ahead.

Call to worship

God, your name is known everywhere; all over the earth people praise you. Your right hand is full of goodness. *Psalm 48:10*
Lord of all the earth, we come to worship with thankful hearts.
Let us praise his name together. Amen

Opening hymn - Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives

Prayer of preparation

With thankfulness and love we take our place
in the family of Mothers 'Union worldwide.
Open our eyes to the significance of relationship
with members worldwide; with those known to us or not.

With support and love we reach out
to our sisters and brothers across the world.
we share vision and values; wherever we may live.

In unity and love we link hands with our worldwide family of God.
Unite us in worship; build us in service, as together we seek to share your love.
In Jesus' name. Amen

Confession

Merciful Lord,
who died that we may be accepted into the family of God,
forgive us for the times when our love for each other is strained,
when the bonds between us are loose.
Forgive us when we choose to ignore the joys of shared relationship
and focus on weakness and strife.
Help us to change our selfish ways that we may love God and his
children with all our hearts. Amen

Absolution

May our heavenly Father open wide his arms in loving forgiveness and grace. May we know the joy of restored relationship
with God and his people. **Amen**

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-22

For this reason, I fall on my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its true name. I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love. Yes, may you come to know his love—although it can never be fully known—and so be completely filled with the very nature of God.
To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-31

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?' The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.'

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, O Lord.
This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn - Brother, sister let me serve you

Thanksgiving and intercessions

As we come to give thanks for Mothers' Union Worldwide, and particularly for our link dioceses, may God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

Loving Lord, we bring to you our praise for the fellowship and prayer support
that we have through our links with Namibia; Mount Kenya South; Northern Izon & Ijebu North in Nigeria

We thank you for the times when we have built relationship through sharing and visits.
We thank you for the times when lack of news has driven us to pray and intercede.

We give thanks for the blessing of being united in prayer with Namibia; Mount Kenya South; Northern Izon & Ijebu North in Nigeria

We pledge to continue to remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

Loving Lord, help us to appreciate the blessings
of being united together in the family of God.
Let us ever be ready to intercede for each other
for God's assistance and protection.
May God encourage us in heart and unite us in love.

We pray for all members.
May God be with them in every part of their lives,
encouraging them and leading them, sheltering and strengthening them
so they may work to your praise and glory. **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

God was in Christ, offering peace and God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

As we share God's peace together we also reach out in peace to those with whom we are linked across the world.
The peace of the Lord be with you:
and also with you.

We offer each other a sign of peace

Final Hymn - God is working his purpose out

Final blessing
Lord, as we have celebrated your goodness together,
may our unity deepen and grow.
We are the family of God.
His love draws us in to himself and out to one another.
We reach out as your hands across the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen

We say the Grace together

Christian care for families worldwide

LOW NEWTON BRANCH NEWS

It has been a very busy time for the branch.

Worldwide President Kathleen Snow on visiting the province requested a visit to the Diocese and Low Newton Prison branch. In attendance with Kathleen at the prison were, Provincial President Christine Sharp and Zonal Trustee Dr. Deb Lee. An exciting time. They were astounded at the branch progress. Were introduced to Rev Rebecca and Julia (education support) Kathleen admitted 2 new members (an emotional time for the women) read prayers, and one to one prayer time with a member. They enjoyed the singing and chatted to everyone as we all enjoyed a strawberry tea at 10-30am!

An escorted visit around the prison and workshops. In the sewing room each chose a gift. Peg bag or light shopping bag made by the women. A chat with the Governor who spoke highly of MU and their support given to the women.

On behalf of the branch, the women presented gifts to all three and specially written prayers Thank you's galore!

Prayer written at Low Newton branch and given to WWP Kathleen Snow. PP Christine Sharp and Zonal Trustee Deb. Lee

Loving Lord
We thank you for gathering us all to be together in our lovely welcoming meetings and along all our ways.
We thank you for the gift of life and all the friendships we share with each other.
We thank you for the Mothers' Union and for the time and help they give to us and others.
We thank you for our Chaplains, for the support and help they give and for always being with us along with Mothers' Union. They are a wonderful branch to be with.

We thank you for our branch facilitators, for making our meetings possible.
We thank you for the gift of creation and for our surroundings.
We are grateful for life and family and friends and for all those around us.
We pray for the Mothers' Union and are pleased to see them on a regular basis.
We give thanks for the power of prayer.
We thank you for our chaplaincy who support us in prison and help us worship and give us hope.
We give thanks for our friendships in prison.

We thank you for allowing us to meet every month with the Mothers' Union and for enabling their work to continue with us as we leave here.
We pray for the Mothers' Union worldwide, and we thank you for all the good work they do for families everywhere.

We make these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A privilege to all involved. A special time, for the women to treasure and remember.

Follow that! The following meeting a little quieter, apart from singing their favourite hymns and songs. Members are updated on MU especially 150th Anniversary where they want to be involved.
Thank you to members, families and friends for your continued prayers and support to the branch. We continue to help prisoners on release where we can.
Contacts for MU meetings etc.
Thank you for toiletries and refreshments. All appreciated.

Now looking ahead. Donation has been sent to the Angel Tree Christmas Gift Appeal. Helps buy gifts for prisoners' children in Low Newton.

Christmas cards for distribution to the women. Thank you to all members for their support in purchasing the cards for prisoners and their families.

For the women's gifts! An appeal for socks, if you can contribute that would be lovely. Christmas, a difficult time for the women, separated from families have support of listeners

A Prayerful Poem from Low Newton at Christmas

Written collaboratively by the members of the HMP Low Newton branch of the Mothers' Union

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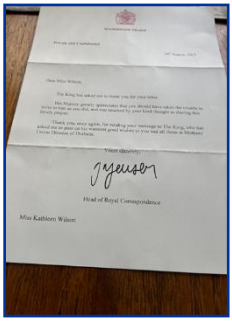
The Churches are full of carol singing as we celebrate the coming of Christmas.

Wintertime is fresh and new; wrap up warm and have a walk!
See the brightness from the snow, and footprints you can see from animals.
Pray for all the animals; keep them safe and hope they find somewhere warm.
Keep the wildlife safe when the weather is harsh.

With Christmas time here, keep our loved ones and friends – the world! – near and dear.
Stop all the violence. Spread lots of cheer.

In Winter, leaves fall, but our branch remains tall.
The Mothers Union prays together, that's why we stay together.
Snowy nights and winter sun; Jesus, please keep us as one
in family, love and peace. Keep our hearts warm, and safe.

A Thankyou letter from His Majesty The King for the prayers sent to him. Prayers composed at Low Newton branch meeting, our prayer branch.



Dear Miss Wilson
The King has asked me to thank you for your letter
His Majesty greatly appreciates that you should have taken the trouble to write to him as you did and was touched by your kind thought in sharing this lovely prayer.
Thank you, once again, for sending your message to The King, who has asked me to pass on his warmest good wishes to you and all those at Mothers' Union of Durham.

Special prayers as we all welcome the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace. JESUS!
Love and God Bless.
Kathleen Wilson. X

Never underestimate an "MUme"

In my visits around the Diocese, I have learned NEVER to underestimate Mothers' Union members. I have met amazing members –

During WW2 a young lady and her friends were walking through London, it began to rain heavily so they darted into what turned out to be The Windmill Theatre. There were auditions taking place and somehow, they all became involved, and this person was hired… now that was a shock to her. I think it was fascinating.

Again during WW2 a mother and her family (husband and 3 young children) were living in Belgium when it fell to the German army. This lady managed with great difficulty to travel, with her children, across Europe in wartime to get home to England. She didn't elaborate but said it was difficult to find food and shelter and to get transport while staying safe. What a story.

Some members go (and have gone for some years) into school very regularly to support children with literacy and numeracy, go on school outings or serve as school governors, this is real commitment.

I know of others who go the extra mile to help fellow members who are ill or housebound and have done for a number of years with visiting, shopping and transporting them to social events, church, M.U., hospital.

In one branch there is a very special guy who is a member. He is so pleasant, faithful and willing to help in any way he can. He is a really dedicated member who has no problem continually meeting with a group of ladies because he firmly believes in the work of Mothers' Union. What a treasure.

We've got branch leaders, MUe , secretaries and treasurers who have been in position for many, many years and the organisation is enriched by their experience and dedication indeed, without these (mostly ladies) there would be no M.U. You can add to this all the work members do for their individual churches – cleaning, catering, Messy church and Open the Book, music making and assisting priests.

This is definitely NOT a definitive list and if you feel you know, or are, someone who has been left out then please write an article and tell us about them.

Yes, MU members are incredible, faithful and generous, next year we'll asking for a little extra. Of course it will be no problem for us. 2026 marks 150 years of continual service by MU members and Mary Sumner House has asked us to celebrate it in as many ways as we can think of… one idea which has been put forward is to make 150 scarves / hats/ fingerless mittens for a Seafarers. Some would think this is a big ask, I disagree. It will be done. How about we have a display of them all at the Festival Service next year.. that would be brilliant. I might add to those 150 bars of chocolate .. well, I would wouldn't I??
If you doubt we can do this I repeat… NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN MUme

Norton St Mary's MU, photos from our Strawberry Tea on 9 July in church with invited guests. A lovely afternoon tea was enjoyed by everyone at our meeting before our summer break. Val Swansbury

Houghton Mothers Union enjoying afternoon tea at South Causey Inn.

This made me think

I was listening to a radio programme recently; it was about the amount of waste clothing that was being sent to Ghana. The t.v. presenter Ade Adepitan made a documentary about this subject a couple of years ago; the image has stayed with me. As far as the eye could see on the screen was filled with miles of clothing heaped high (unfortunately, I couldn't find a photo of the Ghanian market, clearly it is a problem across Africa). Apparently, the clothes that charity shops don't want are shipped out to African countries where ladies buy bundles, unseen, and then remake or sell on. Unfortunately, a large amount of clothes are too old/ thin/ stained/damaged or are made of polyester, which is uncomfortable in the extreme heat of Africa, but the ladies have bought them! Their hope was to create a business to provide for their families – dashed.

Mothers' Union is a campaigning organisation; we raise awareness about things we feel are wrong. I hope you agree that this practice goes against our aims and objects

To promote conditions to give a stable family life and to support families in adversity.

Do we need to be more careful about what we send to Charity shops, should we be expressing our feelings to the British government.

This made me think….. perhaps it will make you think too.

Away from it all

Thank you to all branches who have contributed to the AFIA fund this year. We have had 8 applications in the past twelve months – 7 of which came via social services. Please can every member be aware of families in need of a break in your own area – apart from being part of our promised commitments made when we became members, it is one way we can advertise MU in our communities, which will benefit everyone.

Carole Hopkinson

WOLSINGHAM MU 125

On September 24th, Wolsingham Mothers' Union celebrated its 125th anniversary. With a special service, provided by the rector, Rev. Jon Whalley, in the parish church. It was attended by branch and deanery members and clergy, as well as diocesan trustees and members of the local community. Refreshments afterwards included a special cake, decorated by branch member, Jessie Pickering. The collection was taken for diocesan projects.
Carole Hopkinson

Photos taken during Worldwide presidents visit we while had a cup of tea and gave them a chance to see some of our projects. Beryl Wilson our senior Trustee presented gifts from Diocese to Kathleen Snow Worldwide President; Christine Sharp Provincial President and Deb Lee Zonal Trustee

Houghton Mothers Union Summer of Hope event sharing an afternoon tea and entertainment from Sunderland Male voice choir.

On Saturday 30 August Stockton Deanery held their annual coffee morning in St Mary's Parish Hall. It was a beautiful morning, and we raised £328 for MU Charities.

Ladies from Norton St Michael's hosting the successful tombola stall

ladies from Norton St Mary's selling the super raffle ticket

Ladies from St Peter's Wolviston serving the delicious refreshments

We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died

Susan Carr	80yrs	St Thomas Harelaw
Jean Hodgson	94yrs	St. Paul's Winlaton
Sheila Mary Hathaway	81yrs	Egglescliffe
Patricia Wilbert	87yrs	Egglescliffe
Leanora (Lynn) Wingate	87yrs	All Saints, Monkwearmouth
Mary Reynolds	93yrs	All Saints, Monkwearmouth
Josie Gregory	90yrs	St. Aidan's & St. Cuthberts, Durham
Margaret Janet (Peggy) Robson	99 yrs	Consett
Mamie Simmons		All Saints, Newton Hall

Members receiving long service awards

Pat Guthrie	65yrs	St. Aidan's & St. Cuthberts, Durham
Eileen Clarkson	45yrs	St. Aidan's & St. Cuthberts, Durham
Heather Crook	35yrs	St. Aidan's & St. Cuthberts, Durham
Judith Gaughy	15yrs	St. Aidan's & St. Cuthberts, Durham

Congratulations to all who have celebrated special wedding anniversaries

Susan & Les Carter	50yrs	Holy Trinity Southwick
Eileen & Arthur Turnbull	60yrs	Holy Trinity Southwick
Linda & Raymond Hughes	60yrs	All Saints, Monkwearmouth
Gillian & John Peacock	30yrs	Consett
Jean & Lance Forster.	60yrs	Easington Village
Joan & Graham Hiscocks	65yrs	Norton St Mary's

Members who have celebrated special birthdays

Sheila Foster	90yrs	Stanhope
Doris Winlow	102yrs	Holy Trinity Southwick
Sheila Hutchinson	80yrs	Holy Trinity Southwick
Hilda Edger	90yrs	Burnmoor
Wendy Eggerton	90yrs	Burnmoor
Nancy Tait	95yrs	St. Aidan's & St. Cuthberts, Durham
Joy Eve	75yrs	St. Aidan's & St. Cuthberts, Durham
Joyce Flanagan.	75yrs	Consett
Val Page.	81yrs	Consett
Carole Pattison	87yrs	Sunderland Minster
Elizabeth (Betty) Malaugh	88yrs	Sunderland Minster
Rita Tait	90yrs	St. Mary's Sherburn
Loraine Dodds	80yrs	Easington Village
Hazel Wilson.	80yrs	Easington Village

To All New Members

Pauline Meek — St Thomas , Harelaw

Two members at Low Newton — Admitted by WW President Kathleen Snow.

Diary Dates 2026			
Council & AGM	10th March 26	Waddington Street	10.30am -1pm
IPCM	14th May 26	Cathedral	2pm
Festival Service	16th June 26	Cathedral	2pm
DL Lunch	14th July 26	Waddington Street	11am -1pm
Mary Sumner Day	11th August 26	Waddington Street	2pm-3.30pm
Council	20th October	Waddington Street	10.30am - 12.30pm

Join us
and
Join in!

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

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Join us, Join in