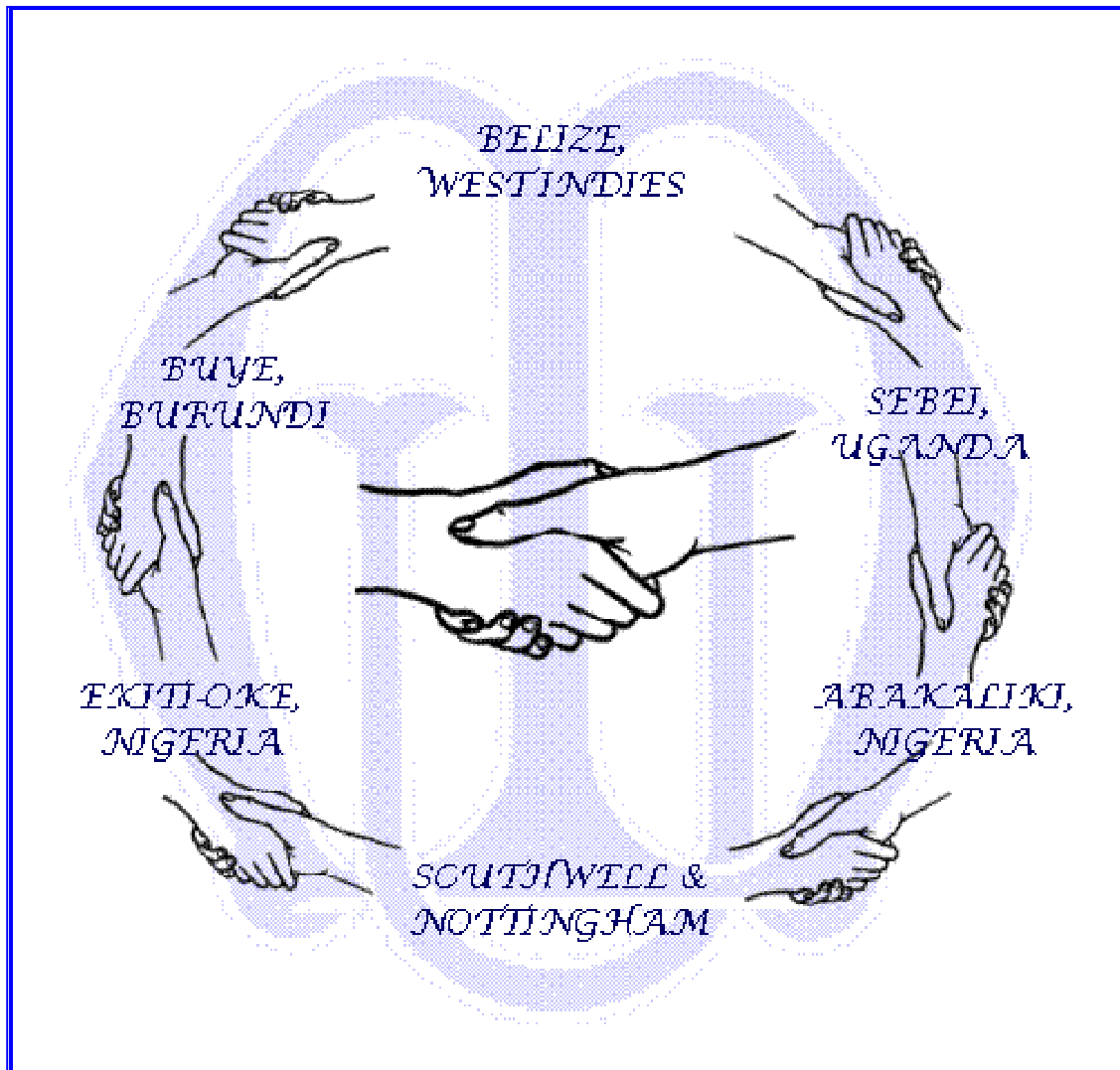


Our Link Dioceses



BUYE, BURUNDI

Number of MU Members 16,328

An Anglican presence was established in Burundi Province in the 1930s and Buye Diocese was formed in 1965, as a result of the rapid growth in the Anglican Church, due to the East African Revival.

The Church's major concerns include peace and reconciliation; teaching on advocacy, health education, literacy and financial education; and community development. It is committed to mission and evangelism and is keen to support theological education and training for the ministry.

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Faith is at the forefront of all Mothers' Union stands for and is a major part of all Mothers' Union activities. Activities include:



- ✦ Worship
- ✦ Spreading the Gospel of Christ
- ✦ Prayers for the sick
- ✦ Bible Studies

SEBEI, UGANDA

Number of MU Members 210,000

Sebei Diocese is located in Eastern Uganda on the slopes of Mount Elgon which covers the three Districts of Kapchorwa, Kween and Bukwo. The Diocese was created out of the Diocese of Mbale in December 1999 and currently has four archdeaconries. The terrain is predominantly hilly and many roads are impassable during the rainy season. The majority of the population in the region are farmers.

The Diocese has set up a Girls' Secondary School to support girls' education as well as a number of other Primary Schools and Secondary Schools. There are also Diocesan Women Poverty Alleviation Groups, Children Development Centres, Agricultural Projects and the process of opening up a Diocesan Guest House is underway.

ABAKALIKI, NIGERIA

Number of MU Members 60,000

The Anglican Church came to Abakaliki area in 1959. The Church was raised to parish status in 1964 and inaugurated as an archdeaconry in 1989. The Diocese was then inaugurated in December 1997 out of the Diocese of Enugu. The Diocese has eleven archdeaconries, twenty six parishes and one hundred and fifty churches, 75 of which were planted between 2000 and 2004.

The Mothers' Union, Women's Guild and Girls' Guild work closely together.

Problems that the members are faced with involve poverty, child neglect, illiteracy and early marriage.



EKITI-OKE, NIGERIA

Number of MU Members 60,000

The Diocese of Ekiti-Oke is located in the Ekiti State of Nigeria. The Diocese was officially inaugurated in 2004 and is one of the youngest dioceses in the Church of Nigeria.

The Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union is Mrs M Olubowale, the wife of the Diocesan Bishop.

Mothers' Union is active in the diocese. Members' outreach work revolves around educating and increasing awareness on the importance of family life, and the role that young people have to play. They provide conferences and help run four Anglican girls' hostels. Annual conferences are also run that use the yearly prayer theme.

Members also run Women's World Day of Prayer Services.

BELIZE, WEST INDIES

Number of MU Members 75

Belize is on the coast of Central America and the Diocese of Belize forming part of the Province of the West Indies. Climate change is a real concern for Belizeans as the country is susceptible to hurricanes and powerful storms. In October 2010 *Hurricane Richard* battered Belize causing widespread damage to public buildings, homes and to agriculture. Churches were also damaged and the Cathedral (home to the Mothers' Union office) was flooded.

Family life for some in Belize can be a struggle with the number of single headed households rising and large numbers of the population affected by poverty. The Church and Mothers' Union in Belize play a crucial role in supporting family life with a number of outreach and empowerment programmes.

Mothers' Union in Belize are in the process of launching the Worldwide Parenting Programme. While membership is small (75), the Mothers' Union plays an important role in the outreach of the wider church to the local communities. It is hoped that through the parenting programme, many more grassroots communities will be positively impacted through the work of Mothers' Union.



SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND

Number of MU Members 1,206

The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham is a network of over 300 churches in communities across Nottinghamshire and some parts of South Yorkshire. Nottinghamshire is the home of Sherwood Forest and the legend of Robin Hood but also of Boots the Chemist, the Bramley apple and, of course, Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. The majority of people live in the greater Nottingham conurbation in the southern part of the diocese, but the majority of the diocese is rural with 3 market towns. Most MU branches are in the rural areas.

There are 1206 Mothers' Union members in the Diocese. Among these there are a growing number of Diocesan members who do not feel able to commit to Branch meetings but wish to support the Objectives of Mothers' Union through prayer, fund-raising and volunteering in projects.

This year we remember our Link Dioceses in Prayer from
Thursday 17th - Saturday 19th September



Burundi: Buye: *CLOTHILDE, BIBIANE, DESIDERATA and JOSEPHINE*

Uganda: Sebei: *DIANA, MARGARET, LYDIA and VIOLA*

Nigeria: Abakaliki: *CHARITY*

Nigeria: Ekiti-Oke: *MARGARET*

West Indies: Belize: *LORNA*

England: Southwell and Nottingham: *LUCILLE*



Turning our Christian Values into Action

This year our summer Wheels Appeal is bigger than ever!

The money you raise will help people, both at home and abroad, who are refugees, survivors of abuse or living in poverty.

For example *Tomás**, from *Guyana*, found it impossible to find full-time work and developed a drinking habit as a result. This led to arguments with his wife and physical abuse. But joining Mothers' Union's Parenting Programme helped him to see that what he was doing was wrong. He also kicked his drinking habit so the family now has more money for food.

*Steph**, a single mother from the *UK*, recently came out of an abusive relationship but continued to receive threats from her children's father. Even though he was arrested, *Steph* was finding things difficult. So our members gave *Steph* and her children the opportunity to go on an *Away From It All* trip, offering them the chance to start healing and spend quality time together as a family

*(*Names have been changed to protect identity)*

HELP US KEEP THINGS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Together we've achieved a lot but there's still plenty to be done.

The staff at Mary Sumner House have produced a special new BIG WHEELS APPEAL pack which does a lot of the work for you. By the time you read this your Branch Leader will have received a pack for YOUR Branch to use. In it there is a photocopiable poster, photocopiable invitations, some lovely new recipes (you could bake and sell the cakes yourselves or raise money by selling the recipes to your friends at church and elsewhere for perhaps £1 each; they may want to sell the cakes for the appeal as well) and, best of all, FIFTEEN fund raising ideas "which will hopefully get your creative juices flowing." There are ideas to suit everyone there, ready and waiting.

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Mary Sumner Day

is on **Sunday August 9th** this year so you may like to take up the first idea on the list and have a proper AFTERNOON TEA. Pull out all the stops - ask your members and church friends to dig those lovely china tea sets with matching teapot, sugar bowl and milk jug from the backs of their cupboards and lend them to you so everyone can have a matching china place setting and individual tables can have their own teapot etc. And I'll be very surprised if, between you, you can't also produce pretty, embroidered table cloths for the tables - and some "tea" knives as well! Nor will there be any need to use plastic tea spoons!



I think many of you may have been treated to the Afternoon Tea Experience which is currently so popular, so you know the menu: dainty sandwiches with a variety of fillings, scones (with small pots of jam and cream on each table) and a selection of cakes and pastries.

Your 'waitresses' in pretty aprons can go round the tables with trays of each in turn, and another team can keep the teapots and milk jugs topped up.

Ask your guests to make a donation - but make sure they know the average tea room cost for afternoon tea is £15.... and it costs £60 at the Ritz!

If that doesn't grab you - I'm sure one of the other 14 ideas will.

PLEASE do something, large or small scale.

After your event, please send money to Graham Noon, cheques made payable to Mothers' Union, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese, marked Big Wheels Appeal (or BWA) on the back of the cheque.

Let's have fun AND change lives PLEASE.

Olwen

Coming up at Southwell Minster

17th August: A *Family Day* at the Minster, Archbishop's Palace and gardens. Fun for all from 11am-3pm with trails, games, refreshments and crafts. Everyone welcome.



No charge (donations welcome) and no pre booking needed.

8th September: *Discovery Day* for adults. History and faith meet at the stunning Medieval Cathedral and Archbishop's Palace in Southwell.

Join us for a day of discovery - a talk from Paul Hale, Rector Chori, "A Millennium of Music at the Minster". Your choice of workshops, tours or talks which include art, a trip up the central tower, a look at some rarely seen Minster treasures and a tour with the Cathedral Architect.

£7 per person, booking essential.

For more information about either event, and booking for the *Discovery Day*, contact the education team on education@southwellminster.org.uk or 01636817993 or Jubilee House, 8 Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JH



Wanted for 2016

*Vice President,
Newark Archdeaconry
and*

Faith & Policy Unit Co-ordinator



If you are interested in either of these two very worthwhile positions and would like more information please contact **Ann Hickman** (Newark Archdeaconry Vice President), **Olwen Kerswill** (Faith & Policy Unit Coordinator), **Lucille Porter** or **Alison Jacobson** (MU Secretary) and they will be only too willing to help you with any decision that you make.

Social Policy Update

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Social Policy

A report into their inquiry on violence against women and girls (VAWG) has been produced by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights. It suggests that the UK is not doing as much to combat VAWG domestically as it is abroad and it has suggested that the UK needs to improve this if it is to be seen as a world leader in this field. It suggests that local authorities need to do more to ensure there is adequate provision for survivors.

In March the Home Office released a review of progress made over the last few years in tackling VAWG. It highlights achievements in awareness-raising campaigns and policy reviews, and references the findings of the Bailey Review into the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood. It outlines funding made available both in the UK and overseas.

A report on the inquiry into Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) in England has recently been published. It recommends that PSHE with appropriate sex and relationships education (SRE) be made compulsory within all primary and secondary schools. Also recommended is to change SRE to 'relationships and sex education', placing the focus on relationships, with sex as part, rather than the other way round.

MU has worked alongside the Sex Education Forum, adding our voice to calls to the Government to ensure age appropriate and comprehensive sex education be provided to all children and young people, to give them the information they need to safeguard them from potential abuse, and to educate them about healthy and safe relationships.

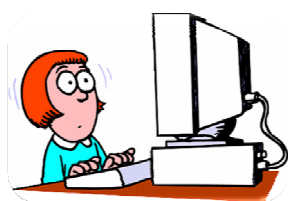
MU has published a report into the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood 2015. Research carried out amongst parents and MU members outlines the continuing impact the commercial world has on children, despite progress made since the launch of the Bye Buy Childhood Campaign in 2010. It received good coverage in both

mainstream and Christian press. Membership participation has been crucial to the success of the campaign.

An engagement pack has been produced with sections to help supporters **pray**, **be enabled** to take practical action, and **campaign** on the commercialisation of childhood
www.byebuychildhood.org Margaret Lewis, Social Policy Contact

How your LinkUp comes to you

No, we don't mean picking it up from your Branch Leader or a friend, by post or by email but *how each Edition is produced.*



About 3 weeks before the deadline

Julia sends out a reminder email to Unit Leaders and regular contributors. We always enjoy getting items from new contributors too! At the same time she recreates the front and back pages, in *MS Publisher*, with the new dates etc.

As emails come into mulinkup@gmail.com she then labels them and the contents are copied, pasted and formatted into either *MS Word* or *MS Publisher*.

During these 3 weeks she inserts the articles into Publisher, formats photos, and creates logos in *WordArt*. Submissions posted to us have to be typewritten into *MS Word* and checked again, which takes a little longer—we have had to decide that in future these items should be submitted a ***week earlier*** than the email deadline. Sometimes by the deadline date *LinkUp* is ready for the final editing. We then realise we have too much material, plead for extra pages and begin the difficult job of cutting down articles to fit.

After our final editing meeting we send it out to our dedicated band of proof readers (approximately 1 week after the deadline). The edits come back, are put in, and then we have a final check before Julia emails *LinkUp* to our Printer – Christian Duplicating Service, Nottingham. Justin works hard with his team to get *LinkUp* delivered to Deanery Leaders before the end of the month so that members can have them at the Archdeaconry Days.

We hope you enjoy reading your *LinkUp* and we look forward to all your future submissions. *Julia and Sophia*

Diary Dates June 2015 - beginning October 2015

June

Monday 1: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Nottingham Archdeaconry Day, St Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley, Nottingham

Thursday 4: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Newark Archdeaconry Day, St Paulinus, Ollerton

Monday 8 - Friday 12: - Time Travelling Key Stage 1

Wednesday 24: 10.00am – 12.00 AFIA - Jubilee House

Thursday 25: 7.30pm General Meeting Services Southwell Minster & St Mary's, Nottingham *Tickets required*

Friday 26: 10.30am General Meeting Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham
and 8pm "Mum's the Word" production at St. Mary's in the Lace Market *Tickets required for both (p4)*

Saturday 27: Installation of Bishop Paul Williams as 13th Bishop of the Diocese *Ticket required*

August

Wednesday 5: Service in London to mark the centenary of MSH.

Sunday 9: Mary Sumner Day *see article page 18*

September

Monday 7: 10.00am – 12.00 Action & Outreach Meeting - Jubilee House
12.00 – 2pm Marketing meeting Jubilee House - upstairs

Monday 14: 10.00 – 12.00 Finance & Admin Meeting - Trebeck-Conybeare

Thursday 17- Saturday 19: Wave of Prayer—local events everywhere

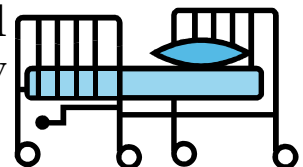
October

Thursday 1: 10.00am for 10.30am Newark Archdeaconry Day - Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

Monday 5: 10.00am for 10.30am Nottingham Archdeaconry Day - St Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley

Hospital Visits

If you know of a Mothers' Union member who is in hospital and would like a visit, please contact our MU Hospital Visitors organiser - *Sue Banks* at 247 Oxclose Lane, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6FB or on 01159266814 or at sue.banks7@btinternet.com. Please state the ward and send names in as soon as possible, as sometimes patients are transferred after a few days from the main hospital to a branch one. If you don't know the ward you need to know the address, date of birth and all Christian names (some people are known by their second name).



***Congratulations to all who are celebrating
Special Birthdays***

90th Birthday

Mrs. Irene Stokes 4th May - St. Mary's, Newstead

80th Birthday

Mrs Shirley Barnes 3rd July - St. Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield



***Congratulations to all who have recently married or
who are celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries***

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

June & Colin Shock 18th June - Wollaton

Daphne & David Smith 24th May - Keyworth

Dorothy & Leslie Colman 27th August - St Lawrence, Mansfield

EMERALD WEDDING (55YEARS)

Doris & Colin Smith 28th May - Keyworth

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Mary & John Davey 8th May - Nottingham City

Derrick & Jen Gierth 12th June - Bingham

David & Jean Hobson 17th July 2015 - St. Edmund, Mansfield Woodhouse

Sheila & Ian Dove 31st July - Mansfield

Valerie & David Mellors 7th August - Muskham

Cynthia & Keith Charter 14th August - Nottingham City

Muriel and Robert Clark 4th September - Wollaton

Arthur & Rosemary Bennett 11th September - Nottingham City

90th & 100th Birthdays notifications to: *Mrs Mary Scott, 25*

Devonshire Crescent, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EU Tel: 0115

*962 2244 or maryscott1936@btinternet.com Please let Mary know in
plenty of time so that she can inform Mary Sumner House.*



Diamond & Golden Wedding Anniversary notifications to:-

Margaret Lewis, 30 Sotheby Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts

*NG17 5JX Tel: 01623 559769. Please let Margaret know in plenty of
time so that she can inform Mary Sumner House.*



MOTHERS' UNION ROLL of HONOUR in our Diocese

*Please send:- Member's name, age, date of death, Branch and Deanery
to which she/he belonged*

To:- Mrs Mary Scott, 25 Devonshire Crescent, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2EU

Tel: 0115 962 2244 email: maryscott1936@btinternet.com

*If YOU hear that a member has died, please contact Mary as soon as possible;
she would rather be told by 6 people than not hear at all.*



From your Editors

It's always good to get articles and pictures from individuals, groups, branches or deaneries with reports of events or details of things coming up. You can send your item as part of your email, as an MS Word or an MS Publisher document. We'd love you to include pictures as well.



Contributions should be no more than 350 words.

This is a newsletter for **ALL** our members, please use it to let everyone know what's happening near you.

Copies can be downloaded and printed from our Mothers' Union website at <http://muenterprises.org/southwellnottinghammu/>

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