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Christian care for families
Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Autumn 2015

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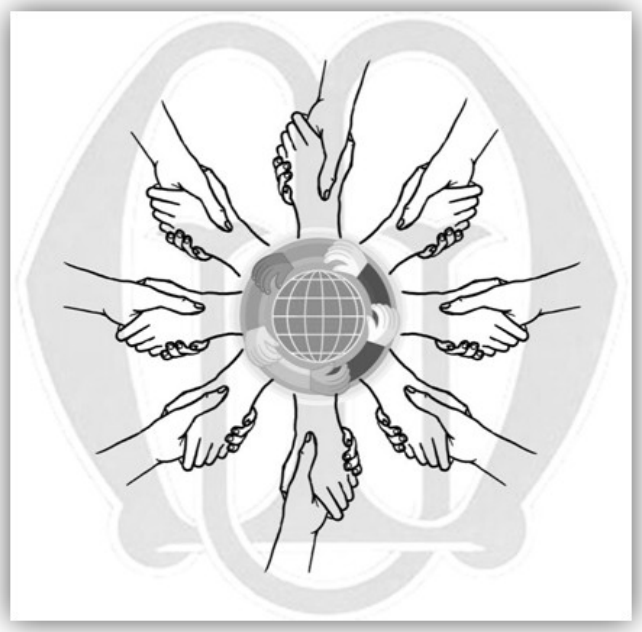
Was Happy and Proud to Welcome all the Delegates and Guests to our

General Meeting 2015



Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. **We pray** for families around the world. **Bless** the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. **Empowered** by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. **In Jesus' name.** ***Amen***

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Our President's Autumn Letter...

Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness.' Genesis 1:26

Dear friends,

This summer we spent a week in Derbyshire with all the family, four married children and eight grandchildren. Tony's parents were even able to join us for one day. We were amused by the family likenesses that emerged, in looks, mannerisms and attitudes whether it was in cooking, playing board games or general tidiness/untidiness. Even our 9 year old granddaughter commented on how much 'Grandpa looks like Great-grandpa.'

I was reminded of Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall's comment in her address at the General Meeting on the value of cousins keeping up with each other even if they don't live nearby. Our family identity is important to us. We are fascinated by family trees, 'Who do you think you are?' programmes etc. Family life gives children a sense of belonging and that is one of the reasons Mothers' Union is passionate about strengthening families. But whatever our family make-up, our true identity is found in Christ - the 'Faithful One' that Sir Cliff Richard sang so movingly about at Cilla Black's funeral. We have been created in God's image - there is a family likeness in each of us even if we don't acknowledge it. Recognising Christ in others is not always easy but it can be our motivation for service and showing love to others. It has to start, however, with grasping that we, ourselves, are made in His image. We have His blueprint.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the General meeting such a success. I have had lots of very positive feedback. Next year's will be in **Winchester.** *There will be a service on 22nd September then the meeting will be held over two days, 23rd and 24th September.*

We shall be celebrating the Triennium with a service in the Minster at 11am on Saturday 31st October, followed by our Annual Meeting at 1.30 pm in Trebeck which is open to all.

Bishop Tony will preach at the Service.
The Provincial Service will be in Chester Cathedral at 2pm on Tuesday 10th November. Please put your name on the list at Archdeaconry Days or tell me if you want a free ticket.

The theme for next year will be 'A Celebration of Faith'. As we plan our programmes for next year, let's remember Bishop Tony's challenge to 'Celebrate Mothers' Union but to preach Christ'.

You'll be pleased to know that Mothers' Union welcomed the new bishop and his family with a hamper of home-made goodies prepared by Paula Clarke.

Now I must sort out my holiday photos. I seem to look more and more like my Mother.....
With love and prayers, ***Lucille***

Gwen Bragg has been asked to provide a choir to sing at our Triennial Service on Saturday 31st October in Southwell Minster.
Gwen would love to have more MU members join her Churches Together Choir. The rehearsals are in Trebeck Hall, Southwell from 2pm - 3pm on :-

♬ Tuesday 13th October
♬ Tuesday 20th October
♬ Tuesday 27th October (this one will be partly in the Minster with the organ and for seating arrangements)

The organist is Peter Price from Wollaton.

The music for the Choir will be:-

♬ *O Holy Jesu* (the prayer of St Richard of Chichester) by L J White as the Introit
♬ *Look at the World* by John Rutter during the service

♬ ***Gwen*** would like to have replies **as soon as possible** on ***01636 812527*** or e-mail ***g.bragg@virgin.net*** or to ***16, Appletree Close, Southwell NG25 0AN***♬

Triennial Service

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Celebrate the Triennium

on

Saturday Oct 31st 2015

in *Southwell Minster*

at **11am**

Organist: Peter Price from Wollaton.

Choir led by: Gwen Bragg

Music from the Choir will be:-

♬ *O Holy Jesu*

♬ *Look at the World*

***Preacher:* Bishop Tony Porter**

Triennial Service

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Please bring MU banners

You are all warmly invited to come to our

MU Diocesan AGM & Council Meeting
Trebeck Hall, Main Room at 1.30pm

MU Diocesan AGM & Council Meeting

Catch up with friends

Bring a packed lunch

Ideas for Branch Meetings

MU beyond the Branch

Enjoy the Meeting

The Celtic way is to bless everything in life (except evil), however earthy or everyday, all round the clock:-

As the year turns to Autumn,
the leaves begin to fall and the days grow shorter,
We thank our God for the growing season of this year
and for the Harvest that is to come.
We count our many blessings, both large and small
And thank you for our many friends and the joys they bring.

(DJH)

Archdeaconry News

Newark Archdeaconry Day - We met on a perfect summer evening - lots of us there. Thank you to the Archdeacon of Nottingham , *Sarah Clark*, who talked about what values and hopes she had brought to her job. What an inspiring talk - lots to think about - thank you Sarah.

Our October meeting speaker is *Nigel Spraggins,* the Diocesan Chief Executive - I guarantee you will enjoy it - hope to see you all there. *Ann Hickman VP*

Nottingham Archdeaconry Day - I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and has come back MU feeling refreshed and full of enthusiasm after the very successful General Meeting.

The meeting on October 5th is *The Revd David Post* talking about his time in Baghdad and other things. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to come 10am for 10.30 start.

SEE YOU THERE *Janet Clothier VP*

Branch & Deanery News

Carlton-in-Lindrick

In March we enrolled a new member and Ann Hickman gave a talk to the congregation on the wider work of the Mothers' Union. *Joan Owen*

Keyworth Branch held a Coffee Morning in July for the Wheels Appeal raising £120; £100 went to the Appeal. We also took part in the Communion Service for Mary Sumner Day on August 9th followed by Coffee and Cake.

Retford Area Mothers' Union will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the inception of St. Saviour's Mothers' Union branch on October 6th 2015. Over recent years many local branches have had to close or become amalgamated into what is now Retford Area Mothers' Union, however the meetings are still held at St. Saviour's Church Hall so we are celebrating with a service and tea. All

members of the local branches have been invited and we have also extended invitations to other local church groups. Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Mothers' Union has kindly sent us a letter of congratulations. *Marjorie Swallow*

Diocesan Members at Ravenshead organised a Social evening on Thursday 23rd July at 7.30 p.m. in St Peter's Ravenshead Church lounge. Helen Catchpole gave her Presentation on Burundi. There was a lovely friendly atmosphere, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Several non MU members came with those who are already members. We had a collection which we split between Burundi and The Big Wheels Appeal and raised £67. *Sue Banks*

Newark & Southwell Deanery raised £81.00 at "*Posh Tea*" held at Balderton Church Hall on 28th July. It was a really good get together and a good time was had by all. *Jenny Mellors*

Southwell Minster Branch raised £125.00 for the Wheels Appeal at a coffee morning held on 8th August. *Jenny Hodson*

From Sarah, our Bishop's wife

when Jenny Hodson and Lucille Porter delivered a hamper from the Mothers' Union

Thank you SO much for dropping over with the most amazing hampers - we were so touched. It was so special seeing you and meeting Jenny from the Mothers Union - we are all so exhausted at the moment - it's been a very long & tiring week. The hampers are AMAZING. We are looking forward to supper tonight - a real treat not to have to cook anything. We have already feasted on some of the 'sweet' hamper. Chocolate cake in the garden during a tea break from unpacking - perfect - there are going to be lots of these for a while I think. *Sarah, †Paul, Edward, Thomas & Joseph*

Thanksgiving for Highlights

Reflection

Early in the year I had a yearning to visit my cousin in Northern Ireland. She had been cleared of cancer, and although she is mainly in a wheelchair for other reasons, she felt well.

My son booked a fight from John Lennon Airport at 7am!! We were in Belfast Airport within half an hour from take-off. After picking up a hired car we were being welcomed by my cousin Lola and her friend Juliet an hour later.

At leisurely breakfast and supper times, Lola, Juliet and I chatted away, and shared Grace together morning and evening.

My son and his family stayed in a nearby cottage, which had a balcony – to the delight of Grace (12) and Fearne (8) – overlooking the sea. These girls have great memories of spying through a telescope at a fisherman or two, at some seals beside the sea and at the Mountains of Mourne.

We all appreciated the friendliness of Dundrum villagers. We enjoyed the peacefulness around the Castle above the village, the Mourne Mountain pathway, the nearby parks and the Arboretum. On the Friday we had a special meal at the Dundrum Fish Restaurant. *(P.S* A certain clergy lady from East Markham spotted me on that Belfast bound plane from Liverpool on Easter Tuesday.)

An Autumn Prayer
Thank you, Lord, for your presence here,
Thank you, Lord, for your presence and light within us and around us.
Thank you for putting it into our hearts to respond to your great love to us.
Bless each member of the Mothers' Union.
Help us to pull together, that we may bring joy and purpose to many lives.
Always remembering
Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory. Amen
M. M. Akerman (Faith and Policy)

End of Triennium

Trienniums are series of three years and this year 2015 sees the end of another MU Triennium. In January 2016 we shall have quite a number of new officers in place.
Pat Brewin is our President elect and is introducing herself to you all in her letter printed below.

Dear Members,

I am really looking forward to getting to know more of you over the next few years. We really do have some super organised branch leaders, thank you all for asking me to come to your branch next year. As I prayerfully look at how I can serve God as Diocesan President from January, it very much feels that God is graciously showing me how to keep a reasonable work-life balance. It feels right that I do not commit myself to speak at any branches for at least the first year of my presidency. Whenever possible it will be my priority to come to Archdeaconry Days, Deanery Festivals and I would love to visit each Deanery next Spring/Summer at a more relaxed gathering, perhaps Deanery Fundraiser.
Hoping that you all enjoyed the slower pace of the summer
Love and Prayers, *Pat Brewin (President Elect)*

Please pray for:-

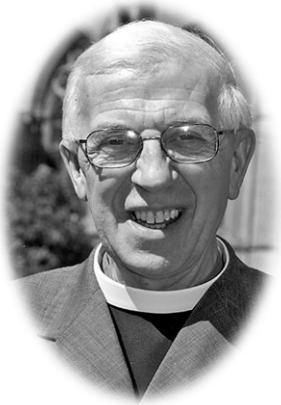
- all Mothers' Union Members or their families who are ill at this time
- all those who are going through difficult times at the moment
- all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith
- all those who are caught up in conflict at this time

Words from Mother Julian of Norwich

"...we need to fall, and we need to be aware of it; for if we did not fall, we should not know how weak and wretched we are of ourselves, nor should we know our Maker's marvellous love so fully..."

The Very Reverend David Leaning (1936-2015)

We were all deeply saddened by the news of the death in August of our friend, pastor and priest *David Leaning*.



David was born in 1936 and trained for the priesthood at *Lichfield Theological College*. Deaconed in 1960 and Priested in 1961, he served his title as *Curate of All Saints, Gainsborough* from 1960 -1965. In 1965 he was made *Rector of Ss Peter & Paul Warsop* with *Sookholme* where he is remembered with much love and affection, and left our Diocese in 1976 to become *Rector of Kington with Huntington* and *Rural Dean of Kington and Weobley* in the *Diocese of Hereford*, where he was much loved. Bishop Wakeling welcomed Fr David back as *Archdeacon of Newark* in 1980. He worked tirelessly during the next eleven years for the Archdeaconry and Diocese and during that time was *Archdeacon David* to both old and young alike.

When he was made Provost of Southwell in 1991, the people of the Archdeaconry presented him with a water colour of a *Cattle Market* by *Margaret Clarkson,* a local artist, to remind him of his work within the farming communities.

As Provost he was Priest in charge of Rolleston with Fiskerton, Morton and Upton from 1991 - 96. *Provost David*'s title changed to *Dean* in 2000 and he was also Priest in charge of Edingley with Halam from 2002 - 06. *Fr David* retired in 2006 but continued his pastoral work in Lincoln Diocese as *Chaplain of St Mary Magdalene Chapel*, which is in the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral.

He will long be remembered for his hard work at the Minster, within in the Diocese and parishes as a friend, mentor and faithful priest. With typical modesty he did not wish there to be a large memorial service in his honour.

We remember him in our hearts and with our prayers.

Rest Eternal grant unto him O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

The Diocese Welcomes It's New Bishop

On Saturday 27th June Southwell Minster was packed to welcome the 12th Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt. Revd. Paul Williams. After knocking three times on the Great West Door, he was welcomed by the Acting Dean, the Revd Nigel Coates and escorted through the nave by a group of children from local schools.

During the service our attention was focussed on three groups of people in the diocese:-

- ***Framework***, who support the homeless
- ***ReachUK***, who support adults with learning difficulties
- ***The Thoresby Pit Community***, who are facing redundancy as the last pit in Nottinghamshire finally closes

Each group spoke about their work and asked the Bishop to pray for them. Later, symbols of their work were placed in front of the High Altar.

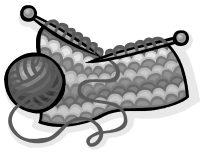
The Bishop was vested in the cope of the first Bishop of Southwell, Bishop George Ridding and then the Acting Dean placed him in his *cathedra*, the beautiful wooden Bishop's throne carved many years ago by Robert (*the Mouseman)* Thompson. Children from several Church of England schools in the diocese sang while the Bishop was welcomed by the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, other civic dignitaries and representatives of other churches and organisations in the diocese.

In his sermon the Bishop said that God is calling His church to work more closely together and he particularly welcomed the new Bishop for the Roman Catholic diocese of Nottingham. Bishop Paul said that the world at its worst needs the church to be at its best. He said he has come to learn and to pray with and for us and to share the good news of Christ. He told us he believed there was nothing better that anyone can do with their life than become a follower of Christ. He said we should encourage people to become followers of our faith at the same time being respectful of other faiths. He ended with a quotation by William Booth *'God loves with a great love the one whose*

heart is bursting with a passion for the impossible'.

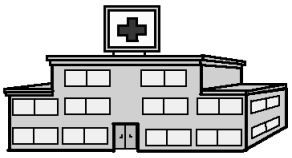
The Bishop then received his pastoral staff and after prayers of intercession the service drew to an end. Everyone adjourned to the Education Garden in the grounds of the ruined Archbishop's Palace for refreshments. It had been an inspiring afternoon and the weather had been perfect.

Bishop Paul grew up in Somerset and studied theology at Durham University. He then became a Youth Worker in north Oxford before training for the ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He was ordained in St. Paul's Cathedral, London and served as a curate in Muswell Hill before moving to Bristol where he was Associate Vicar at Christ Church, Clifton for four years. In 1999 he became Rector of Gerard's Cross with Fulmer in Buckinghamshire and ten years later he was appointed Bishop of Kensington overseeing the Church's mission in West London. He is married to *Sarah* and they have three sons, *Edward* (16), *Thomas* (15) and *Joseph* (12). Bp Paul's late mother was one of the first women to be ordained priest in 1994. *S.A*



Knitted Goods

The *Nottingham Police Convoy* came to our house a few weeks ago and collected the equivalent of 14 black sacks of teddies and other knitted goods.



That same week I took a black sack of premature baby clothes and 20 teddies to both the *Queen's Medical Centre* and the *City Hospital*.

All recipients were extremely grateful and appreciate all the knitting that you and your friends do. I have recently received a Thank-you letter from *Nottingham City Hospital* . A ***Big Thank You*** from them all to you. Please keep knitting!! *Sheila Christophers*

Sales at General Meeting - I still have items for sale from the General Meeting. I intend to have items for sale at the next Archdeaconry Days and at Trustees and other events or please contact me *David Mellors* on *01636 67180*, I will try and get them to you.

AFIA

A **BIG THANK YOU** to you all who supported the *Away From It All Holidays*. 12 families enjoyed a week in a caravan at Mablethorpe in May. The weather was better than last and we had lots of cards thanking us and saying that they had had a brilliant time.

Also this year we have sent 2 youngsters on a church youth camp who otherwise would not have been able to go and 3 older couples who had not had a break in a long time - none of these people would have enjoyed a break if it had not been for AFIA - so again our thanks.

All who have had a holiday with us this year will receive a festive Christmas hamper. Our visitors will purchase and make up the hampers to the value of £50 - so if you would like and are able to support this, please send your donations to the treasurer, Graham Noon marked AFIA Hampers.

Your generosity always amazes me without your support and prayers this important work would not happen. *Helen Catchpole*

Mid Day Prayers are said at Noon every Monday to Friday in the chapel of *Mary Sumner House* in *Westminster, London*. These are open to all, whether staff or visitors. Do join us when visiting the city. Use the following link to find the current prayers:-
www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/pray-worship/wave-prayer
Many members of the worldwide Mothers' Union pray at noon in local time using these prayers.

Please note these Important NEW LinkUp copy deadline dates 2015/2016

WINTER *by post 24th & by email 31st October 2015*
SPRING *by post 24th & by email 31st January 2016*
SUMMER *by post 23rd & by email 30th April 2016*
AUTUMN *by post 24th & by email 31st August 2016*
WINTER *by post 24th & by email 31st October 2016*

The Diocese Welcomes The Worldwide Mothers' Union

It was a great privilege to host this year's General Meeting and Lucille and her team worked extremely hard to ensure everyone enjoyed themselves. We began with a Civic Reception at the Nottingham Council House on Thursday 25th June which was attended by our Trustee Board and the Trustees and Officers from Mary Sumner House. The Lord Mayor of Nottingham, the Sheriff of Nottingham, the High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, the Chairman of the County Council and other civic dignitaries were there. Our Diocesan President welcomed everyone and Reg Bailey received a Southwell Minster candle holder to mark his retirement as our Chief Executive. Silk scarves from the Minster Shop were also presented to Lynne Tembey (Worldwide President) and Barbara Taylor (York Provincial President). Reg also received a Robin Hood hat and bow and arrow which he used the following day to great effect.

Festival Services

Reg Bailey, Barbara Taylor and some of the Trustee Board joined about 800 delegates from all parts of the UK as well as a few from overseas in their colourful costumes for a Festival Service on Thursday evening at ***St. Mary's Church, Nottingham***. The music was led by the Bluecoat School musicians and singers and the National Liturgical Dance Network, based in Nottingham, performed two dances based on Biblical texts. Lucille Porter told everyone about her visit to Tanzania in 2012 and Bishop Tony gave the address on the theme *'Give us this day our daily bread'*. He reminded us that this phrase is an integral part of the Lord's Prayer and we need daily bread in order to survive. He used Bible

stories to illustrate how God cares for us and he encouraged us to also care. He also used Bible passages to illustrate how we must satisfy our needs but not be greedy and also how we must share our finances and time. A challenging sermon reminding us as MU members how we must continue to care and pray for others, especially the marginalised.
The service ended with the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' led by the organist of St. Mary's, John Keys. The service was an inspirational start to our celebrations.

What an amazing evening at the ***Southwell Minster Service*** - the Minster was full - not only with our members but with a warmth, commitment and joy at being there. It was lovely to welcome everyone and to have Lynne Tembey, Trustees and Staff from Mary Sumner House. After the welcome by the Acting Dean we all raised our voices with *Tell Out My Soul* - and then joined in the Service led by him and Canon Jacqui Jones. The Tozer Studios Dance Group were enchanting - wonderful interpretation of the music. Bishop Richard Inwood gave a thought provoking sermon and Helen Catchpole told us about her recent visit to Burundi where she met many MU members. The choir led with beautiful music, memorable prayers were offered, but above all I will remember the love and friendship that was in that building - Mothers' Union at its best.

Turning Faith Into Action

Friday 26th June dawned bright and sunny as nearly 2000 delegates made their way to the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham for our General Meeting. Lucille Porter took to the stage to the strains of the Robin Hood song and welcomed everyone. The Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Jackie Morris, also gave a humorous speech of welcome.

Bp. Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading and our Central Chaplain, led the opening worship on the theme of love.

Lynne Tembey, our Worldwide President, then gave her Annual Report and reminded us to put our hand into the hand of God and He will show us the way. In this country she had witnessed many examples of our faith put into action through AFIA holidays, Parenting Groups, support in prisons and Contact Centres and caring for the elderly, especially our IMPC members. She had met GFS members in Wales and had explored the challenges of not being the mainstream church with members in Scotland. She also had a very purposeful few days with the 26 Provincial Presidents from all parts of the world when they shared stories, achievements and problems in their work but all believed passionately in our Aim and Objectives and again she reminded us that everything we do is grounded and rooted in prayer.

Lynne told us how grateful the people at Gatwick Airport Detainees Centre were for our Christian care. She had learned about a recipe book produced in Oxford diocese for distribution at Food Banks. The Bishop of Newcastle blesses sleeping bags collected by members before distribution to the homeless. She read out some of the many letters that had been received from children who had been given a knitted teddy in so many different situations. She told us about Hannah's Project in Salisbury Diocese (*1 Samuel 2, v.1*). We also learned about toiletries and small kitchen appliances collected by members in Liverpool diocese for a bail hostel. *'What other organisation has such devotion?'* she asked.

She spoke briefly about the new Wave of Prayer and encouraged us to get to know our new Link Dioceses.

In New Zealand Lynne gave their Mary Sumner Lecture as well as visiting many groups including the Maori people. In

Tonga she was welcomed by the Queen Mother of Tonga who is Patron of their MU and she admitted her grand-daughter to MU before leaving the island.
But the one theme that underlined all Lynne said was the power of prayer which she said makes us different from many other organisations.

Touching The Cloak

Bill Crooks and Jackie Mouradian from Mosaic Creative then told us how they have worked with MU groups in Africa over the past 5 years helping them to bring the Bible alive.
Jackie presented a very moving monologue based on the story of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak which appears in Luke's Gospel in the middle of the story of Jairus' daughter. We were then asked to reflect on the monologue thinking about what we saw, what we heard and what we felt. Bill suggested the story illustrated material poverty, spiritual poverty, physical weakness, vulnerability, powerlessness and isolation, situations which are also true for so many people MU works with. He suggested that the use of drama and monologues could make things more meaningful for members and ended by telling us how they had worked with MU groups in Wales to help them think about the communities in which they live. He told us how it helps our faith to be deepened and strengthened and he encouraged us to look beyond our church walls and transform negativity to positivity.

It All Began With Prayer

The Central Chaplain, Bp. Andrew Proud reflected on his time in Ethiopia before leading Mid-day Prayers. He spent 9 years working in Ethiopia for USPG (2002-11). When he first arrived few people could read and the men kept the women out of Church affairs. All the women could do was pray.

Then MU was set up and the women began prison and hospital visiting. Many have learned to read and write and have become more active in Church life.

Beyond The Branch

After lunch the Heads of Action & Outreach, Jane Groves (Britain & Ireland) and Nicola Lawrence (International) brought us up-to-date on MU work worldwide.
Jane highlighted the AFIA holidays, the teddies and the INSPIRE Project which works alongside the clergy to support people in so many ways.

Nicola told us about Betty in Papua New Guinea who took in so many orphaned children that she had to build an extension to her home. She raises money so that they can all go to school and now cares for 40 orphans.
Nicola told us that 775 million men and women in the world are illiterate but the MU Literacy Programme has helped 135million to become literate since the project began in 2000. She reminded us that MU works locally, nationally and globally and every member can make a difference.

Reg Bailey, our Chief Executive then told us how the Government and churches worldwide rely on what we do because we take action and make a difference. He stressed how important fund-raising is. He illustrated how MU needs £2,900,000 each year to fund all its projects of which our subscriptions raise just £80,000. Some money is also raised through MUe and the hire of the Conference facilities at Mary Sumner House. But 57% of our income comes from fundraising. Some of this comes from organisations such as Comic Relief but much of it comes from our members themselves.

Do You Remember Liberty Bodices?

Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall, the mother of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall of River Cottage fame, gave us a humorous keynote address called ‘From Generation to Generation’.

She began by showing us a photo of her mother, who was born in 1912, in the arms of her grandmother at her christening and Jane reflected on the style of dress just over 100 years ago. She reminded us that our parents lived through 2 World Wars and commented how clothing had changed over the years. She brought back lots of memories of life during World War 2 and how rationing dictated so much of what we ate and wore. But hats and gloves were still the norm!

We laughed as we remembered the many posters she showed us and we nodded as we remembered growing our own vegetables, keeping hens and pigs and having to eat up everything on our plates. We also remembered the essential free milk, cod liver oil and orange juice. Children wore hand-me-downs and we all laughed as we remembered the liberty bodices we had to wear! Many fathers were away for long periods during the war – sometimes years and some found relationships with their children very hard when they finally returned home.

Rationing finally ended in 1954 but things didn't change immediately. Brides still had elaborate looking wedding cakes made of Plaster-of-Paris icing on a cardboard box. However Jane felt that by the end of the war we had a healthier population than at the beginning. Today, she said, fathers and grandfathers have a much closer involvement in family life and bringing up the children.

She then contrasted modern life in UK with life in Ethiopia and said how difficult life still is for them, especially for grandparents struggling to bring up their grandchildren because the children had lost their parents to AIDS.
Finally she encouraged us to tell our grandchildren about the past whether or not they want to listen!