

Summer 2010

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AGM-Preston

'Relationship not rules'-'God opens the flower from the inside'-'Snakes and Ladders': Words from the Annual General Meeting in the Guildhall, Preston with lots of meanings. Rosemary Kempself spoke of membership, with reduced membership in our country and how it may mean changes - there are no doors or walls in Mothers' Union, God works in and through our members and 'opens the flower from the inside'. The Co-ordinators each gave their 'snakes and ladders' - the pluses and minuses of each of their departments. There was a celebration of 10 years of the Parenting Programme and a further celebration that Comic Relief had promised 1 million pounds in support of the Mothers' Union Literacy & Development Programme to be used for the Literacy Project in the Sudan. Mrs Margaret Sentamu

gave the Keynote address and talked of her life from childhood to the present with all the challenges that she and Dr Sentamu had faced. The 2011 General Meeting takes place in Edinburgh on June 9th.

With banners held high

by Barbara Hill

It was the annual walk of Christian witness in the city. Once again the streets of Manchester rang out with bands and cheers and members of Mothers' Union, smiling and waving to the crowd, showed the people of the city who we are and from where we came. Our banners told that we were from every corner of the Diocese, there to celebrate, in party mode, the joy of being a group of Christians enjoying the fellowship of everyone around us.

Dates for your diary

9th - 19th August - Shop and Office closed

9th August - Bolton Archdeaconry Festival St Peter Le Moor (Bolton Parish Church)

12th August - Thursday Prayers

18th August - Rochdale Archdeaconry Festival, St Martin, Castleton

21st August - Retreat at The Marist Youth Centre

16th September - Diocesan Festival at the Cathedral

14th October - Thursday Prayers

11th November - Thursday Prayers

13th November - Autumn Council at Ardwick Green

18th November - Quiet Day at Cathedral

30th November - Advent Carol Service at St Ann

9th December - Thursday Prayers

Advanced notice- Salisbury Link

An invitation has been received from Mrs Marlene Haffenden inviting Manchester Diocese to Bradford and Devizes in May 2011. The proposed dates are Thursday May 12th to Sunday May 15th 2011.

Diocesan retreat day and quiet day

All places have now been allocated for the Diocesan Retreat Day to be led by Alison Hardy on 21st August. Would those who have booked please note the address venue - The Marist Youth Centre, 113 Nell Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester M21 7SW. The Diocesan Quiet Day, is in the Cathedral Library on 18th November 10am-2.30 pm, please bring a packed lunch and £2.50 to cover expenses. The Conductor will be Canon Andrew Shanks.

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Cakes to the rescue

Long have we been trying to convince people that there is more (far more) to Mothers' Union than the tea-brewers of the church. However, making tea, and more especially cakes, is a skill honed to perfection by many members.

Over the coming two or three months we are being asked to utilise this skill to raise funds (See back page). Tea parties are fashionable these days. A friend's daughter, a university student, had on her Christmas wish list last year 'a cake-stand'. So why not get your cake-stand off the top shelf and organise a tea party for your friends, in your branch, your community?

The funds raised will have such an impact on workers like Stella Okoyo in Maseno West, travelling huge distances. If you have heard Jennifer or me speak of our experiences in Kenya you will have an inkling of the importance of the travel budget on the work of our sisters and brothers in Africa. We, on the other hand, take buses, trains, cars (and the fuel needed to run them) so much for granted.

At the Evening of Celebration we heard the unit coordinators list the work ongoing in this diocese. Add to that all we read of projects around the UK and abroad and it becomes virtually impossible to tell a prospective member just what this organisation is and does.

That is NO excuse! Tell them a little this week and a little more next; then some the week after. A friend in our branch calls it the 'drip drip effect' but it is extremely effective if you persist! You can then leave some for them to discover after they have joined. The point is that, as we were told at the Bridgewater Hall, it is up to each and every one of us to PASS IT ON; pass on the facts, but pass on our enthusiasm too. Why would anyone NOT want to belong to Mothers' Union with you as its ambassador?

We are all called to be ambassadors for Christ and we in Mothers' Union have promised to fulfil our discipleship through its aim and vision - a vision of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing

By The Diocesan President



Barbara Taylor

relationships. I pray for God's blessing on us as we strive to develop those relationships.

Barbara

PS If you are able, do please support the Afternoon Tea at Falshaw's Farm Shop in Bury, on September 13th. Tickets are £10 and available, with directions, from our Office (0161 828 1427) or from me.

Bake for Brakes!

We are asked to raise money for Mothers' Union Transport by baking and selling cakes. Extra money is needed as Mothers' Union worldwide transport budgets have been cut by two thirds in the global recession. Full details on the back cover of this edition of Cymbal.





Salford Archdeaconry launch service

On 12th June over 120 people gathered in St. Paul's Church, Walkden to begin our celebration to launch the new Salford Archdeaconry.

The Reverend Robert Buckley, Area Dean of Leigh and Mothers' Union Chaplain, led the service, in which three new members were admitted to the Mothers' Union: Deborah Forrest, Archdeacon David Sharples, and Canon Ted Crofton.

The sermon was given by Archdeacon David, in which he quoted the playwright Alan Bennett, who said that all families were unique because each had their own rituals and ways of doing things. He then likened this truth to the Mothers' Union, which he said is a family, and therefore unique.

We were splendidly entertained by the "Witness" Band from Ordsall, who played during communion and also prior to the start of the service. Their playing and singing set the tone for the wonderful atmosphere which was there throughout the service.

There were two favourite hymns, "Tell out my Soul", and "To God be the glory", both of which were sung with gusto! Our president Barbara Taylor led the prayers of admission to membership, and the intercessions were led by three members representing the three Deaneries, Salford, Eccles and Leigh.

Jill Crofton, our Salford Archdeaconry President, thanked everyone for coming and helping to make the service such a success, before inviting us all to continue the celebrations over the amazing buffet in the Youth Centre next door.



*Celebration Cake made by
Mothers' Union Member
Barbara Blay (picture middle)
from St. Mary's, Eccles*

Guests included the Mayor of Salford, Councillor George Wilson and his wife Carole, the Mayoress, Unit Co-ordinators, past Diocesan Presidents and Deanery Leaders.

After the opening service we went over to St. Paul's Youth and Community Centre for the Buffet (and what a super buffet it was!) and the cutting of the splendid Celebration Cake that was baked by a member of St. Mary's, Eccles, Mothers' Union.

There was plenty of space for people to mingle as the buffet was spread over two rooms in the centre with displays being mounted in the main room showing the activities of Eccles, Leigh and Salford Deaneries.

There was also a lovely display, by St. Peters' Church Swinton, with details of Mary Sumner's birth place and place of baptism. This was a great opportunity for people to meet and chat.

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by Hilda Roberts
and Carol Eyles



*Some members of
The Witness Band*

The Celebration Cake was cut by the Mayor of Salford, Councillor George Wilson who expressed his delight at joining us and asked for more information about the Mothers' Union.

It had not gone unnoticed by him that his Mayoral Sunday Parade and Civic Ceremony, the previous weekend, had taken place at St. Peter's Church Swinton, where Mary Sumner was baptised.

Barbara Taylor, Jill Crofton and Archdeacon David Sharples expressed their thanks to everyone who had contributed to the preparation of the day and to all our guests for joining us.

The closing service of prayers took place in the Community Centre and was led by Canon Robert Buckley. We then joined together and sang our final hymn, a rousing rendition of "You Shall go out with Joy" and we did just that!!

Rossendale

by Margaret Royle

The Rossendale Deanery Festival took place on Tuesday 4 May at St. Anne's, Edgeside. We were welcomed into the newly refurbished building for a service led by the Revd Rod Bevan; the Mayor of Rossendale attended, although our Archdeaconry President was still convalescing.

There was a dramatic reading, followed by a beautiful spiritual dance by a younger member of the church, which led into some music for meditation. The prayers were led by other younger church members, and the address by the Vicar made use of an overhead projector.

During the service our new Deanery Leader, Dorothy Newton, was commissioned for her new role, while Jean Whittaker was presented with a gift on behalf of the Deanery after completing many years of service. Refreshments and fellowship brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Special congratulations to these members

100 years Young

Many Congratulations to Margaret Gelling, a much loved member of Bolton Parish Church who celebrated this special birthday on May 4th 2010.

65th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations and best wishes to Muriel and Frederick Hutchins who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on April 21st 2010. Both are members of Christ Church Denton Mothers' Union.

Diamond Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Mary and Arthur Doyle from William Temple Church, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on April 8th 2010.

Love and Prayers to you all

What is social policy?

by Mary Doyle

Members frequently ask –“What does Social Policy mean?” The short answer is that it is about a social gospel and one of our Objects Promoting conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.

It is having an interest in and caring about, matters other than just those which affect us; things which are a cause of concern, both at local and national level. Some of the issues we will want to address will be of local importance – perhaps the closing of a local Post Office or the lack of provision of sufficient buses; others will be of a wider concern.

We can and should however take an interest in what is going on around us and as Christian women and men take a lead ensuring that those who have no voice are heard. We need to continue to keep an eye on Government legislation as it affects family life.

Do not be afraid to lobby your local councillors or your M.P. Some issues important to women and children were not mentioned in the recent Queen’s Speech. For example, what does the Government plan to do to keep our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals?

Britain was a leader in this field and we must not backtrack on an undertaking of something that will affect the lives of many of our overseas members. Likewise equal opportunities and better child care provision for working parents did not figure and questions might be asked about that.

Do write to your M.P. about your concerns. I am told that M.P.’s always give more attention to letters from individuals rather than to group letters and also that they are more impressed by a concern for a community than a ‘whinge’ about personal dislikes or hobby horses.

Finally if you have any issues on which I can help ring 0161 428 6415.

God’s elect

by Olwyn Duckers and Barbara Frost

The Quiet Day at the Cathedral on 6 May was led by the Canon Evangelist, Tony Hardy. If we thought we were escaping from election fever, we were wrong! Tony explained his three talks, each followed by a meditation, were all to be based around choices and decisions.

The first talk was about God’s choices: we are “the elect” – God chose us, just as He chose Abraham, Peter and Mary so long ago. He has a salvation plan to save the world. We have been presented with the various party political manifestos – so here is God’s very own manifesto:-

1. Creation – the beginning
 2. Crisis – freedom, choice leading to sin
 3. Calling – His choice of a People
 4. Conversation – use of prophets
 5. Christ – sent into the world as a human
 6. Community – forming a Church
 7. Consummation – all things gathered
- Today God has voted – for you!

The second talk concerned the choices we make. We have to choose who to vote for today to lead our country. Our everyday life is made up of small and large choices and decisions. We have a choice to follow Jesus and live out his “manifesto”. “The Church today is looking for better methods – God is looking for better people.”

After lunch and celebration of the Eucharist we had our third talk: a new heaven and a new earth, the promise of God. Promises, promises, our politicians are all saying the same thing: “trust me, choose me, and I will make this country a better place.” So we have to make a decision – which one do we believe? An American writer said: “the local church is the hope for the world.” Choices, decisions, relationships – not rules.

Rules actually take away choices.



Rosemary with Hannah at Council.

Worldwide president

By Doreen Bryan

With the aim of meeting members, Rosemary Kempcell, our Worldwide President, visited each Archdeaconry enjoying coffee in Salford, flower arranging in Manchester, lunch in Rochdale, and afternoon tea in Bolton. Members were also delighted to meet Mrs Hannah Bello, President of Mothers' Union in Zaria, Nigeria, our newest link.

St Peter's Mothers' Union welcomed Rosemary and Barbara. Rosemary had a particular interest in visiting as the original church on this site was where Mary Sumner was baptised: she saw the wooden font which was used.

She commented that she had now visited the places of Mary Sumner's baptism, marriage and burial. Thirty eight members from different churches in the Salford Archdeaconry were present and light refreshments were provided. Everyone enjoyed looking at the memorabilia on show. Fr Jeremy Sheehy, St Peter's Team Rector, closed the meeting with prayers.

Lady day by Mary Doyle

The Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord in the Cathedral, was extra special for us as we had the World Wide President of the Mothers' Union, Rosemary Kempcell with us for our celebration this year.

At this service, our Diocesan President Barbara, was reaffirmed by the Bishop, Eileen was reaffirmed as Manchester Archdeaconry President, and Jill was commissioned as Salford Archdeaconry President.

'we learned more of the lives of our fellow members'

The Chaplain of the new Salford Archdeaconry, Canon Robert Buckley, was commissioned. The Unit Co-ordinator for Prayer and Social Policy, Lily Critten was reaffirmed, Jennifer White was commissioned as Unit Co-ordinator for Administration, and Chris Haworth as Marketing Co-ordinator. Finally, the new Board of Trustees was commissioned.

The hymns and music and prayers during the service were all beautifully delivered, and a Choir of Mothers' Union members sang an anthem and a hymn.

For me, most memorable was what Rosemary had to say to us; she gave a detailed and compelling account of her travels around the world during the past year. Seen through her eyes we learned more of the lives of our fellow members – some of her stories were heart-warming, some were heart-rending; all gave food for thought.

The sacrifices many of our overseas members make are evidence they are truly holding to the Aims and Objects of the Mothers' Union and I think they are a shining example to us at home of God's love in action, reminding us that when we think we can't do any more, yes, we can!

An Evening of Celebration

by Barbara Horrocks

Well, what a celebration it was! From the buzz of members piling into the hall and greeting friends from other parishes to the farewell handshakes from the platform parties it's been an evening to remember.

The Revd Alison Hardy, Bolton Archdeaconry Chaplain, led us in the Mothers' Union prayer and the sheer depth of commitment in our combined voices sent a shiver down my spine. Diocesan President Barbara Taylor welcomed distinguished visitors, gave apologies for absence and thanked retirees,

She invited everyone to look forward and consider whether we had said 'Yes' to the challenge. She introduced Helen Davies and Matthew Drury of 'Sticks n Tones' who played musical interludes and accompanied our hymn singing. They amazed with their dexterity but I particularly enjoyed Helen's sensitive rendition of a piece called 'Little Prayer'.

Our four Co-ordinators, Mrs Lily Critten, Revd Angela Dand, Mrs Chris Haworth and Mrs Jennifer White then took the stage with 'Pass it On!' – What a brilliant idea and everyone will remember Bishop Nigel and Archdeacon Mark playing Pseudo tennis from the platform as

coloured plastic balls were served, thrown and passed into the audience. Each ball carried a message relating to one of the many aspects of Mothers' Union in our Diocese, and as the co-ordinators listed projects, audience members were invited to wave the matching balls in the air and the message was underlined – 'Pass it On'. It really brought home to everyone what the Mothers' Union is all about and was a most graphic demonstration of its diversity.

The Right Revd Richard Inwood, Bishop of Bedford, took his theme 'God's Servant in God's World' from the reading by the Revd Canon Gilly Myers of the passage from Isaiah 49:1-6. An excellent speaker, Bishop Richard emphasized God's call to us, God's work for us, and God's vision of the Mothers' Union in the world - the Holy Spirit at Pentecost made each one of us an epiphany, showing forth the Glory of God.

Mrs Lynne Tembey, Provincial President of York, spoke on the theme 'I thank my God' and urged the need to protect Christian heritage in family values. It was 10 years since the Millennium vision of the Parenting programme and amazing Outreach work had been done.

Bishop Nigel wound up the evening with humour, reiterating the evening's theme and challenge to 'Pass it On' before giving his blessing.

Everyone in the audience left on a high – truly it was an Evening of Celebration.

but remember to pass it on ●

The surprise of the night was an appeal made by David Marshall, Diocesan Director of Communications, on behalf of homeless women of Manchester. It was a shock to hear that there are 1200 of them. He told us that people gave items of clothing but the one item hardly ever given was the bra! What a surprise. It caused a great deal of amusement. But I am sure that, like every other time an appeal is made to members, the result will be magnificent. As David said.. "It's as easy as AA,B.C" Pam Hawkins



Celebration feature

From a non-member

I had heard of the Mothers' Union but I had no real idea of what the Mothers' Union did or even what it was for. I imagined a group of ladies enjoying a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat. I couldn't have been more wrong!

I came away amazed by the work and projects I heard about. Part of the evening was called "Pass It On" and involved members of the Mothers' Union explaining some of the things the organization does in this diocese.

As someone coming to and finding out about the Mothers' Union for the first time I was humbled and a bit ashamed of my own ignorance. It is working with some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our society and also in places of need around the world and deserves our support. I will definitely be Passing The Message On to churches in the Salford All Saints Team as soon as I can.

Denise Owen



Our new Action and Outreach Coordinator



by Revd Angela Dand

I am Assistant Curate at St. Stephen's Church, Astley. I was ordained in 1998, having trained on the Manchester Ordained Local Ministry course. I taught Science full-time and was a Head of Year in a local comprehensive school, until I retired in 2008.

I loved the interaction with young people and I particularly enjoyed Pastoral work, which allowed me to work on a one to one basis with students and their families.

I grew up in a close and loving family in Wales and I married Philip in July 1970. We moved to Worcestershire, where I taught and Philip embarked on a social work career.

At the end of 1976, we moved to Manchester where our first child was born. Our beautiful baby, Alison, turned out to have profound special needs and life changed dramatically. Through all the highs and lows, Alison has always been much loved and has opened up my life in unexpected directions. Having a child with special needs focuses your mind wonderfully on what is really important. Alison undoubtedly, has helped

to draw me closer to God. In due course, Andrew and Sophie were born. Both now live and work in London.

Together, Philip and I started attending our local church regularly through the baptism of the children and the encouragement of church-going friends. We became increasingly involved, but, never in a million years did I anticipate developing the sense of vocation that would eventually bring me to ordination.

I have been a Mothers' Union member for some years, though I cannot claim to have been a regular attendee at branch meetings. The Mothers' Union is an amazing organisation and I am always impressed by the magazine articles and the work that goes on in Manchester, nationally and overseas.

I was issued a challenge to consider becoming Action and Outreach Coordinator during a chance conversation with Jean Williamson. I was intrigued. Following conversations with Jennifer White, Barbara Taylor and meeting the trustees, all so delightful and welcoming, what could I say?

Suffice it to say that I found myself on the platform of the Bridgewater Hall on May 26th, exhorting members to "Pass it On", alongside Lily Critten, Jennifer White and Chris Haworth. Thank you, ladies for allowing me to join you!

Wave of Prayer



Above: the Wave of Prayer at St Martin, Castleton, was followed by fellowship and a soup lunch on the Vicarage lawn.

Soup and sweets

by Ann Smith

When All Saints, Stand, Mothers' Union members heard about the financial crisis at AFIA they invited Anne Sykes to speak at a Branch meeting which she did with great enthusiasm and compassion for those needing help. Inspired and full of optimism we set about organizing a fund raising Soup and Sweet Lunch. In a flurry of activity invitations were sent to other branches in our Deanery, tickets sold to the congregation and friends, a raffle organized and a great quantity of baking and soup making took place.



Finally we were ready and waited with bated breath to see who would arrive. What fantastic support we received! Everyone enjoyed the lunch, bought cakes and raffle tickets. It was a success! What a relief! We were very pleased in the end to be able to give £560 to AFIA to continue their valuable work.

Beach party

by Linda Adshead

In June St James Mothers' Union, Milnrow, hosted an indoor Beach Party for the Brownies at Butterworth Hall Community Centre. Twelve girls attended on the night along with two young leaders and the Brownie leaders, together with five members of the Mothers' Union.

The Brownies enjoyed Hula Hoop and Limbo Dancing competitions and a Bean Bag throwing contest before tucking into some delicious food donated and prepared by the members. The Brownies enjoyed making their own Fruit Skewers and sampling some non-alcoholic cocktails including Blue Lagoons, Sundowners and Red Alerts.

There was just time for a final game of Beach Towel Hopping before prizes were awarded to competition winners, and each of the Brownies had a lucky dip in the Bran Tub before being collected by their parents. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Wedding show

by Doreen Hough

During National Marriage Week St. Anne's with St. James, Turton, Mothers' Union held their own exhibition in church, with contributions of wedding photographs dating back to 1888, not only from Mothers' Union members but from the congregation. A truly parish show, making it a very lively talking point. This was so good after the dreadful weather we had been suffering.

Join the Cymbal editorial team

Robin Morris, Cymbal's editor for many years, is retiring at the end of the year. Our thanks go to him for all the work and care he has given during that time.

We now need people to be part of the new team that produces Cymbal. Have you got computer skills for typing or are you good at proof reading? Then you are the person we need. Please contact Barbara Taylor or Chris Haworth on 0161 828 1427.

Campaign feature



From top to bottom: Judith Hilton and Revd Angela Dand at Lucile's; our President and Mustard Tree's Chief Executive Paul Wenham; Lucile's Boutique Manager Kate Davies

North-West charity for the homeless, the Mustard Tree, has paired up with Manchester Mothers' Union and lingerie boutique Lucile to launch *Bosom Buddies 2010*; a campaign that aims to provide good quality, correctly fitting bras for homeless women.

The campaign asks women bring in, or post, any bras they can spare to the Mustard Tree Charity (110 Oldham Road, Manchester M4 6AG) or to Lucile Lingerie Boutique (Police Street, Manchester M2 7LQ).

Paul Wenham, Chief Executive at the Mustard Tree said: "Women who find themselves homeless and sleeping rough are incredibly vulnerable and have often been through extremely difficult circumstances. Although decent underwear is a very small part of the help needed, this can still make a huge difference between feeling like a worthless object or a lady with some dignity."

Barbara Taylor said; "We launched this campaign at our Evening of Celebration and there was a very positive response to the idea. Please help to support women in your local community."

See poster on opposite page for more information



Supporting homeless women is as easy as AA, B, C



A recent survey revealed that on average British women own 13 bras but only regularly wear eight of them*. That's a lot of bras going begging. In fact, it's about 124 million and we'd love to get our hands on some of them to support homeless women across Manchester.

Homeless charity Mustard Tree has paired up with luxury lingerie boutique Lucile to launch **Bosom Buddies 2010**; a campaign that aims to provide good quality, correctly fitting bras for women who'd otherwise have to go without.

So, please have a rummage through your drawers today and bring in or post any bras you can spare to:

Mustard Tree, 110 Oldham Road
Manchester M4 6AG

Lucile Lingerie, 7 Police Street (off King Street)
Manchester M2 7LQ

For more information please go to www.bosombuddies2010.co.uk

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Relationship not rules

by Canon Robin Morris

Rules are quite useful things, especially when one is starting out. Rules give children boundaries as they grow up – and no school would function without clear rules. Rules tell you where you are. Indeed, in the days before sat navs, if you wanted to establish your location you ruled two lines on a map to create a grid reference. Rules are objective – they’re the same for everyone, they show where the goal posts are.

Rules are so useful that I confess to using them often more than I should, especially when starting out on parish life: they were a good form of self-defence when I was stuck!

The trouble is, life is not always simple and clear; people are not so easily categorised, and one quickly discovers they cannot always be dealt with by the book.

They are not in fact like rocks and fields and church buildings on a map, they don’t stay put: they are infinitely variable and complex, they live and breathe and respond in a hundred different ways. Rules in the end reduce them to automatons and deny their vital humanity.

An even greater drawback to reliance on rules is the one that St.Paul noted long ago – rules make us either self-satisfied if we keep them or despairing if we break them, in both cases making ourselves the centre of interest. But life is less about our performance, our keeping of the rules, and more about attending to others.

If we are really responding to other people - and to God - we shall be giving our attention to them – and Him. In St.Paul’s wonderful vision of the Gospel, Christians live by grace, forgetting about themselves and constantly discovering God’s love and care flowing out to them in the people they meet and the things which happen.

The Pharisees, of course, are depicted

Chaplain’s corner

in the Gospels as people who lived by rules. So it was fitting that when Jesus was presented with the table of Commandments and asked which was the most important he should simply reply “Love God and Love your Neighbour”.

Not much help as a rule but indispensable as a way of making the most of life’s opportunities. In the same vein the Risen Lord does not leave his disciples a book of rules or a code of conduct, but instead breathes on them His own Spirit as an abiding and indwelling presence. Their relationship to Him would be the template on which they approached everyone else. Relationships are at the heart of life!

Welcome to students

by Margaret Morris

Once again can I appeal to everyone, members, friends, congregations, to begin collecting groceries, toiletries, etc. for the goody bags for New Students. This year the filling of the bags is on Thursday/Friday, 16th/17th September and distribution begins on Monday 20th September.

If you are able to help, or know of anyone who would like to help to sort, fill or distribute the bags, please call Chris Haworth or me on 0161 828 1427. The students are very grateful for this and everyone enjoys themselves.

We would also like more help on the soup rota so if you are able to offer your services please let us know. We serve soup every Wednesday, during term time, at the Chaplaincy.

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We record our thanks to Maureen Gooding for all the work she has done over many years in ensuring that Cymbal gets out to the Deaneries in the Diocese - Thank You Maureen.

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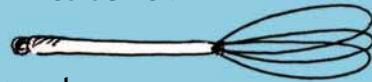
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When aid can't get to them, families suffer.

Transport is vital.



Mothers' Union worldwide transport budgets have been cut by two thirds in the global recession.

Join us in raising money for vital transport by baking for



• village fêtes

• cake stalls

• teas



• school and church fêtes

• coffee mornings

• baking sales

• and summer fairs



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