

# MOTHERS' UNION NZ

In the Anglican Province of AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

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The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and his wife Caroline with the newly commissioned Worldwide MU President and members of the new global Trustees Board.

## Mothers' Union now truly Worldwide!

So declared the Archbishop of Canterbury at a colourful and packed Southwark Cathedral on 27 February 2019, when Mrs Sheran Harper was commissioned to her office as Worldwide President of Mothers' Union, a movement of four million members.

"I feel overjoyed and humbled by the outpouring of love and support I have received. I am so very grateful to everyone who travelled from far and wide for this special day in the history of Mothers' Union. Thank you everyone who came and those who were unable to but were lifting me up in their prayers," said Sheran. "We are indeed a unique and extraordinary gift from God. Mothers' Union is at a very important point in history when our Trustee Board now reflects the truly global nature of the movement."

Members of the Board are Nikki Sweatman (Canterbury Province), Canon Libbie Crossman (Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, Australia, Melanesia, Papua New Guinea), Canon Catherine Hilton (York Province), Jennifer Barton (Wales), June Buter (Church of Ireland), Thembsie Mchunu (Central Africa, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan, Southern Africa), Kathleen Snow (Canada, South America, U.S.A, West Indies), Roshini Mendis (Korea, Myanmar, North India, South India, Sri Lanka), Paul Hindle (Scotland), Deaconess Mary Kamwati (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Jerusalem and the Middle East) and Marie-Pierette Bezara (Burundi, Congo, Indian Ocean, Rwanda, West Africa).

The Archbishop spoke of the challenges that many Mothers' Union members face in their work of supporting the communities in which they live and serve, "In many places you will have to bear the cross of other people's suffering. So, make yourselves known," he said.



## From our Provincial President

Dear Mothers' Union members and friends,

Since my last newsletter, we have entered another year - 2019. It is very warm and sunny for us, but we are conscious that our northern hemisphere sisters are enduring the cold of winter.

2019 presents a challenge to us all for growth. Growth is what will make us strong and more able to help those who need us. We pray for branches to flourish and bloom. We pray for our branches in recess too so that they may be able to re-form themselves and join in with us again, for we miss them, as family, very much.

We need to think outside the square, to consider having evening meetings, Saturday breakfasts, family Friday fun nights, and coffee and dessert meetings - Devonshire tea days as well. The Church needs us to be innovative and optimistic. It is usually unsuitable timing that stops folk joining Mothers' Union. There has never been a better time to start a new venture and/ or direction. In England the young daughters of members have requested that they too belong to Mothers' Union. The leaders have followed through by forming 'mini MU'.

Representatives of all MU members in our Province attended MULOA 2 in Brisbane, 21-24 January. This was the follow-up to MULOA 1 held in Auckland last August. This time we looked in depth at the MULOA journey and what we had pledged to do. It was interesting to see and hear about what had been achieved in those five months. We reaffirmed the steps we believe need to be taken to further Mothers' Union's journey, and formed some more resolutions. But we found that we had repeated some things so we fine-tuned the draft and came up with our final decisions. Rev Iritana Hankins at MULOA 1 had made the statement "We are like a big old double-decker bus - we are being called back to the workshop for maintenance, a makeover and refuel. Then it's all aboard again!" Our 'bus' is nearly ready for hitting the road and we are now in a good position to move forward. Your representatives returning from Brisbane will be conveying the messages from there to you all in your MU meetings soon. The MULOA journey will be completed in June 2019 in Rwanda, at the World Meeting.

At the close of MULOA, Rev. Libbie Crossman commissioned (right) Anne Kennedy, Australian Provincial President, and me as your Provincial President, to attend the Rwanda Conference on behalf of our Zone C. I am looking forward to making the journey to represent you all in our Province of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.

We are now fast approaching Lent and Easter with Ash Wednesday on 6 March. In our Hibiscus Coast Parish we celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper the night before.

I pray that we shall travel through Lent in contemplation of 'our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness.' We are mindful of his sacrifice on our behalf and I am reminded of a rhyme which we can count on our five fingers, 'Grace Received At Christ's Expense.' He suffered on Good Friday so that we might be forgiven.

Easter is an incredible celebration of new life, new hope, and the promise of his love, with us forever. 'There is no greater love than his, in that he lay down his life for us.'

### A Prayer for Easter

*'May the Christ raised in glory scatter the darkness  
from our hearts and minds and from this world,  
That you may live in the fullness of life,  
and in awareness of his glorious kingdom.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you,  
now and for ever, Amen.  
Let every Christian rejoice, let every heart rejoice,  
for Christ is risen. Amen.'*



God bless you all,

Joan Neild, Provincial President, Mothers' Union in the Province of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.



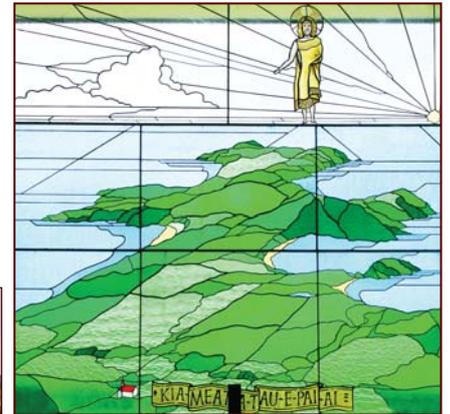
# Mothers' Union News from Aotearoa New Zealand, Polynesia, and around God's World



## - Te Haahi Mihingare ki Te Taitokerau-

'Thy will be done' is the English language translation of the words underlining the stained glass window behind the altar of St John's Church towards the far north tip of the Karikari Peninsula in Northland. Those words might well describe the local Branch of the Mothers' Union's endeavours to support those in need in the community.

MU members enjoy regular worship and prayer, for mutual encouragement and help.



**Raewyn Skipper at MULO A - Raewyn Skipper, Auckland Dio. President, with Australians Eleanor Lewin (Bunbury) and Sandra Chambers (Sawtell, NSW)**

## - The Diocese of Auckland -

The second MULO A Conference has been held in the host country, Australia, and we were very well looked after by our Mothers' Union Sisters, and enjoyed the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of St. John's College in Brisbane.

The conference was quite intense, enlightening and encouraging and it was great to get different views on our activities as we worked in both our geographical and "family" groups. Much fun and laughter was had by all, as we renewed friendships and made new ones. The opportunity to attend both Morning and Evening Prayers in the beautiful Chapel in the grounds was very peace filling and thought provoking.

## Auckland Diocesan Mothers' Union A.G.M. and Service observing LADY DAY

Sunday 24 March 2019 at 3.00 pm - save that date NOW

This is to be held in the Bishop Monteith Centre, Holy Trinity Cathedral Parnell at 3.00 p.m., followed by Evensong at 5.00 p.m., during which the President and Executive members will be commissioned.

Come along and hear what has been happening in your diocese over the last twelve months. It has been a full-on year with two MULO A conferences on which to report.

Come and catch up with Mothers' Union members over afternoon tea which will follow the AGM prior to evensong. This is the place to be if you want to keep up with what is happening!



Our Mothers' Union groups are beginning their new year meetings in February after the summer break. I hope you have all had time to relax and re-charge your batteries ready for the year ahead.

### Gatherings and new committees elected recently in Auckland

**Pukekohe** I spent a lovely morning on the 7th February with the Mother's Union group at Pukekohe where we talked over morning tea about the upcoming events here in our Diocese and the MULO A conference. A very relaxed and enjoyable meeting following a lovely church service and Communion.

*Please turn the page . . .*



**St Chad's, Orewa** At their first meeting for 2019 on February 18, MU members at St Chad's Orewa were pleased to welcome back a visitor, Mrs Cynthia Plewman from Cranleigh MU, Surrey, England.



Pictured L-R are the members of St Chad's newly elected committee: Dora Mak (Treasurer), Colleen Tyler (Deputy Enrolling member), Revd Pamela Sheath (Enrolling Member), Shirley Green (Secretary), Sally McLean, Geraldine Hoskin (Committee members) and guest Cynthia Plewman.

Wrapped Christmas gifts for women and new mothers were prepared by St Chad's MU branch, Orewa, and kindly delivered to the far North by Stephen Brooker.



**Papatoetoe** Just prior to Christmas I visited Lorri Higgins at ATWCs Granger Grove and presented her with goods for Granger Grove families and over 2 dozen beautiful, quilted Christmas Stockings made and donated through Mothers' Union by the Friday Quilters' Group of Howick.

I have recently attended Lorri's farewell, hearing so many beautiful words from the girls she has worked with over the years. I gave her a gift and a card from Mothers' Union to recognise all the great work she has done for parents and children. Sadly Lorri has retired after 43 years at the Trust and is moving out of Auckland. What a tremendous gift she has made to families! We look forward to continuing our connection with the Trust through her successor.

Mothers' Union donations, through both Branch and from individual Mothers' Union members have provided a large container of new books suited to children ranging in ages from 9 months to 9 years for the children at Granger Grove.

Love and Blessings, Raewyn Skipper, Auckland Diocesan President

**St Barnabas, Mount Eden** At this branch's AGM on 11 February, Vicar Revd Bob Hornburg reappointed Mrs Elizabeth Kidd as Enrolling Member, and the following were elected as the committee: Margaret Brothers (Secretary), Allison King, Margaret Williamson, Helen McKinley, and Pat Stevens (Special Advisor). Mr Ken McKinley was to be asked if he would kindly continue to act as Treasurer. Good suggestions for projects and activities for 2019 were made and there was some discussion of these. There was a short time at the conclusion of the meeting for a brief reading of the NZers' ideas expressed at the MULOA 2 meeting in Brisbane.

An extract from Elizabeth Kidd's Annual Report: *'MULOA has been a breath of fresh air. Mothers' Union, listening, observing, acting. Perhaps this process will give us some answers to guide us in the right direction. Is it possible for us to change; giving MU a new look, while still retaining our aims?*

*I believe it is. Listening, observing, acting to give us the tools to provide Mary Sumner's vision in today's society. The (worldwide) theme for 2019 is: Listen, observe, act – in step with God. We have a new world leader - Mrs Sheryn Harper from Guyana - the first non-British WW President. Please pray that she may find strength to cope with this role. . . We have a lot for which to look forward . . .*

Finally - to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships, listen, observe, act! These words will help us do that: Thank you all for your loyalty and passion as we proceed into 2019.'



**Faith in Action**  
Help us, Lord,  
To live in your light,  
To think in your wisdom,  
To abide in your love,  
Your presence to prove.





## Wellington Diocesan Mothers' Union LADY DAY Celebrations

Monday 25 March 2019 at 11.00 am at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

This begins with Fellowship / shared finger food (late morning tea/early lunch) between 11am and 12 noon, followed by a Diocesan General Meeting, chaired by the Right Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson and including elections for the Mothers' Union Wellington Diocesan Leadership Team.

The final part of the day will be a Lady Day Service with Eucharist between 1pm and 2pm at which Bishop Eleanor will celebrate. All Mothers' Union members in the Wellington Diocese are warmly invited to attend. For further information and to advise if you are attending, please contact Ann Desmond, Acting Diocesan President at [anndesmond4@gmail.com](mailto:anndesmond4@gmail.com) or Cheryl Hansen at [thehansensnz@gmail.com](mailto:thehansensnz@gmail.com)

**Epiphany Church, Masterton** The final two months for our Branch were very busy, celebrating our 70th birthday in November with a celebratory service followed by a catered afternoon tea.

Members brought along a possession from seventy years ago and items ranged from a toddler's dress, to jewellery handed down through the family and three different clerical hats worn at that time in England!

It was great to have a reporter present from our local Times Age who wrote a great article and gave publicity to the occasion. December saw our branch embrace the season of Advent in our church service - if the church can't keep Advent then no other organisation can!

This was followed by our Teddy Bears' Picnic so everyone dared to go down into the woods and be part of the picnic. And what stories those bears had to tell - some had travelled the world, many had been given in childhood - BUT - only one bear had a name which was interesting. A fun quiz about the history of the teddy bear was acclaimed a great success and so eventually all the very tired little teddies were taken home to bed!

Cheryl Hansen



(Cutting the cake) Present leader Cheryl Hansen, Edith Stewart (99), Marjorie Nevin and Bernice Olsen, all past branch leaders.



Blue and white balloons in Epiphany Church, Masterton



L-R: Our two Open Home Foundation teddies in a basket. Each month members drop a coin into the jar and we send a needy child to summer camp in Riversdale. Gwenda with two teddies she had knitted for babies at the local hospital. Gwen with her very special teddy.

## The Selwyn Foundation

Mothers' Union notes that the Revd Marianne Hornburg has recently been farewelled from the Selwyn Foundation after nineteen years of service, care and spiritual leadership within the Selwyn Village communities. We thank Marianne for her long-lasting dedication to those whom the Selwyn Foundation serves, many of whom have been Mothers' Union members, and also for the warmth of her welcome to current Mothers' Union members when they have had occasion to hold or attend services at Selwyn Village, Pt Chevalier. We wish her every blessing in her retirement.

The Foundation has welcomed the Reverend Caroline Leys as Selwyn's new Director Spiritual Care. Caroline is to lead Selwyn's strategic development of the spiritual well-being dimension of The Selwyn Way - which is the Foundation's approach to the care and well-being of all who connect with it. As an organisation which does connect with the Foundation from time to time, we join in extending a warm welcome to her and look forward to working with her in due course.

*(Selwyn's Retirement Villages extend from Whangarei, Greater Auckland, the Waikato and Wellington, while other community aged care services extend also to Canterbury.)*

## - The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki -



**Cambridge** Gwen Dodd received her 50 year Badge in December from a fellow member, the Reverend Dianna Court of Cambridge, the latter being accompanied in a brief ceremony by the Vicar of Cambridge, the Rev'd Malcolm French and his wife Jan.

Gwen who has recently moved into the new Moxon Selwyn Retirement Centre in Cambridge, was presented with a Certificate marking 68 years of MU membership.

**Stratford** Leader Fiona Martin writes of her MULO A 2 Impressions:

**"Here was an international group of people sincerely doing their genuine best to follow the goals/aims of MU. Evident was a vastness of theological understandings, talents, and skill sets of leaders.**

**"Another impression was, that this is a courageous group who seem to have over the years experienced all too often unfair criticism and a lack of support from their own brothers and sisters in Christ. In spite of this, it was evident too that these leaders were prepared to place themselves in a position of vulnerability to be part of a process to reflect, in order to develop a strategy beyond 2020."**

I was still in a bit of daze or haze two days post Brisbane MULO A 2 when at church back home in Stratford, Taranaki. During the passing the peace, I noticed a visitor wearing a MU badge. As it turns out Carol Hatcher, on our right in the photo, was on a working holiday with her husband looking after her grandchildren while her daughter and son-in-law worked through the summer school holidays.

Carol is a member of Plympton St Maurice MU, near Plymouth in South Devon. On our left is Jane Gilbert who lived in Plymouth for twenty years. So of course Carol and Jane happily chatted about the areas they were familiar with. Also with us for morning tea was Janet Wheeler. Janet is now living in Stratford but is originally from Egmont Village and was a long-time member of the New Plymouth, St Mary's MU. We decided not to include Janet in the photo because she was still in recovery mode from bruising eye surgery. Carol kept us in stitches of laughter over a memorable and wonderful time together at a local café all because Carol had been wearing her badge a few days earlier.



Fiona Martin, Rosemary Bent and Vivienne Wells will be speaking to the Stratford Branch about MULO A on February 26.

## - The Diocese of Christchurch -

'The Good Habit' Café is where our Christchurch Mothers' Union group met for lunch in December.

The door that you see is the original front door from the Community of the Sacred Name's old brick building that had to be demolished because of earthquake damage.

The café also has many original materials from the old buildings including a fireplace inside and corrugated iron on the outside.



The Community of the Sacred Name sold much of what was left of the chapel as well as the corrugated building in 2015 to 'Home and Family', an organisation which works with troubled families and children. The café is hired out by Home and Family. It is a lovely place to visit for a meal.



## An account of the second MULOA meeting for our Zone

At the MULOA meeting in Brisbane it was time to report back from consultations with our branches as well as with church and wider communities. The process of worldwide consultation, decided on in Ireland in 2016, will conclude in Rwanda in June this year, when the trustee board will meet with Provincial Presidents to consider the worldwide feedback and draw up a Mothers' Union Framework for the future.

The purpose of the Muloa meetings was to remind us of our calling and to understand how to reach our communities more effectively than we are doing now.

The MULOA Principles are Listening, Observing, Acting and the Core Questions addressed at the meetings were:

- Whose lives are we touching? What else influences them?
- ❖ What difference are we/could we be making?
- ❖ How do we/could we effectively make a difference?

We were reminded of the attitudes we need to have to do the work we do and how we can demonstrate these by our actions, and how to listen well.

Those attending first discussed the challenges involved when trying to convey the MULOA messages effectively, what works, what we can do better as individuals, branch members, and leaders, and the impact MULOA has had so far on ourselves and on others.



Matters examined as the week proceeded included whom we could work with or influence more, what the data gathered so far tells us about the difference and lasting changes that MU makes, what more we could do, and how we could do it (the ways in which we could work and what qualities we should demonstrate when working).

Throughout there were sessions of bible study and prayer, with homework to be done in the evenings, to prepare for informed discussion the next day.

The Zone C framework which had been drawn up in Auckland was closely examined in the light of the feedback presented at this second meeting, to see what adjustments needed to be made now that actual data was available to consider. There was also discussion of how the framework was to be used for planning ahead and strengthening our effectiveness.

The last day saw the framework in its adjusted form presented for a final view, and discussion within geographical areas of plans for the future. (A more graphically neat form of this framework suitable for printing is to be sent to us shortly by Mary Sumner House.)

Those attending from New Zealand have already started to communicate to branches the ideas for future actions that were produced from their discussion, and no doubt this is happening too in Fiji and other areas of Polynesia. We look forward to receiving feedback from Tonga, Fiji and Samoa which we can publish in the next newsletter, about the special needs they face in doing MU work, and their plans for the future.

Across our Province, we are resolved to put into practice the good intentions expressed at our zone's two MULOA meetings.

Above: Playing the role of a troubled lady' Elaine Longford Dio. Pres. of Melbourne) is spoken to kindly by two MU members (played by Sandra Chambers from Sawtell, NSW and Archdeacon Tai Tuatagaloa, Auckland.

Right: using 21st century technology: Canon Libbie Crossman and Tagolyn Kabekabe.

Below left: Adi Tukana of Fiji addresses the gathering - and then a series of Muloa 'postage stamp' size pictures.



On the last night, most of the participants from the Province of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia: (Standing, L-R) Katherine McIntyre, Prov. Treasurer; Fiona Martin, Stratford; Joan Neild, Prov. President; Virginia Wells Dio. Treasurer Waikato/Taranaki; (Seated, L-R) Ven. Tai Tuatagaloa, Auckland, formerly Samoa; Margaret Wilson, Auckland, past NZ Prov. President; Janice Cheeseman, Prov. Secretary; Raewyn Skipper, Dio. President Auckland; Ann Desmond Acting Dio. President, Wellington. C.A



**An Easter Letter to Indoor Members  
from the Worldwide President,  
Sheran Harper. Easter, 2019**

My Dear Friends, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is a special time of the year for me as it brings with it a freshness and a new beginning for us all as Christians. It is a time when we truly recognise that God is able to do the impossible. Can you imagine what it was like for the disciples when they saw the stone rolled away and Jesus was no longer in the tomb? What a shock it must have been when they realised that Jesus' resurrection was real indeed!

The good news for us is that whether we are in our beds or homes, in church or at work, Jesus is alive and here with us, he lives in us and in him we live and move and have our being. What joy this is to have the blessed assurance that Jesus is with us always, even until the end of time.

As I write my first Easter letter as your Worldwide President, I can almost feel your presence and I can see your smile as you read this letter. I remember my childhood days growing up in the city of Georgetown in Guyana at Easter time. My father and mother would sit for hours making kites for me and my two brothers.

As soon as Church was over on Easter morning, we would hurry home with great excitement, pack our picnic baskets and off we would go to the National Park or the Seawalls to fly our kites. As children it was such fun for us, but it was later on in life I realised we were celebrating the resurrection of Jesus by raising the kites high in the sky! By midday when the sun was in all its glory, the families in the city would be out too with their picnic baskets and hundreds of kites could be seen soaring in the blue skies.



It was a special time for us to spend the day with family and friends, sharing our food, playing games together and more importantly making sure our kites flew all afternoon rather than come crashing down. The day would end, sometimes too quickly for us and we would be tired but happy that we could share our experiences of Easter Sunday in school the next week.

As you think about your own precious moments of Easter through the years, may you be filled with the love of treasured memories, the peace of Jesus which surpasses all understanding and the lasting friendships of our beloved Mothers' Union.

Thank you for all you have done for Mothers' Union in the past and all you continue to do. It is because of your constant prayers that we can continue our work and overcome the challenges that come our way. It is because of your prayers that we can plan ways to give families with little or no hope, a bright future. It is because of your prayers that I can humbly lead this life-changing movement of ours.

As we begin this new triennium with a new trustee board and a new constitution with new opportunities, we will remain faithful to the cornerstone that was laid by Mary Sumner 142 years ago. Please do continue to pray for us as we will do the same for you.

As I close, I pray that God will continue to shower blessings of love, peace, joy, healing, and comfort, and may he keep you in the palm of his hand until we meet again. Happy Easter!

With my love and prayers always,  
*Sheran*

**Sheran with the Archbishop of  
Canterbury**



## The Chief Executive of the Mothers' Union, Bev Jullien, reflects on Mothering Sunday.



Entering Lent, we look also towards Mothering Sunday. Whilst for many this is a joyful day when we celebrate our mothers, for some it can be a time of pain. So in Mothers' Union we are privileged to have been given, for the second time, a liturgy created by the students of St Mellitus College under the guidance of Dr Jane Williams to share more widely, "Nurturing Hope in a Hurting world".

In it, they use the analogy of the Rose – the thorns representing those who are hurting, and the petals the nurture given, not only by mothers, but the wider community, "mothering" those around them. We are reminded that in Christ, we are given both comfort and family, and the liturgy includes some beautiful prayers – this one in particular struck me:

*"May the circle of Your love close around those whose relationships are broken or in need of healing."* The liturgy is available for all, and can be found on the Mothers' Union website.

The realisation that we are all one in Christ, that in him we are indeed one family struck me particularly strongly very recently, when the new Worldwide Board of Mothers' Union, which brings together members from the five home nations and six other regions across the world, came together for the first time. Vibrant in their diversity, it was very evident that all were united in their love of Christ, with a common purpose of "mothering" all those in need around them.

Members shared stories of inspirational work ongoing throughout the movement: women such as Edna, from Guyana (the home of our new Worldwide President), who exhorts others to "be the positive change your families and communities need" and then puts words into action by creating a social enterprise which makes reusable sanitary pad kits to enable young girls to continue to go to school throughout the month.

Or Matilda in South Sudan who, after learning to read and write was able to set up her own business, and through that financed a new health centre and doctor, which now service a community of some 8000.

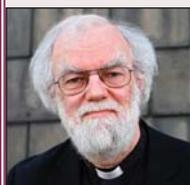
To celebrate their work, and to help it to continue, Mothers' Union is offering Mothering Sunday cards and gifts online at [makeamothersday.org](http://makeamothersday.org).



*"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." Isaiah 66:13a.*

### Did you know . . . .?

#### **Mothers' Union has had and still has the blessing of successive Archbishops of Canterbury.**



❖ In 2006 at a two-day MU general meeting in Ipswich, England, Archbishop Rowan Williams (with Archbishop Robin Eames, primate of All Ireland) called the worldwide Mother's Union (MU) the "fifth instrument of unity" in the Anglican Communion. In other words, he was saying that Mothers' Union had become one of the pillars of the Anglican Communion (the other four being the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Primates' meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council).

❖ Speaking during a visit to Sudan in 2017, Archbishop Justin Welby described Mothers' Union as 'the heart and love of the Church'. We members of Mothers' Union have so much to live up to!



# Worship, Prayer and Resources

Here are a number of 'samples' and resources you may choose to source and try out ...

## A Service for Lady Day

Listen, observe, act – in step with God.

### Call to worship

Listening, like Mary, we open our minds  
Let us rejoice, God is with us

Watching, like Mary, as God surprises us  
Let us rejoice, God is with us

Questioning, like Mary, as we engage with the world  
Let us rejoice, God is with us

Pledging, like Mary, to lift up the humble  
Let us rejoice, God is with us

*Adapted from the traditional Eastern Orthodox hymn  
for the Annunciation & Luke 1:26-28*

### Confession

Holy God, you promise to do great things for us,  
yet we do not trust you.

You extend your mercy to us,  
yet we do not trust you.

You lift up the humble,  
you fill the hungry with good things,  
and yet we still do not trust you.

Forgive us, and help us to trust  
in the promises you have given us.



Artist: Joan Miles, Taupo

*For the full Service, email Joan Neild, [rjneild@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rjneild@xtra.co.nz), asking to copy you her attachment  
For the paintings, email [brookerfamily@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brookerfamily@xtra.co.nz)*

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## The Front Cover - discover the full account.

The cover story is a précis of important points only. You may find the full account following Sheran's commissioning as MU's Worldwide president by the Archbishop of Canterbury by opening the following link: <https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2019/02/mothers-union-one-of-anglican-communions-greatest-gifts-to-worldwide-church-abp-welby.aspx>



Joan Neild writes:

"A little blue penguin swimming beside our boat one day this summer. The little penguin was unconcerned that we were sailing along beside him, and it was a peaceful sight to see him amid the ripples he was making."



**The three Archbishops of our Province, at the enthronement of the Archbishop of Polynesia in Suva, Fiji on Sunday 10 March.**

Archbishop Fereimi Cama is alongside the President of Fiji, the Hon Jioji Konrote, with the two NZ-based Archbishops, Archbishop Philip Richardson and Archbishop Don Tamihere on the left.

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**Newsletter, Facebook and Website**

Fresh items of news, letters and contributions from dioceses and branches are invited for the next newsletter in May 2019. Please send these no later than 15 April to the Provincial Secretary: Janice Cheeseman, 14 Cecil Rd, Epsom, Auckland 1023. caseus@xtra.co.nz Ph 64 (09) 630 4127 or 027 271 5950.

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 Website: [www.mothersunionnz.org.nz](http://www.mothersunionnz.org.nz) - AND watch out for a fresh look coming soon

**Midday Prayers at Cambridge**

Provincial Treasurer Katherine McIntyre recently attended St Andrew's Church and noticed this stained glass memorial window depicting the breaching of the wall at Le Quesnoy on 4 November, 1918.



While at the Friday prayer service, Katherine by chance met Diana Taylor, a MU member from Gloucestershire UK, who is now living in Cambridge. When Diana commented on Katherine's MU badge, she ceremonially pinned it on Diana and they said the Mary Sumner Prayer together. Curate Tim was on hand to take the photograph. Diana plans to join the Hamilton MU Branch.

**Subscriptions: a Polite Reminder**

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