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A Message From Our President - Sandra Gamble



Since meeting at Spring Gathering in April when Rosie was our guest speaker, it is very good to be able to report that Mothers' Union Diocese of Salisbury (with our branches, groups and Diocesan members) goes forward into the next Triennium - when the 150th anniversary celebrations of the foundation of Mothers' Union will take place as well.

To get here has been a struggle, as you will appreciate from the number of appeals and pleas for a few members to come forward to keep MU in the Diocese afloat. In order to maintain a Board, a minimum of 3 trustees is required under our Constitution, which is quite normal. Despite the appeals and following nomination papers going out in February and Spring Gathering taking place with further pleas in late April, nominations remained at 2 only (DP and General Trustee) from the present Board - with one other current Co-opted Trustee prepared again to be co-opted, but co-option requires a Board to undertake appointment.

I am more than thankful, therefore, that, faced with this shortage of volunteers to form a diocesan board and prevent closure altogether, two additional current trustees, albeit originally planning to step down in 2025, agreed that their names should go forward as General Trustees for the next Triennium, as did a former retired trustee who, at the time of writing, has offered to return and submitted her nomination form - thus providing 5 nominations. Nominations remained open, however, because a very large diocese, such as Salisbury, with it needs to focus on governance, its members, pastoral fellowship, worship and community outreach, needs an appropriate number of volunteers to function effectively.

Your new Board will be revealed at this Autumn Gathering (together now with two members willing to be co-opted once the new Board is formed). It appears that there will be no need for an election. Hopefully as well, Jenny's and Suzanne's replacements can also be announced - as both Jenny (after 20 years) and Suzanne (after 12 years) are retiring from their roles as Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Treasurer at the end of this year.

However, backtracking if I may. It is apparent that there are two fundamental issues facing MU Britain and Ireland currently - which MSH is trying to help resolve:

- the rapid on-going decline in membership; and
- the fact that it is increasingly difficult for MU to recruit full trustee boards in all dioceses and the risk that some dioceses are fast becoming inoperable.

Although the two overlap, they are separate issues and MU Diocese of Salisbury faces both.

Our membership, while totalling 2,159 in 2010, numbered just in excess of 700 in 2023

2 and now in 2024 has dropped to within the 600 figure. This is not unusual

regarding Mothers' Union in Britain and Ireland as membership continues to decline at a rate of 6% a year. The main strategic focus of the central charity, therefore, to try to counter this decline, is to develop and deliver new ways to increase members and charity funds while continuing to support existing members, our clergy, parishes, branches/groups and dioceses. We see, for example, that, with a small new "membership" team in place, MSH is delivering against the Reimagining priorities raised by members in 2022 – by creating a "Church-based Membership" pilot and a "Gifts of MU" project.

As regards failure to recruit full trustee boards, MSH has set up a Southwest Cluster Pilot (comprised of the 8 south west dioceses) to explore a legal restructuring of Mothers' Union with a view to sustaining Mothers' Union branches, groups and diocesan membership in dioceses themselves facing closure. This is under the leadership of Mothers' Union central charity CEO Bev Jullien and Finance Director Richard Miller and comprises a steering group of Diocesan Presidents and an additional Trustee from each of the 8 dioceses. Treasurers from the 8 dioceses are beginning in July to meet as well.

The pilot is still in development stage needing to produce a wholly new constitution, rules and regulations, policies and procedures, governance manual and resolution of accounting, finance and data issues. In Salisbury, we have been fully involved as members of the steering and treasurer groups - represented by myself, Carrie and Suzanne - working on these matters to achieve agreement with the other 7 dioceses in order to go forward. It is a complete restructuring, legally and financially, of part of MU in Britain and Ireland requiring agreement to be reached by the 8 dioceses - with ultimate potential appeal to other Britain and Ireland clusters that may wish to follow suit.

However, until all aspects are in place, the pilot is not ready to be launched. When it is, 2/3rds of members present and voting will determine whether the Diocese of Salisbury will join the cluster. Naturally, as we get closer to that date, you will be formally informed of the benefits, and canvassed, but it will not be the first time you have heard from me informally what joining will look like.

I am delighted to say that several members, attending the Members' Gathering in Oxford in June, returned enthused by what they witnessed Mothers' Union undertaking in other dioceses – and Salisbury, the only diocese with a Virtual Baby programme! Our Rockley Park project too continues smoothly, immediately following Sheila's passing, thanks to Alison and Jill picking up where Sheila and Suzanne left off. But again, "the importance of your support that our holiday home provides; the good work that the Virtual Babies do for teenagers in our schools; the joy that is brought to a prisoner's children by the sending of a gift through Angel Tree; the vital provision we give to the Women's Refuge; and the comfort and encouragement brought to all those who receive knitted items" cannot continue without help – which does not require being a Trustee. As little or as much is all it will take to keep our projects on course with your help and support.

Trustees are very aware that all of the above is a BIG ASK as our membership becomes more elderly and has already undertaken many responsibilities – and still does in your parishes. But what of the 150th anniversary celebrations? Already, as I write at the end of July, ideas are being requested for what might be done nationally and/or locally. By the time of our Autumn Gathering in October, I imagine this will have become the priority topic. And so it should, as we continue to follow with pride in our founder Mary Sumner's footsteps.

Love and blessing to all, **Sandra**



Chaplain's Chat

This last Summer has been a very busy one in many different ways. There have been multiple sporting events to grab our attention. The Olympics and Paralympics have allowed us to witness many working so hard to triumph over, what in some cases we heard, were very difficult circumstances. In all honesty no one who becomes an Olympian does it without dedication, determination and a lot of hard work and to watch these people succeeding and celebrating their achievements can truly warm one's heart.

Then, after all the activity of a General Election and the acknowledgement of a new Government, in the early part of the Summer, the News was then given over, later on, to the most dreadful riots on the streets of our towns and cities following a most harrowing, violent attack on young children enjoying themselves. We know too that conflict continues in various parts of our world most notably in Gaza and Israel, and in Ukraine and Russia, and sadly accounts of such hostilities and blood shed have become a regular part of our news bulletins during this time.

Despite the excitement and joy the athletes may have brought us we may well have felt, over the last months, a sense of despair in the actions of some. Our own circumstances may have fed in to how the Summer has been for us as, away from the wider world, we will each have had our own either pleasant, or difficult, things to deal with. We know that life is not all sunshine or rain but a very complicated mixture of both.

Personally, my Summer has been a busy one, not least with starting to make arrangements for a move, back to the North West, at the end of October. I was also quite busy with Mothers Union things in the midst of which I had a nasty attack of Vertigo. Most notably I was involved with assembling a display to share the knowledge and breadth of the work Mothers' Union is concerned with both locally and across the world. The display remained in Salisbury Cathedral for three weeks when we hope many visitors viewed it, learned something new and took away information to share or contact details follow up.

4 One of the most memorable pieces of our display, I think, and something that helped me when I was feeling rather grim, was a lovely picture of a group of

helped me when I was feeling rather grim, was a lovely picture of a group of Mothers' Union members from Ghana, posing for the photograph and looking quite pleasantly determined but, most significantly, with this text from Galatians accompanying the picture.

"Let us not become weary in doing good for, at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"

I am sure members of Team GB know very well that their sporting success can only be achieved if they keep going in the hard times. The Mothers' Union in Ghana, with that text, have given us a good reminder that whatever our circumstances, and whatever we are looking to achieve, we need to keep on trying. I found it really encouraging and I am sure it is a prompt for us all. We must keep on going, even when we could despair, as it is only by each one of us continuing to work for good that God's goodness will become a reality throughout our world.

With many blessings to you all - **Jayne**

Loving God,

We know all good things come from You,

and You make good, all things.

*Be with us as we look out into the world to do good
that we may always trust in that goodness.*

*We pray for wisdom and guidance, peace and patience
and ask that you will provide us with the strength
to endure when we doubt and are disheartened.*

*We ask for Your blessing and Your protective embrace,
as we seek to share all that you have given us
with the people, both near and far,
whom You have placed in our lives.*

In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Treasurer's Notes

I am continuing to serve you as treasurer as we have had no enquiries from branches, parishes or from an advert in the diocesan Grapevine newsletter, please continue to pray that someone will come forward. I really do not want to step down and leave you without a treasurer, especially as we are at the end of another triennium and several of our trustees are stepping down and we will be welcoming a couple of new trustees.

As always my thanks to Alison Oakes for the sterling work she does in collecting gift aid annually. Don't forget, if you pay the Inland Revenue tax on your earnings, pensions, savings, by completing a Gift Aid form (obtainable from the office, Jenny or myself), we are able to collect 25p in the pound from your annual subscription and any donations you make. Branch treasurers, please remember to check with your members when you are completing the annual subscription forms. Thank you treasurers for all the work you do in your branches and thank you branches for all your fund-raising efforts. 5

Our 2024 membership to date is 653 a reduction of 60 members. Twenty-three pounds per member has been sent to MSH (my apologies, in the Spring edition I wrote that it was £25). For 2025 MSH has increased their portion to £24.50. Our diocesan subscription for 2025 will remain at £35 per member and £60 for joint membership. Can I remind branch leaders and treasurers that if you are having to consider closing a branch or moving to Prayer & Fellowship group, please in the first instance contact Jenny Harrison, our secretary to be guided on the correct steps to take.

Standing Orders: More important than ever, there are still standing orders that have not been amended to reflect the increase in subscription. Many are still at £26, £27, £28, £30, £32. Please, please can you check that your standing order is up to date? I have been reporting this for several years and still they remain.

My thanks to Carol Reynolds, who for many years has completed the Consolidation Report. I am now in the process of completing the 2023 report. Can I take this opportunity to remind treasurers of the Regulation 12. 4. When distributing the funds your Branch has raised, only keep sufficient funds for immediate requirements in your bank account. We have been advised by Mary Sumner House that no branch (active or Prayer & Fellowship) (although P & F groups should not be holding onto a bank account, if you are please contact me) should be hoarding more than £100 in their branch account. Anything over this amount should be sent to the Diocesan Office for projects; the exception is if you can show that you have a purpose for any excess amount over £100. If you require a copy of "Regulation 12" please get in touch. I will put this (£100) on the next trustees' agenda to agree raising the £100 to £200 taking into consideration the cost of living increases. Within the next few months I will also be writing to all treasurers, as it is quite a while since I last communicated with some of you.

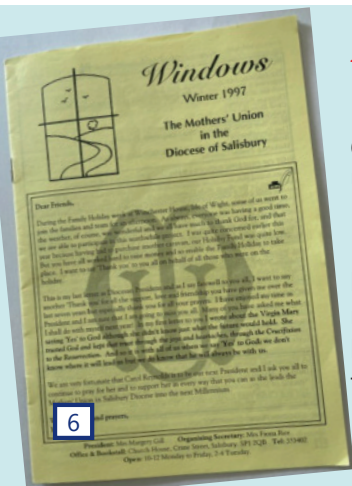
Finally, the Holiday Fund is financially in a good position, branches and individuals have been making generous donations towards the 'Welcome Packs', thank you everyone. As it is more than probable that I will be reporting an over spend on our working income and expenditure, donations to the General fund would be very welcomed.

Suzanne Waters

ARCHIVE CORNER

EXTRACTS FROM WINDOWS GONE BY - **WINTER 1997**

One of the oldest editions of Windows in the Mothers' Union Office is dated Winter 1997 and was the time when Margery Gill was just coming to the end of her term as Diocesan President and Carol Reynolds was stepping up to be the next Diocesan President. Back in 1997 Windows had no photographs and looking through it I am reminded of how much Mothers' Union has changed and evolved over the past 27 years. Here are four of my chosen extracts:



The Diocesan Annual General Meeting was held on the 10th June in Verwood Parish Centre at 7.15 pm. Sixty people attended and the President welcomed everyone to the meeting. "A Service of Light" was then led by the Rev Alan Gill. Margery reported that a familiar question was often asked – how do you get new and younger members – (interesting to note that this question is still being asked today!). The Guest Speaker Rev Bob Bailey from RAF Lyneham admitted to having a "conversion experience" after reading the Aims and Objects of MU! However he foresaw that we are heading for stormy waters and that the organization could flounder. (Fortunately Rev Bob's prophesy did not come true back in the late 1990's but as you all know these days we are again approaching stormy waters).

Under Branch News – West Lavington & The Cheverells held a service in June to celebrate their Centenary with the support of local dignitaries and relations of past members. An in-mate of Erlestoke Prison had made a beautifully decorated cake which was enjoyed by all after the service. (I am pleased to say that West Lavington MU – not sure what happened to The Cheverells - is still going strong today).

Under AFIA Report – Pam Montgomerie gave a very short but succinct message in that the caravan season has been successful and in fact there is a waiting list of next year. I am pleased to say that this is still the case and is one of our ongoing and most successful diocesan projects.

To end this short round-up I will quote from World-Wide News and Jean Downham wrote:

'I have recently received a letter from Mama Mariam Ayoub, President of West Sudan (Kadugli Diocese) who says "Please pass our love and greetings to all MU members at Salisbury Diocese. Continue to pray for the Church in Kadugli and for peace in Sudan".

How sad that we are again being asked to pray for peace in Sudan 27 years later.

Jenny Harrison MU Diocesan Secretary

VIRTUAL BABIES

The babies have had a very busy year and by the time you read this they will be visiting a new school, Kingdown School, Warminster. We now have all but 2 half term slots fully booked, so our babies are going to be very busy. Sadly two of our babies are no longer working correctly so are now retired but we do keep hold of them in case a branch would like one for display purposes. A total of 130 pupils took part in this project in the 2023/2024 academic school year.

Since our CDC left in 2023 and because I believe this is one of the best projects we the Mothers' Union in the Salisbury diocese run, I have taken on coordinating the VB's. I have again prepared the paperwork and contacted the schools for this academic school year. I have delivered the babies to schools and at some of the schools delivered the Introduction and De-brief sessions. Jocelyn Short and Marlene Haffenden, with their teams have also keep this project going at their local schools. We are still looking for a Co-Ordinator and volunteers to be part of the team.

Suzanne Waters

Birthday Celebration

On 12th June Wareham Diocesan members celebrated the 90th birthday of June Leaper with a Garden Party in the garden of Anne and Bob Smith. The weather was great. Members provided quantities of delicious food including gluten free for some of our members and a decorated Birthday cake. June had thoughtfully provided Prosecco for a toast. The garden was immaculate! We all enjoyed celebrating together including Anne King who was brought by her son-in-law carer, only her second outing in four years. Our Rector Simon

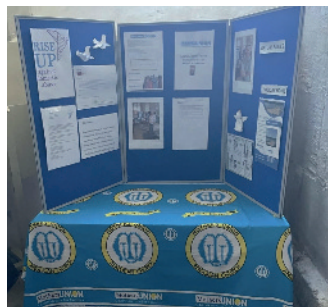
Everett and his wife Linda joined us; it was one of his final events before retiring to Harnham. Simon ended the lovely afternoon with a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing.

Jeannette Guinness



West Lavington

At All Saints Church, West Lavington, Wiltshire, we have positioned our Mothers' Union notice board just inside the entrance. What was a very dark corner, is now brought to life with MU news, both local and international. We may soon need a much larger notice board!



Laverstock

Congratulations go to Jackie Brick from Laverstock Mothers' Union who was presented with her 50 Years of Long Service Certificate in the Trinity Chapel at Salisbury Cathedral at our monthly Holy Communion Service in June. Our MU Chaplain, Revd Jayne, presided over the Service and Jackie read the lesson. Jackie tells me that she was enrolled in Worcester Cathedral and received her 40 Years of Long Service Certificate in Winchester Cathedral so Salisbury Cathedral was the perfect choice for her 50 years.

Calne Deanery

Here are some photos from the Calne Deanery Mary Summer Day Service at St Mary's Calne. The first photo is of Rosie Stiven, Carrie Keller, in the hat and the leaders of the 3 MU branches in the Calne Deanery: Royal Wootton Bassett, Derry Hill and Calne.

The second photo is of all those who were present at the service.



IN THEIR SHOES - Guernsey

Some years ago, I came across an article in a 2008 Mothers' Union Magazine from Glasgow about domestic abuse and how the members had gathered shoes together to provide a strong message about its effect on women. As a result of that the Soroptimists in Guernsey in 2011 put on an exhibition with the assistance of the local Women's Aid, Refuge, Options (now Safer), the Police and the team responsible for Relationship Education in schools. Young people were asked to draw their ideas of shoes to reflect the problem and were provided with some of the sentences women had written to show how they were affected by such abuse. The Exhibition

took place in the Royal Court Great Hall and educated the many visitors who came along during the week that it was in place.

Above is a photograph of the exhibition along with information that maybe of interest. It is so pleasing that Salisbury MU in conjunction with the local Soroptimists are continuing this idea, which is so evocative and makes the point about domestic abuse so clearly. As an aside, Guernsey Soroptimists used to visit their Salisbury counterparts annually and vice versa, as we enjoyed a Friendship Link with them.

Jeannette Tasker

Rosemary and Sheila receive long serving membership awards



Two joyous landmarks were celebrated at Spring Gathering 2024 – with presentation of a 60 years' certificate of membership to Rosemary Allen and a 50 years' certificate to Sheila Soper, both Diocesan Trustees of many years' service as well.

Rosemary pictured here with DP Sandra is well known to all for her MU work, particularly in running the Mothers' Union shop, helping in the office, keeping in regular touch with our Diocesan Members and Friends

and praying for and visiting our Guernsey Deanery members. Rosemary has held many positions at branch and diocesan levels and carries on doing so – putting her name forward in continued support of the Board as a potential co-opted trustee for the 2025-27 Triennium. She is also a member of the Cathedral and very active there, being awarded The Cross of St Aldhelm in 2023 for here significant contribution to the Church and Diocese. You will have been able to read of Rosemary dedicated service to both the Mothers' Union and the Diocese in the Spring edition of Windows where she is pictured with Bishop Stephen.



Sheila too served Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Salisbury for very many years. Photographed at Spring Gathering with her 50 years' certificate of membership, this was Sheila's last outing and an instance of great privilege for Sandra to be able to present her, on behalf of MU Salisbury Diocese, with the certification award for long-standing commitment. As well as her many trips to the Episcopal Church of Yambio Diocese in South Sudan

where she met and was greeted by Mothers' Union members who had journeyed to see her, Sheila will be remembered, in particular, for her devotion to our AFIA project at Rockley Park, Poole providing assisted holidays for families facing hardship. She never tired in her organisation and oversight of the project, ensuring Welcome Packs were in place at the beginning of every family's stay. Although very unwell, Sheila travelled to Spring Gathering to encourage members to continue in their support for the project she had nurtured for families needing a break away from it all.



Stoles for Sudan

Although the weather was not as warm as we had hoped, the rain held off and we had an enjoyable afternoon at the annual Sudan Garden Fete held in the South Canonry, home to the Bishop of Salisbury, on Sunday, 9th June. We were able to engage with many old friends and talk to others who were unfamiliar with our project. Our stoles

are still being taken to South Sudan and our records show that 446 have been made over the years. We know that they are greatly valued by the recipients who are continuing their ministry under often very difficult circumstances.

If you are interested in making a stole (they come in a pack with easy-to-follow instructions and cost £3.50), please contact the office.



Wilton

Wilton Branch members were delighted to be awarded a Bronze Certificate from Mary Sumner House in recognition for their support for the new **Rise Up campaign against domestic abuse**. To get this, they had to prove the group had promoted three aspects.

The information poster about domestic abuse and coercive behaviour with its tear-off tags with Helpline numbers was approved by both Wilton Parish PCC and Wilton Baptist churches (a representative shown here with a few of our own members). Several are now up in our loos. We showed a commitment to praying for the campaign and for victims of abuse throughout the year, as well as attending the annual '16 Days' service in the Cathedral.

We have joined the 'Friends of Salisbury Women's Refuge' scheme and have pledged to raise a minimum of £40 a year for this. In addition, we have held other fund-raising events to add to the amount and also donated items for 'Moving On' packs and Christmas presents for the families.

Some of our group also enjoyed fine weather in June during an outing to the Woodford Valley for lunch and a visit to Heale House Gardens.





West Moors

Service to Mothers' Union Honoured - "What is Service?"

In May we were delighted and honoured to welcome Stella Roberts back to our meeting at West Moors. Nearly fifty years ago Stella was asked by the then incumbent of our church to set up an evening section of the Mothers' Union for the younger members of the congregation. Thus St. Mary's then had two groups, one which had already been running for many years in the afternoon and the new group meeting in the evening. This continued until a few years ago when the groups combined, the

afternoon members becoming fewer as age overtook them.

As you can imagine, our evening was very enjoyable with much reminiscing, as Stella talked about 'What is Service?' and shared memories of her day at Worcester Cathedral in March. We were shown the Maundy Money she had received from Queen Camilla for her service to Mothers' Union as, when she moved on from West Moors, Stella has continued to serve Mothers' Union in many roles, including that of Winchester Diocesan President.

Although there were several members present at our meeting who were with Stella when she led our group, Mary was the only original founder member of the group when it started. The photo is of Mary and Stella, with her Maundy Purses.

Elizabeth (Leader, West Moors)

A CHANCE MEETING

A chance meeting with an old colleague and his wife Rosemary, several years ago and the ensuing conversation led to discovering the rarity of the orchids in our churchyard at St. Mary's, West Moors.

Over lunch, we caught up on our interests following retirement and discovered that they had both become involved with the National Arboretum at Westonbirt. Rosemary was a keen photographer and this, coupled with her interest in flora, led to a conversation about native orchids. Our West Moors Mothers' Union Group had previously been on a very interesting, guided walk, led by a senior member of Kingston Lacy staff, around the fields at Pamphill, Wimborne, when we had seen a lot of orchids. We decided to go and visit the fields after lunch, but unfortunately it was still a bit early in the season and hardly any of the orchids were out. I mentioned that we had some in our churchyard and we could visit this on our way home.

When Rosemary saw the orchids she was excited as she was able to identify them as the Green-winged Orchid, which were very rare. She took some photos and asked if the site was registered with Dorset Wildlife as they would have been interested. At the time we were concerned it could have led to restrictions on how we managed the churchyard, but I did get a few tips from her, which have helped us to increase the numbers and the area in which they grow. We were also pleased and surprised a

When the Living Churchyards Project was launched our Vicar was very keen that we should join the project, and this has helped in our being awarded a Silver Certificate in the EcoChurch scheme.

This year the fine display of orchids attracted the attention of Dorset Wildlife and a Conservation Officer came to do a survey of all the grasses and other plants that may be present, recording 15 notable grassland plant species,

“A good example of really species-rich grassland which has been preserved through the good management of the churchyard over the past years.” Our churchyard is now being put forward for recognition as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) in Dorset.



Michael Bowler (Trustee)



MU Display in the Cathedral

MU Diocese of Salisbury were delighted to be allowed to mount a display in the Cathedral for three weeks in August. Located in St Margaret’s Chapel (used by the MU) in the South Transept, our display attracted quite a few visitors as it is on the exit route from the Cathedral. The

colourful display, created by our Chaplain Jayne Davies and Trustees Carrie Walsh and Rosemary Allen, covered the story of the Mothers’ Union, the astonishing work carried out both internationally and nationally and our Salisbury Diocesan projects including Rise Up, Souls of our Shoes, Virtual Babies, the Angel Tree Project and samples of beautiful baby blankets and twiddle muffs.



Rise Up Award for West Lavington

Members of West Lavington Branch, working with our local church Rector, are delighted to have received RISE UP’s Bronze Award. After making connection with our local domestic abuse support charity for advice, photographed here is the package of hand creams and children’s craft materials Branch Leader Jackie was able to deliver as our Rise Up contribution to FearFree in Trowbridge in support of their work in local refuges.



Sheila Soper

The Mothers' Union in Wimborne were privileged to have such an inspirational woman as Sheila Soper as a member of their branch. She was always so full of energy and ideas and will be greatly missed. Her faith was at the root of all she did. As a MU trustee, Archdeaconry chairman, helping to run the Holiday Home at Rockley Park and in all the many things she did in the church and community she truly followed in the footsteps of Mary Sumner. I wanted to share the following letter with you as it shows what a great impact Sheila had in her work with the MU in South Sudan.

An email message from Aida Wande, 16 May 2024

Subject: Condolences message

Dear Anne Salter, family members of late Madam Sheila Soper, friends and the entire Christians of Wimborne Deanery

I am writing with heavy heart and sadness for the peaceful death of our mentor, role model, our beloved mother in the Lord and committed supporter of Mother Union's, may God almighty Rest her soul in the internal peace. Amen.

The entire Mothers Union of the two Dioceses of Yambio and Nzara have lost very important person in their ministry, the person who tough them to know the meaning of MU and know more about the work of God they are doing. The woman women could flee over up to Yambio and Nzara to train Mothers Union and feed them as well. The individuals she supported either paying their school fees, rentals or medical will be missing her in their daily life.

My tears can't stop rolling when remembering her teachings with Mothers Union, her preachings in Timbiro All Saints Cathedral, and in Karika Parish, her love and support towards me, I and AB Samuel will organize a memorial service for her life.

The last assignment she gave me was to rebuild the ECS guest house toilets and bathrooms which we are remained with fixing of the doors and windows, I believe and spirit will continue to pray for us.

As Yambio Diocese, we will continue to remember her legacy and good service in the Church of the lord.

Dear family members friends and the entire Christians of Wimborne denary, let's keep praying for each other, and let us keep our relations intact.

Thank you all.

Rev. Aida Wande Peni.

SALISBURY/SUDAN MEDICAL LINK

I know that most of you will be well aware of the existence of the Medical Link with South Sudan, and the support given by this Diocese. What you may not know is that some of the committee made a visit to South Sudan a year ago which has helped us to refine and target the support given. If your MU or Church , or a combination of both, would like an illustrated talk from those visitors I'm sure they would be happy to fit you in, just contact info.sudanmedicallink@gmail.com

The Medical link supports in various ways:

- * Providing consignments of life saving medicine to its clinics
- *Sponsoring and funding the training of nurses, midwives, clinical officers and lab technicians.
- *Funding Mama Packs - which are a simple collection of common-sense items which provide a safe and clean environment for a mother to give birth. It doesn't seem much to ask does it?!

There are several ways in which the Salisbury/Sudan Medical Link Fundraising Team make the money which we send and I expect you hear about them through Grapevine and various news channels that operate throughout the diocese, but what I would like to point out to you is how you can help.

Apart from coming to the events we run e.g. Lent Lunches (every Friday during Lent at the Hungerford Chantry in The Close (Home of Anna Macham, Precentor) or The Sudan Fete on 9th June in the garden of The South Canonry. We also hope you can help us to fill some of the stalls at the fete by making Jams, Marmalade or Chutney for the Preserves Stall, or cakes for the Cakes Stall and for serving at tea. I can always arrange for storage of preserves if that is a problem. Please give me a call if I can help you to help us. The MU play a vital role in wider health issues of the area; prevention and education; but above all by faithful prayers , for which we know you can always be relied upon.


With very best wishes

Madeleine and the Sudan Medical Link Fundraising Team 07773 740789

IN MEMORIAM -

We give thanks for the lives and dedication of the following members, all remembered with love.

Nancy Morland	ex Wilton
Rev Andy Roberts	Diocesan Member from Swanage
Edna Reeve	Urchfont with Stert
Sheila Soper	Diocesan Trustee, Archdeaconry representative, and Organiser of the Holiday Home.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Activism Service Against Gender Based Violence

Tuesday 19th November
in Salisbury Cathedral

Wave of Prayer

5 - 7 February 2025

The Spirit of Water Flower Festival

13 - 18 May 2025 in
Salisbury Cathedral

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL MU COMMUNION SERVICES - 2025

All Services take place in the Trinity Chapel of Salisbury Cathedral on the fourth Tuesday of the month (except August and December) starting at 12 noon. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

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