

Diocesan Presidents' Easter Message 2019

Dear friends,

I hope you are well and have bulbs coming through as a sign that spring is coming. The snowdrops are putting on a wonderful show in my garden, and during better weather the birds are singing away.

Mission

Rev. Sarah Murray the Provost, is thinking of places to take those she knows that could benefit from such a day out.

Those of you who are Diocesan members who can knit, don't forget to knit items for the Mission to Seafarers, either go to their website which has a range of patterns, alternatively contact me if you need the patterns. I knitted several hats from the left-over red wool from poppy making. There are some great patterns on the Missions' website. Knowing not everyone can make things, we are also getting children's' underwear for 5 to 18 year olds, suitable for school, for Rev. Sarah to give to those in need. Sarah is happy to take them at any time. The other item is pencil cases, these can be either made or purchased and pop a few pens and pencils inside. If parents cannot afford uniform, coats, underwear and food, pencil cases would certainly be a luxury item. The branches are also doing wonderful things in their communities, including knitting for seafarers, and raising money for AFIA.

Merging Update

The Dioceses; Moray, Ross and Caithness, with Aberdeen and Orkney, are to make one large area. In Moray, Ross and Caithness we already have a couple of members from Argyll and the Isles. This reduces the number of people needed to run it, as with all voluntary organisations there is a lack of people coming forward to help run them. In the next few months we will be merging the three Dioceses; Moray, Ross and Caithness, with Aberdeen and Orkney. The ground work has been done and there are two teams with roles to look after the whole area. The name has now been agreed, **Mothers' Union of Northern Scotland and the Islands.**

Don't forget the power of prayer, I pray for all of you and your families every day. It is something we can all do for each other.

I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter

Love and blessings to you all

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