

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

NEWSLETTER



Enrolment on Mothering Sunday at Saint Clements

May 2012

Mothers' Union Objectives

-  *To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.*
-  *To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the church.*
-  *To maintain a worldwide fellowship Christians united in prayer, worship and service.*
-  *To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.*
-  *To help those whose family life has met with adversity.*

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship and in love and service, reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live. Amen

From our Diocesan President, Chris writes



Dear Friends

My apologies for the lateness of our spring Newsletter but Jean our editor is in New Zealand with her family and has intimated that she doesn't think she can continue for personal reasons. However we seem to have a solution to the problem and I am very grateful to my husband, David who without any coercion from me has offered to do it, a big thank you to him.

My first two years as your Diocesan President has been interesting as well as very challenging, I am now half way through the final year of this triennium and I have been extremely fortunate in being able to meet and get to know many of you on my travels around the diocese. I look forward to continuing to do this should I be re-elected as your Diocesan President. I am immensely grateful for all the encouragement and support that I receive from † Bob and Graham our Chaplain, they have always been there to give me help and advice when needed. Sadly we will miss Graham who is due to stand down at the end of this year, however he is a member of the Mothers' Union and I am sure we will see him from time to time. Can I ask you all to give some prayerful thought with regard to his successor.

This year our theme is 'Your Gifts, Discover and Celebrate' a challenging thought don't you think!!!! Especially as we come to the end of this triennium and we have the task of electing new members to the Trustee Board, some of the present board are due to stand down, and most will have served on one or more committees and as such will have been members for many years. We are grateful for all they have done to help with the running of the organisation. Thankfully some have another three years to go and will stay but we do need new faces as this is good for the health and decision making of our organisation. I know that those who are standing down would urge you, if asked, to give real consideration to joining, your input is needed if we are to continue as we are. So please, if asked, give it some thought and talk to those who are standing down. There are numerous roles that need to be filled that cover things as diverse as Faith & Policy, Action & Outreach, Fundraising & Communication, Finance & Central Services, as well as Trustees so do give it some careful thought, remember an organisation needs people to take it forward.

There are a number of important events happening and I would urge you to make a note of them in your diary. The first is the visit of our World Wide President Rosemary Kempell who will be with us with her husband John, from the 10th August until the 14th August. Rosemary will be speaking at our Festival Service on Saturday 11th August in the Cathedral and you are all invited to be there. This will be a chance for all of us to hear about the work that Rosemary has carried out on our behalf. There will be various events taking place over that weekend and you will all be given details so that you can join in where possible. On Tuesday 14th

August a number of us will be at Aberdeen Bus Station to greet Mothers' Union Members who are taking part in 'Mothers on the Move', who are part of a group travelling from Lands End to John O'Groats on public transport to highlight the work that we do. They will be travelling on to Elgin to meet up with Mothers' Union Members for lunch accompanied by Rosemary and her husband.

The next event that you need to have in your diary is the Scottish Gathering which is on Friday 5th – Saturday 6th October. All members are welcome and this is a good opportunity to meet other members from across the province and I would urge you to go if you can. It sounds as if it will be a lot of fun. Details for this can be found further on in the magazine or you can ask your Branch Leader for an application form or go on to the Scottish Mothers' Union website at www.muscotland.org.uk for more information.

The Trustees have always been on hand with decision making and have risen to the challenge and supported me when I have suggested something different, I am very grateful for all their help. We are small in number but we are growing and we do achieve quite a lot, it never fails to amaze me that things just happen!!!! with the least amount of fuss but with a lot of love from lots of people.

Love and blessings to you all, Chris

Mothers' Union Fellowship Group at St Clement's, Aberdeen

Mothers' Union members and friends from across the diocese gathered in the evening of Mothering Sunday at St Clement's, Mastrick for a Eucharist and the enrolment of a group of ten new members. To begin with they will be led by Melanie Finch and it is hoped that everyone will take an active part in the fellowship and spirituality of the group.



It was a lovely evening with much fun and laughter as you will see from the photographs that were taken and we look forward to them meeting at regular intervals. They are all very new to the Mothers' Union and need our prayerful support.

From our Provincial President, Hilary Moran writes



Dear friends,

This year we are asked to look at what gifts we have been given by God. Sometimes I'm surprised by the tasks I do now, 10 years ago I would never have thought I would be doing the work I do at present. God moves us in different ways and it is for us to discover what we are capable of doing and ask for his guidance.

Spending a period of time away from everyday life can really help us in this endeavour. So I would commend to you our Provincial Retreat from Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th March, at Kinnoull Monastery, beside Perth. There are still a few rooms left if you would like to come to a partially silent retreat with us. Revd. Canon Dominic Ind will be leading the retreat.

Spending some quiet time at home is important too. I ask you, this year in particular, as it is an election year for the Mothers' Union and there will be a lot of office holders standing down, that you ask yourself how important the work of the Mothers' Union is to you? The branch membership is fundamental to their being a good supporting network for fellowship all over the world, but they do need people to organise them. We will be looking at what we can do to support the branches at our Scottish Gathering. Leadership roles in the diocese are also needed. So maybe it is time to discover your gifts and offer yourself in service?

You are all invited to 'The MU Scottish Gathering 2012' to go on 'The Road we Take'. On the way we will discover, where we've come from, where we are now and where we are going. It will be from Friday 5th October to Saturday 6th October, in the attractive house and grounds of Tulliallan Police College, Kincardine, Fife FK10 4BE. It will be an exciting Gathering, a chance to pray together, share together and look forward together, as nothing stands still in this life. This is your chance to meet with members from branches all over Scotland. Oh, I forgot to say Celebrate together too. There is a small cost of a £20 deposit to secure you a place, first come first served. We have Bishop Mark Strange from Moray, Ross and Caithness as our Gathering Chaplain, the development of the younger element to the Mothers' Union is close to his heart. Marian Pope from Mary Sumner House and Trish Heywood along with my committee will lead us over the two days. Your DP will have the booking forms.

An extended Mothers' Union meeting with a difference will be from August 9th to August 15th, Lands End to John O'Groats by public bus. This is happening to raise the awareness of the Mothers' Union. Did you know that we are helping in six prisons in Scotland? Come and meet us at the bus stops and jump on it for a while. Your Provincial Representative member Linda Brownlie will be travelling on the bus, come and hear about her work in Malawi and Sierra Leone. Rosemary Kempell will be on the bus from Aberdeen to Inverness. Your DP will have the

time of the buses we will be on in your area. We hope to see some of you along the way.

Monday August 13th Depart 08.50 Dumfries–Glasgow–Dunfermline–Dundee– Arbroath Arrive 16.25

Tuesday August 14th Depart 07.10 Arbroath–Montrose–Aberdeen–Elgin–Inverness Arrive 16.40

Wednesday August 15th Depart 08.30 Inverness–Brora–Wick–John O’Groats Arrive 13.30

I’m on the only Scottish Inter Faith committee concerned with domestic abuse. We are about raising awareness within our faith communities of domestic abuse, challenging preconceptions and standing together as people of God with those who are abused. We have a very moving exhibition called ‘Souls of Our Shoes’. At this event abuse in the home is portrayed by an exhibition of shoes. The collection of shoes on show, with their accompanying comments, will speak on behalf of abused individuals who suffer, and some who die, at the hands of their partner or ex-partner. Other comments come from people who journey with them and many of these reflections will represent a faith perspective. The exhibition is available for local use and is free. Contact me if you would like to use it.

hilary.moran@btinternet.com or 01475 686213.

URGENT!!!!!!

By now most of you will be aware that the cost of posting things has become prohibitively expensive. We are in the process of compiling an email address directory for all of our members so that we can continue to get information to you as quickly as possible. Many of you have been kind enough to give us your email address previously but we still have a lot to collect.

Can I urge those of you who have not given us your email addresses to send it to me at muaberdeen@gmail.com so that we can continue to supply you with all the information that we feel you, as members, should receive.

2012 Prayer Collation on Discovering and Celebrating Gifts

Who Are You?

Precious Child, don't ever say that you are nobody.
You are not no body. You are not even some body.
You are a special, one-time, never-to-be-repeated
act of God's creation. You are unique,
Listen! Ever since the beginning of the universe,
when God spoke the Word that created matter,
ever since the emergence of life on this planet,
there has never been another being made
exactly like you. Not only that.
There will never be another like you, again.
Not ever! Think about that for a moment.
Consider your giftedness, unlike any other.
Reflect on the position that only you can fill.
Doesn't that say something to your heart?

Joy Cowley

Worship

We are so grateful for the gift of worship,
for the recklessness of it, the unquestioned giving that makes us
to throw our hearts out like hats to be caught and filled by the
everything of love that we name God,
for the rightness of it, as it leads us out of the wasteland and into
the blossoming way where we discover love moving in everything
like fragrance on the breath of a flower,
for the richness of it, the manner in which we are lavishly filled,
in spite of ourselves, with wisdom beyond mind, seeing beyond
vision, rejoicing beyond words and the knowledge that now is the
eternity of Love we have been waiting for.

Joy Cowley

Lady Day Service 2012



About fifty members and friends from across the Diocese attended the Lady Day Service held at St Mary's, Carden Place. We were particularly pleased to welcome a number of people from St Clement's Church, nine of whom, together with the Rev Jane Ross had recently become members.

The Rev Canon Graham Taylor, Rector of St Mary's and our Diocesan Chaplain, celebrated the Eucharist ably

assisted by the Rev Jason Hobbs. Graham was wearing the cope, embroidered with MU symbols which was made and gifted to the Diocese by MU members in Mthatha in South Africa.

During the service, Graham led us in a Meditation after which, Lewis and Annette, from St Clements, were enrolled into the Mothers' Union. Most of these new members are young Christians who have embraced the aims and objectives of the MU into their lives.

The Peace was shared and the Eucharist followed. After this moving service we went into the hall to share fellowship, and enjoy the refreshments provided.

Chris Crosley, our Diocesan President, thanked all for attending the service, those who had a special role in the service, and all who had provided and served the refreshments. A special thank you was expressed to

Graham, Jason and Alison the organist, Chris presenting them with a small gift.

The collection was shared with †Bob's Lent appeal for support for the development of St Thomas Park parish in Mthatha and St Mary's, Carden Place to help fund Rev Mlu's visit from the Diocese of Mthatha.

Sheila George



News from the Branches

Saint Mary-on-the-Rock

Once again it was our pleasure to welcome the Eillon Resource Centre to our April Meeting.

The Revd Canon Peter Mander led the short service, with Margaret Murray and Doreen Bailey leading the prayers. The hymns, as usual, were well received and with everyone in good voice.



Afterwards we all met in the Church Hall for tea and cakes. One of the young men from the Centre was to be 21 on Thursday and we all sang 'Happy Birthday' and had a piece of his cake - he was very surprised, but pleasantly so.

Sylvia Baston

HIGHLIGHTS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

On April 24th the Mothers Union at St. Andrews Cathedral held their Annual Easter Party which they decided to amalgamate with a Diamond Jubilee Party. Members, along with visitors from St. James, Queen Street Guild and St. Peters Roman Catholic Church enjoyed an old-fashioned afternoon tea, then tested their memories answering a quiz about the royal family, royal residences and general knowledge. The event finished with a 'sing-song' of popular 1950's songs ably accompanied by Mr. Stanley Flett.



The second highlight was the enrolment of five new members to the Cathedral branch of the Mothers Union, at the Eucharist service on April 29th. Martina Chukwuma-Ezike, Oge Ibenegbu, Obianuju Ogbodo, Nkechi Okorator, and Rev. Moira Paterson were enrolled by Provost Richard Kilmour supported by the Diocesan President - Mrs. Chris Crosley and Branch Leader - Mrs. Sonia Hudson. At the same service members presented three hand-embroidered Mothers Union kneelers to be blessed and to be placed in the Lady Chapel. It was a very joyous occasion.

MOTHERS UNION UNIFORM

St Andrews Cathedral Branch now has 10 members who have come to Scotland from Africa. Their account of the importance of the Mothers Union in their country is very interesting. In Nigeria, the wearing of a uniform is extra special. There is a long training period before being enrolled as a member. They are only then able to buy material for their uniform from the Bishop's wife (who is the only person allowed to keep this material). The material is blue in colour with a portrait of Mary Sumner in a circular frame printed on it. Special tailors make the dress, making sure that whatever style of dress is required, the Mary Sumner portrait is always on the front and no cuts or seams would spoil the portrait. Many are adorned with beadwork, embroidery and crochet work as Chioma's robe shows. Sonia Hudson.



St James', Holburn Place

Eighteen members from Ellon, St Andrews Cathedral and St James' were treated to a most informative talk on Tuesday 8th May, by Hilary Moran, our Provincial President.



She enlightened us about a range of possible ways we could put Mothers Union ethos into more practical use, touching on ways of helping in prisons and on topics such as Domestic Abuse, the Away-From-It-All scheme and School Reading programmes.

She mentioned her contact with the Family Liaison Officer in a prison and her suggestions of ways in which we could be involved with

Visitor Centres in prisons were particularly interesting, since both Aberdeen and Peterhead have prisons, we have ample opportunity to ensure that these "local residents" can have Christmas cards and/or a little present to offer to at least one of their loved-ones. We had not considered that children of prisoners would value some organised activities. Having learned that the Brownie Pack in Low Moss Prison is valued, perhaps we could organise a similar group in our locality.

Hilary reminded us of the importance of the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union which involves trying to improve family life, health and education in Africa.

Surely this illustrated talk should inspire us to do something positive for those in our community with needs. Ann C Penhale

Relief Fund

South Sudan

In December 2011 and early January 2012 Mothers' Union received Relief Fund requests from four dioceses in South Sudan.

In Juba diocese, a huge number of people are returning home from North Sudan, fleeing through fear of how they might be treated in the north following the split of the country in July 2011. Local statistics indicated that at the end of 2011 over 500 people were arriving in Juba each day, putting immense pressure on land and resources. Mothers' Union identified 200 households they could help in the short term, with items of food and medication.

Lainya and Rumbek dioceses were both affected by conflict at the end of 2011 leading to mass displacement. In Rumbek, one eye witness said: *“the raiders passed through one of the villages and they started to kill people and around 15 houses were destroyed by looting them and burnt them down. In the morning...soldiers still moved in the bushes looking for whoever tried to follow the raiders and the situation was getting more tense and worse and worse for four days“*. Mothers' Union in Lainya and Rumbek dioceses aimed to reach 9,500 people in total through their relief projects.

In Cuiebet, floods caused by heavy rainfall led to a massive loss of homes, crops and livestock and potential outbreaks of disease. The Bishop of Cuiebet diocese described the situation in Pakam: *“water had covered the villages in the county - many houses were demolished and many families were displaced and the county commissioner declared over the state radio that his county had been overrun by the floods. So displaced families came with their children to the roadside to stay there for their survival and the same road had become a grazing land for cow and goats”*.

Women and children were identified as being those most vulnerable and with this in mind Mothers' Union in Cuiebet wished to support 3,490 displaced people with food items, tools, plastic sheeting and utensils. Grants were agreed from the Relief Fund to support the Mothers' Union relief work in these four dioceses.



Overseas news

Uganda:

The Family Life Programme has a special outreach into community members affected by HIV/AIDS. This vital work is carried out often by people affected by HIV/AIDS themselves, who have trained with Mothers' Union to become "home carers". They want to expand this work in the eight areas in Uganda to six new areas this year. Naomi went to Ethiopia and Burundi this January to give facilitators training to expand the literacy programme with the local Mothers' Union. She then travelled on to South Sudan in March to see their progress with this programme and gather information for our Comic Relief Grant application.

Diocesan Council

Visit of the Rev. Ali Harvey

We were joined by The Rev. Ali Harvey at our Diocesan Council Meeting on Saturday 1st May and she gave us a very moving talk on her journey of faith and how she came to be working with 'Work Place Chaplaincy'. Ali gave us a fascinating insight into the work that she does as a Retail Chaplain in shopping centres in Aberdeen describing it as 'loitering with intent'. It was interesting to hear that while her main task is to minister to the staff in the centres, she spends a lot of time just talking to the people who are milling around. She told us one very moving story about a gentleman she started talking to who has recently lost his wife and who is feeling a bit lost. She realised from this conversation that a lot of elderly people, often men, who are on their own are very lonely and just want a friendly person to talk to. She also mentioned that she has to have permission from shop managers before she can enter the premises but of course as with all things there are ways round this; the staff in these premises often stand at the door for a breather and this gives her the opportunity to talk to them. Ali was a truly inspirational speaker and she certainly gave us much to think about. Sheila George thanked Ali for her inspirational talk and assured her of all our prayers to support her to quote Sheila 'in this innovative and challenging ministry'.

Unfortunately Ali was unable to remain for the rest of our meeting as she had grandmotherly duties to perform, but we were all extremely grateful to her for giving us some of her very valuable time on a Saturday morning.

A & O REPORT

We have repeated this article as the photographs were missing from the last newsletter.

As we all know, AFIA is an important project for us within our Diocese and it is thanks to the generosity of members, friends and a generous anonymous donation that we were able to provide much needed holiday breaks for two families during this past year.

Both families have written following their breaks away to thank the Mothers' Union, and slightly abridged versions of these I would like to share with you all now.

The first is from a single mother with two young children.

"Dear Mothers' Union

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all at Mothers' Union. We had a great time away at Seaton Sands. It really has done us all good to get away. The caravan that we stayed in was really nice and I appreciated the extra help from my Nan, it was nice to have her with me. It was nice to take the girls to the beach, especially the youngest who had never



been on a beach before, she said this was the best part of the holiday.

Since we came home I've noticed a big difference in the eldest, who didn't have a lot of confidence before we went away, but spending time together and giving her more attention and praise has made a great difference to her.

You really have lifted a big weight off our hands, thank you again, it was very much appreciated and beneficial to us all".

The second letter is from the father of a family with two young boys. The father had previously suffered a serious accident at work, leaving him partially paralysed.

“Dear Mothers’ Union

We as a family say thank you very much for funding our holiday at Craig Tara in Ayr. We had a wonderful time, there was so much to do, the boys had swimming and football training every day. The entertainment was really good with shows for everyone, both in the afternoons and evenings. The staff were very helpful and friendly with the caravan being very close to the complex and ideal for us as it was wheelchair accessible.

We hope you will use this in your newsletter to let others see how good a holiday we had.

Thank you very much from all the family.

Chris, Sheila and I were delighted to receive these letters, firstly for telling us how much they had enjoyed the holidays and secondly of how much benefit the holiday had been to them all and also for the fact that both families took the time to write to us.

Now the hard work starts all over again, the money-pot is empty, so in order to be able to send a family away next year, the Diocese needs to fund raise again so that this may be done.

Pam Dench A & O Co-ordinator



Join us this summer to raise money for the...

wheels appeal

It's time to dust off that bunting...
and get baking.dig out your cake stand

Raise vital funds by having a bake sale, summer garden party or a stall at your village or church fête.

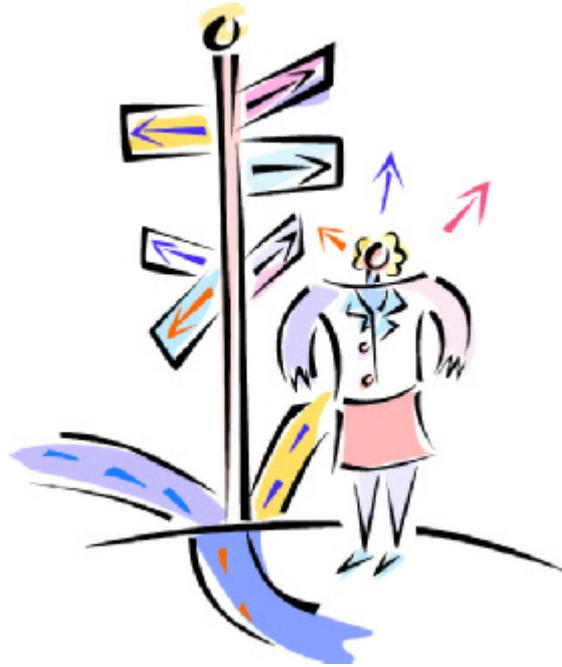
Money raised will go towards travel grants for Mothers' Union's Community Development Coordinators, who travel great distances to access isolated families and communities to offer training and advice.

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To order or download our Wheels Appeal resources call: +44 (0)20 7222 5533
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You are invited to

THE MU SCOTTISH GATHERING 2012

Friday 5th October - Saturday 6th October

to go on

"THE ROAD WE TAKE"

on the way we will find out

where we've come from

where we are now

and

where we are going

at

Tulliallan Police College, Kincardine, Fife FK10 4BE

£20 total fee

Ask your Branch Leader for an application form as soon as possible
Or download one from the website www.muscotland.org.uk

A Pageant Princess

Let Children be Children

Sarah Treacher (Minister for the protection of children) along with Reg Bailey was asked to do a review on behalf of the government (see the Bailey Report).

Mums and Dads, Grans and Grandads were asked to look at shops selling garments suitable for children and report back their findings. From these, a report was formulated.

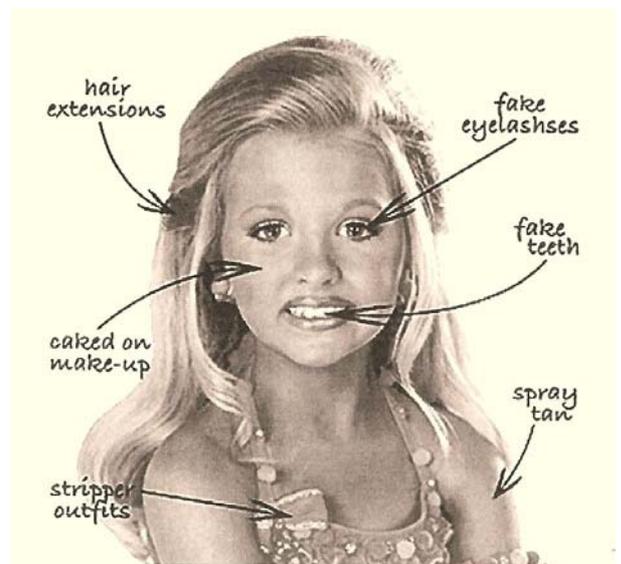
Tee shirts with unsuitable writing, pictures and slogans; also with alcohol advertisement, padded bras and underwear for children under the age of 8 years: high heeled shoes for children etc were discovered being bought by parents, not fully appreciating the consequences that children were being asked to display.

David Cameron (Prime Minister) pulled together the top branded and manufacturers from the consumer units and told them to make sure that all goods to be worn by children should be suitable for their age groups and **NOT** sexually explicit and conforming with integrity.

What you will see in the picture with this article is an example of how young girls are being made to look much older than they really are. There have also been discussions on television and radio programmes on the sexual material and asking what has happened to the youth of days gone by?

What is more worrying is that applications are being made to local authorities to have children's pageants, based on American ideas!

We are trying hard to keep children as children and if you have not already seen the report you are encouraged to visit the website www.byebuychildhood.org to see what you can do.



We are indebted to the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunblane and Dunkeld for this article

Prayer of Discernment

Spirit of Guidance, I see before me numerous choices and a decision to be made.

There is division in my heart. Sometimes I want none of what I find. Sometimes I want it all. Sometimes I want to give up making decisions and wish that the future would go away.

I entrust my decision-making into your hand, ready to do my part but also knowing that I cannot do this without your help.

Lead me through all the unsure, unclear, doubtful, hesitant, and questioning moments that are mine as I search to find the right way in which to go.

Grant me the grace to choose freely, without being attached to the outcome. I trust that you will be with me as I make my decision prayerfully and with faith.

Assure me that your peace will rest deep within me as I make the decision that seems best for me at the time. I may continue to experience feelings of turmoil and confusion, but deep within I know that I can return to the settled place in me where you always dwell.

Guide and Director of my life, I place my life in your hand. Lead me to the path that will best deepen and strengthen my relationship with you.

Joyce Rupp

Prayers by Nick Fawcett on gifts

Lord,

we each have some gifts, but none of us has them all.

We each have something to contribute to others, and equally something to receive from them in turn.

We each need each other, and our lives are impoverished if we attempt to go it alone.

You call us to be part of your body with a unique role to play within that, but by the same token we belong to an interdependent whole in which every member is of vital importance.

Teach us then, not only to exercise our own gifts wisely, but at the same to appreciate those of others and so may we grow together, building one another up in love, to the glory of Your name.

Amen.

Lord, it is easy to overvalue our gifts and equally easy to undervalue them; to have too high or too low an opinion of ourselves.

Help us to recognise that you value us equally, each having something to contribute to others and something to receive from them.

Teach us then to appreciate our own worth and to recognise that of those around us, and so we may learn to use the various gifts you have given wisely and with humility in the service of the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Who's who

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Dates for your Diary in 2012 & 2013

- 15th June - General Meeting Service - Llandudno
- 16th June - General Meeting – Llandudno
- 10th – 14th August - Visit of Rosemary Kempell**
- 11th August - 10.00 for 10.30 am - St James, Holburn Junction
- 11th August - 3.00 pm - Festival Service in the Cathedral
- 12th August - 11.00 am - St Mary's, Ellon
- 12th August - 6.00 pm - St Clements, Mastrick
- 13th August - Time to be arranged - St Mary's, Carden Place
- 14th August - 10.30 am - Mothers on the Move – Aberdeen Bus station
- 5th – 6th October - MU Scottish Gathering – Tulliallan (open to all members)
- 20th October - Diocesan Council – St Mary's, Carden Place
- 1st December - Advent Quiet Day – St Mary's, Carden Place

**Thank you to everyone who has contributed pictures or articles.
We would like to have news and photographs from all branches as
well as information on activities.**

**Items from all members are most welcome,
this is YOUR newsletter!**

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