



Anglican
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MOTHERS UNION NEWCASTLE

March Newsletter 2022

*Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening
and supporting marriage and family life.*

Theme for 2022:



*The
time for
Transformation
is now.*

Scripture Verse:

For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1.37

FROM OUR DIOCESAN PRESIDENT

Denise Brown



Dear Friends

Since our November Newsletter we have had our AGM via Zoom. This was not ideal but at the time with the uncertainty of the Covid situation it was considered a safer option. As we have seen the Omicron variant has reeked much havoc in our communities. We cannot afford to be complacent.

The Australian Mothers Union Council meeting which was to have been held in Melbourne in November was also held via Zoom. Normally a three day 'live-in' meeting, it was condensed to a three hour Zoom session. I missed the opportunity to share with other Australian Diocesan presidents that we have when meeting as a community. The main topic of discussion was a renewed focus on gender violence. 'No more 1 in 3' was the call. It is an alarming statistic – throughout the world 1 in every 3 women are subjected to domestic abuse.

Resources for '16 Days of Activism against Domestic Violence' which had been put together by some of the members of the Australian Mothers Union Executive were given to each of us and we were encouraged to make use of them in our dioceses. These resources were distributed to Branch Contacts but by the time we had received them most branches had already finished meeting for the year.

I am getting in early for 2022 and encourage you to consider including a discussion about this in your planning for later in the year. We were also advised that the 2022 Prayer Diary would not be available in printed form until March. It is available on the Newcastle Mothers Union website.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this Newsletter you will have received your copy of the Prayer Diary together with the latest edition of Mia Mia. If not please know it will soon be available. Using the Prayer Diary in your daily prayers is an important aspect of being a Mothers Union member. As well as the cycle of prayer it also contains a wealth of information about what Mothers Union is doing throughout the world.

This year we have adopted the theme of Mothers Union Worldwide:

'The Time for Transformation is Now'

and have chosen the Scripture:

"For nothing will be impossible with God" Luke 1.37

as a reminder that we are not alone. As we focus on the theme of transformation we are encouraged to look at how and what we used to do in our branches, how and what we do now and how and what we can do in the future. The principals of MULO – Listening, Observing and Acting are as relevant now as they were when we first started talking about them.

We welcome Barb Warland as a vice President on our Diocesan Executive and also welcome Lynn Mulley who has agreed to edit future editions of the Newsletter. Please send news/photos from your branch/small group to Lynn. (Her contact details are on the back page). What you are doing may inspire others. Many thanks to Kim who graciously volunteered to compile this Newsletter.

In closing I share with you this prayer taken from A Service of Thanksgiving on the Australian Mothers Union website:

*Loving Lord,
we thank you for your power
to bring lasting transformation.
Guide us in your plans
to transform lives for good
wherever you have placed us in your world. Amen*

Love and Blessings

Denise Brown





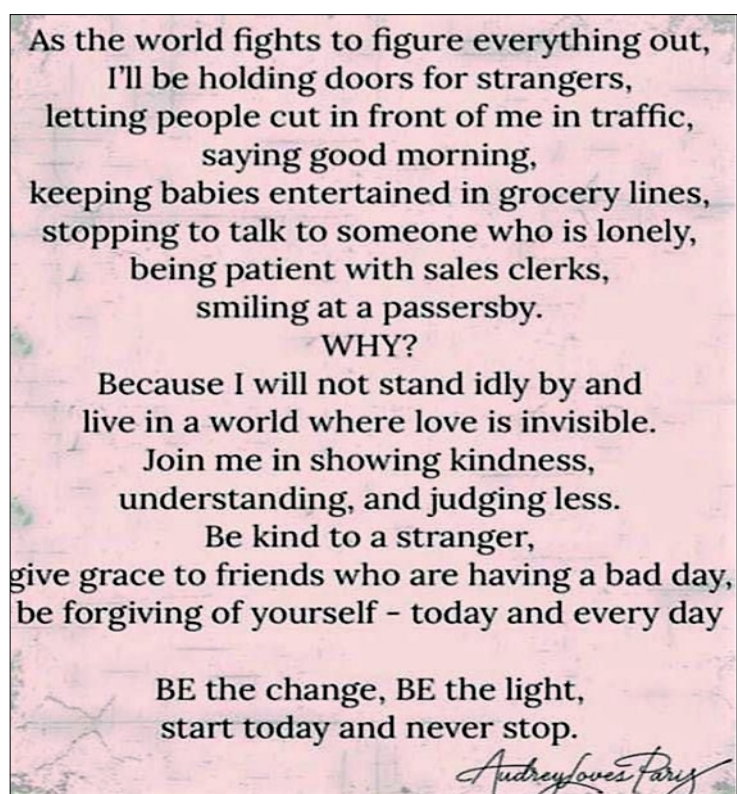
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Reverend Nicole Baldwin

Transformation and Kindness

Dear friends,

As I reflected on our theme for this year, "The Time for Transformation is Now" and the many changes in our lives, I found myself wondering at the process. All of us are changing, all the time, whether we realise it or not, and so is our world. I believe our theme calls us to be active participants in transformation rather than passive recipients and to place our hope and trust in God for transformation "for nothing will be impossible with God." Often when we think about transformation, we think of the big picture things, an end to family and domestic violence, universal peace, wars being a part of history rather than a part of our lives, oppression being a memory, hunger, and homelessness no longer existing in society and we can feel overwhelmed by the pure magnitude of the changes that need to occur for these systemic changes to be realised. All these changes are transformational. Every individual voice that speaks for one of these transformations of our world is an added voice to the call for transformation. Our voices and our choice to speak up or to remain silent have an impact on others and they impact our own lives.



Several times over the past weeks I have seen this post on my Facebook feed and every time I see it, it speaks a little more deeply to me. Because transformation is all the big picture things, but it is also all the small acts of kindness and love that we show to those around us. For we never know how our generosity, patience, love, faith and kindness will impact another person. Perhaps our kindness will encourage them in some way and perhaps it may transform their day.

I am sure we have all thought about times when someone else has shown this sort of kindness to us. I know I have often said that these moments have "made my day!"

Perhaps transformation is practiced in the little things so that we know that whatever we do has an impact on others. Perhaps this is God's way of showing us that when we trust him and our actions are done on the foundation of faith that "nothing will be impossible for God." I pray that this will give us confidence that as we add our voices to the things that need to be transformed. As Christians, we trust that God calls, knows, and loves all people. So, when God places a cause on our hearts, we can be assured that our voice will make a difference in the lives of others and in our own lives. We may not witness this, but we can be assured that it happens. Just as our smile for a stranger may brighten that person's day, so our voice added to any call for transformation will be heard.

Transformation is a beautiful thing, but it requires of us to be active participants. If we only think about transformation, then nothing much will change, but if we actively seek out and follow the call God places on our hearts, if we add our voices to a call for change, if we stop to chat to someone who is lonely, or help another in any way, then we can and do change lives. As we respond to God to reach out to, to stand up for, to call for change ... God works through us to bring lasting change and in doing so transforms the world.

I invite you to ponder where God may be calling you to be part of transformation and I pray that God will bless you in all that he calls you to. May we shine God's transformative light and love in all the places that we are present as we seek to serve God and people of God.

May the blessings of God rest gently upon us all.

Reverend Nicole





DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE.



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Luke 1:37

INVITATION TO LADY DAY

Newcastle Cathedral
Friday 25th March 2022
Morning tea from 9.45.a.m.

Please bring your own mug and snack.
Tea, coffee, sugar, milk and hot water will be provided.

Do not forget your masks!

Service commencing @ 10.30 a.m.

Bishop Charlie to Celebrate and Preach.

Branch Banners: there will not be a procession if you wish they can be stood around the wall.



GUEST SPEAKER.

*Local Identity, Mr. Henry Scruton
President Hunter Branch
of Surf Lifesaving.*

*Henry has been a
life saver for 30 years,
he is a trainer and assessor.*

Courtesy of Newcastle Weekly

****THESE REQUIREMENTS COULD CHANGE****

COVID SAFE INFORMATION for LADY DAY
MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Service commences at 10.30am. Registration available from 9.45am

If possible use the main entrance into the Cathedral.

If you need to use the disabled access please let me know in advance (0437 266 506) and someone will be at this entrance to greet you.

On arrival please register with the QR method of registering using your mobile phone. If you do not have this facility your name and phone number will be recorded manually.

Registration is mandatory

Hand sanitiser is provided. Please use this on arrival.

MORNING TEA: Please bring your own mug and snack for morning tea . Hot water, tea, coffee, milk and sugar will be provided. Once you have registered and have your morning tea please find a seat observing social distancing requirements.

BRANCH BANNERS: There will not be a Banner Procession but if you would like to bring your branch banner it can be displayed along the side walls.

OFFERING: There will not be a collection during the service. There will be a basket near the entrance for you to put your money in or you may like to use the tap and go facility with your credit/debit card to make a donation.

COMMUNION: 'Bread only' and will be distributed from two stations at the Sanctuary step. Please form 2 lines down the centre aisle observing 1.5metres distancing and ushers - Noelene Lentfer and Elizabeth Bissaker, will guide you to your seat via the side aisles after receiving communion.

We will be having a guest speaker this year.

At the end of the service please remember to collect your banner.

The Service will be Live Streamed on the Cathedral You Tube and on Facebook for the benefit of those who are unable to attend.

<https://youtu.be/rLZg6GTuSrl>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED COOPERATION.

HONOURING THE LIFE OF OUR MEMBER



Fay was a very loyal member of Mother's Union who passed away on 17 January 2022.

She joined Wallsend Mother's Union on 17 December 1979.

On moving to Redhead, she became a member of Belmont North Redhead and was Secretary of the Branch for a number of years.

Fay will be sadly missed by those who knew her.

Diane Kenchington

Secretary - Belmont North Redhead.

NEWS FROM OUR BRANCHES



Branches were invited to submit prayers for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Prayer Book.

Below please find prayer written by Cardiff member Father Gary Atherton which was submitted for the prayer book:



Loving Lord,
we were created to receive
your love that brings us life in your Spirit.
And we are built up in love
whenever your light shines
through our actions.
Following the example of Jesus,
the bearer of your Spirit, may we live,
not to be served but to serve,
bringing your love into everything
we do for each other and for those in need.
For the good of our communities
and glory of your Kingdom, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Regards, *Lyn Wickham*
President - Cardiff





Taree branch participated in the 'Festival of Trees' in December, the start to St Johns Taree Christmas season.

We entered 'Mother Mary'.

Her decorations were messages of our aims and objects, prayers, ornaments representing our Joy Boxes, Baptism Bears, Baby items for Baby Bundles and NICU.

At her feet were Mia Mias and our banner stood proudly at her side.

Kim Bussey

WAVE OF PRAYER ROSTER 2022

Dear Mothers Union Members.

Your 2022 Wave of Prayer roster. If you are unable to meet in your time slot, please change with another group or let me know.

Be innovative in your time together and send information to me to share with the other groups.

Blessings for your time of Prayer and Reflection as we support our Sisters in Christ in Prayer and in love. *Lorraine* - Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator

Time	SATURDAY JUNE 11 th	SUNDAY JUNE 12 th	MONDAY JUNE 13 th
9.00am – 10.00am	Lambton William/Medowie/ Malabula	Toronto	Belmont Nth/ Redhead [Diane]
10.00am – 11.00am	Cessnock Wyong	Nelson Bay Charlestown	Beresfield
11.00am – 12Midday	East Maitland Bateau Bay	Cathedral Lone Members Maitland	Taree Adamstown
12 Midday – 1.00pm	Raymond Terrace Kincumber	Windale The Entrance	Southlakes Dungog
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Singleton Denman [if able]	New Lambton Swansea	Mount Vincent
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Cardiff Boolaroo	Kotara South	Muswellbrook
3.00pm – 4.00pm	Belmont	Merewether	Lakes Anglican



Anglican Women

Diocesan Quiet Day at St John's, Raymond Terrace

45 Sturgeon Street

With: Bishop Sonia Roulston

Tuesday 12th April 2022

From: 10am until 3pm

Please bring your own lunch,
face mask and QR code in required

Theme:

"Healing & Hope"

Sentence of Scripture: Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.
I will strengthen and help you;
I will uphold you
with my righteous hand."



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Come and join us for the

OVERSEAS AND NORTHERN OUTREACH CELEBRATIONS

When: Monday, 1st August, 2022

Where: All Saints Church New Lambton

When: Tuesday 2nd August

Where: St. James Church Wyong

Program:

9.30 a.m. - Morning Tea

10.00 a.m. - Eucharist

10.45 a.m. - Guest Speaker



Bishop David and Mauren Mulready

11.30 a.m. - Thank you to guest speaker

Prayers

12 noon - Fellowship and lunch

Publications and Cards will be available



dates to Remember

March 25 th 27 th	Lady Day Mothering Sunday	9.45am	Christ Church Cathedral
April 12 th 10 th -16 th 17 th	A.W. Quiet Day Holy Week Easter Day	10.00am	St Johns Raymond Terrace
May 9 th	Executive Meeting	9.30am	Cessnock
June 11 th -13 th 24 th	Wave of Prayer Council Meeting	10.00am	Times page 9 Lakes Anglican

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 24th May 2022

Please send your Mothers Union News/Photos
for the next edition to:

Lynn Mulley

Email:

mulleyl@munewcastle.org.au

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Please send text in word format and photos as
jpeg by email if possible. I will acknowledge your email.
No reply, your email has gone astray, please re-send.

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