



Email News March 2019

Welcome to the [Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester email news](#).

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Save the date!

[Friday 9 August](#) ... Mary Sumner Day ... for a [Mary Sumner Day Celebration](#) ... details to follow!

Speakers List 2019

Copies of the 2019 edition of the Speakers List were issued recently in Despatches. The list is also available on our website and will reflect all the changes since the beginning of the year.

"You are unique!" says the Archbishop of Canterbury

"There is only one Mothers' Union! It is the world's oldest and largest women's movement. It is one of the Anglican Communion's greatest gifts to the worldwide church," Archbishop Welby said at the recent commissioning of the Worldwide President and Central Trustee Board in Southwark Cathedral.



The Archbishop spoke about the simplicity of the New Testament and how, once called by God, He "takes us by the hand and takes us on the greatest adventure that there is, the adventure of Christian discipleship. That adventure has taken Mothers' Union from Mary Sumner in the countryside of England to a worldwide organisation on which people can depend," he said. But the Archbishop said his one disappointment about

the Mothers' Union is that we are the Anglican Communion's best kept secret. "So, make yourselves known," he said.

News from our link diocese, Mombasa (Kenya)



Here is an extract from the news our correspondent Margaret Watts has received:

We celebrated my husband's first Anniversary as the Bishop of the Diocese of Mombasa on Sunday 6th January at the Mombasa Memorial Cathedral. It was a very wonderful service and we enjoyed every bit of it as many people and friends joined us for this celebration. During this service we received gifts in form of money and we donated the gifts to one of our needy Parishes in the Diocese to support their mission.

Towards the end of last year in the month of October we held an Evangelical Mission in one of our remote Parish areas called Lukore. During this mission we partnered with Mombasa Light House for Christ to carry out an eye camp as well as evangelism to the community. At least 120 people had an eye checkup and we also sponsored the ones with critical eye problems for surgery.

We are visiting Archdeaconries teaching women life skills that would empower them and improve their way of living through income generating activities. We are teaching women to make liquid soaps, and briquettes used as cooking oil using local materials, this is in the spirit to also teach them environment conservation by reducing tree felling for fuel. We teach village saving and loans activities where the women can come together to save and borrow loans to empower their businesses or support their families.

This year we are also teaching women for enrolment to Mothers' Union and Anglican Women Fellowship of which we want to ensure that all the females in the Diocese both adults and children are united and engaged in the service of God in their different talents and activities. We are targeting 600 women for this enrolment.

It is also our work plan to start up an Orphanage and vulnerable children programme (OVCP). This is where we shall support these children with toiletries and stationary to support them in their studies and their daily living. This is a big challenge ahead of us but we trust God will open ways for us to run this program. The mothers will donate these products then we can distribute to the children. We are also outsourcing for support from Well-wishers and Organisations for this programme to be effective.

We humbly request for your prayers. Thanks and God bless you. Mrs. Martha Mwaro, Diocesan Mothers' Union President

Prayer Focus for March 2019

Please pray:

- For our new Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, and the new Central Trustee Board as they set out to lead Mothers' Union during the next three years
- Give thanks for our Diocesan Council meeting in February and pray for Yvonne and the Trustees as they seek to lead Mothers' Union in Leicester Diocese for the next three years
- For all our members, that they will feel valued in their service to God through Mothers' Union and inspired to share their experience, ideas and talents
- For all Lady Day services planned in the diocese this month

With best wishes,

Sue Wilson, Diocesan Trustee