**Our Hopes for the 150th Anniversary 2026**

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**(also the diocesan ‘Year of Sharing’)**

1. Each branch to have a **display** in their local church about MU. Illustrated posters about our local history will be available.
2. A **MU** ‘**Take-over Sunday’** – in June/July – by MU members with vicar. Suggested resources will be on the website.
3. A **Central Gathering** in Newcastle Cathedral on **Saturday 25th July.** 10.00-2.00. **Our BIG Diocesan Celebration for 150th anniversary.** It will include an exhibition / displays of our work; also music, activities, and creative Midday Prayer. Coffee and lunch provided. Bring a friend. A core team will invite contributions from members across the Diocese to be as inclusive as possible. **SAVE the date.**
4. A **Power Point** on Newcastle MU past, present and potential future is available for branches / deanery synods to use during the year.
5. Throughout the year, MU and the Cathedral will be working alongside other organisations to raise awareness of GBV and domestic abuse across the diocese. Please pray for this initiative
6. Branch/Deanery **Fund-raising events** for MU Projects
7. Learn to sign **Mary Sumner’s Prayer**
8. Share the **150th Prayer Book** (150 prayers from across the globe.)
9. Welcome **new members** – please !

We wish to collect information about each branch for our displays next year, so we can celebrate each other’s endeavours. Please send brief details on the following to Anne Marr. [chaplain@munewcastle.org.uk](mailto:chaplain@munewcastle.org.uk)

1. Name of branch / deanery / How long it has existed – if known
2. What MU means to the branch / what matters to members
3. What parish/diocesan **projects** the branch supports currently.
4. About 2-3 photographs, to show you ‘in action’.

Many thanks for your commitment and prayers.