



## CAMLOUGH & MULLAGLASS MOTHERS' UNION BRANCH



### A BRIEF HISTORY

*(Written by Doris Megarity, Branch Secretary)*

At the last Mothers' Union meeting on Wednesday 15th November 2023, after some discussion, the members were all in agreement that it was the right time to close the branch.

Over the past few years the membership of the branch had declined and unfortunately there were no new members coming forward.

The Branch was formed in 1950, with the enrolling member being Mrs. Redpath and over the years we have met many excellent speakers and shared our faith with many local churches and rural deanery branches.

Over the years we have celebrated our 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries but we missed out on celebrating our 70th anniversary due to the Covid pandemic.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of our 73 years of the branch took place on 11th April 1991. This was the occasion of the visit of the wives of the Anglican Primates from all over the world. An exhibition of the history of the area was set up in Bessbrook Town Hall. After refreshments the branch presented the guests with gifts of Irish linen.

On Sunday 28th April 1991, a new Mothers' Union banner was dedicated.

The members, along with a few parishioners gave very generously to our overseas contribution. This money has been well used to support the relief of poverty and the Mothers' Union family life projects in underdeveloped countries.

The branch has been supporting a young girl by the name of Agnes in Uganda, through the Fields of Life charity. The money we send each month means Agnes is able to get an education, a school uniform, and a meal each day.

Even though the branch is no longer in existence, members have committed to continuing to support Agnes.

### THE MARY SUMNER 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.

*(Written in 1876 by Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union)*

PHOTOS FROM OUR MOTHERS' UNION BRANCH

