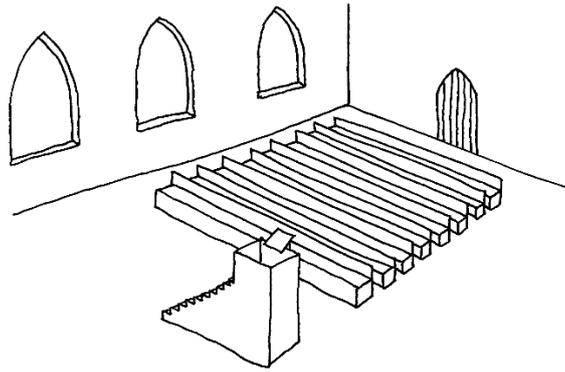


THE CHURCH IS EMPTY



THIS IS BECAUSE EVERYONE IS BUSY



HELPING AT THE
FOOD BANK



DELIVERING
PRESCRIPTIONS



CREATING
ONLINE WORSHIP



RUNNING THE
DEBT ADVICE CENTRE

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Hello! I am not sending this message because I don't think you are all busy at home, but I am wondering as we go through our 3rd Lockdown and this wintry weather if some of you might like to take up a creative challenge to help us celebrate MWiB's 10th Anniversary?

MWiB's Tenth Anniversary Bunting Project

As part of our tenth anniversary celebrations, we are celebrating MWiB's social justice legacy in a creative way—with a giant string of 'bunting'!

The idea is for each District to design and create a fabric panel to illustrate a partnership or project that the District MWiB has been involved in during the last ten years, that supports the aims of MWiB towards social justice and the empowerment of women (e.g. CLEM, trafficking, Water Aid, educational and training projects, dementia, and many more).

Panels will be collected and attached to a border to create a long length of bunting, which will be taken to events including Swanwick Residential, Methodist Conference, and the World Assembly in Gothenburg in 2022, and around the Districts, to help celebrate our tenth anniversary.

Designs can be literal, figurative or abstract, with or without lettering, worked by stitching, collage, fabric painting—there are no restrictions, except that we need to be able to hang panels outdoors as well as indoors, so it needs to be able to survive a good wetting!

We would like each District to create at least one panel, but it would be lovely to have many more.

So far, Heather Coustick and Gwen Morrison have been busy on Darlington District's behalf and I hope their creativity might spur some of you on to also make a panel(s).





- ~ You will need two pieces of background fabric 'A4' size plus 1cm for turnings all round.
- ~ Cotton or polycotton are best (but others are fine), in MWiB logo colours (i.e. dark purple or pink-red).
- ~ You could use iron-on light weight interfacing on one or both pieces to stiffen and help it hang straight.
- ~ Complete your design on one or both sides (can be the same design on both sides, or two different designs).
- ~ With design(s) facing inwards stitch the two pieces of fabric together 1cm from the edge, so the finished panel will be A4 size, leaving a gap of around 10cm on the fourth side for turning right side out.
- ~ Turn right side out, and carefully hand stitch the gap closed, and press the edges. (You might also want to edge-stitch around the panel, about 1-2 millimetres from the pressed edges.)

Send completed panel(s) **by 28 Feb 2021 to: MWiB, c/o Mankotta, Belbins, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 0PE**

Darlington District MWiB 10TH Anniversary Banner & Tablecloth

Our district ladies have a wealth of expertise making beautiful banners for MWiB and our churches. It is my hope that those of you who are good with a needle and thread (which counts me out) might consider creating the Darlington District MWiB a new banner to celebrate our 10th birthday?



Or my other wish is for a tablecloth with a beautiful front fall which immediately announces Darlington District MWiB when people enter an event in a hall or room. Can you create a new logo for Darlington District MWiB?

Currently our district gatherings are on hold due to the pandemic, but it is our hope that with the Covid 19 vaccination programme having begun we may be able to meet together in the Autumn to celebrate MWiB's 10th Anniversary and wouldn't it be wonderful to consecrate a new banner during a celebration service of what has gone before and as we look forward to the future and our work as Methodist women in the Darlington District. MWiB has achieved a great deal in the last ten years, the motivation for our aims is stronger than ever, and these aims are now embodied in our new MWiB strapline

For women, for justice, for Christ

which we pray will be memorable in helping a wider audience to understand what we seek to do.

I hope and pray as we have this time at home you may be inspired to come up with some ideas for bunting, a District banner and/or tablecloth and I very much look forward to seeing those creative ideas come to fruition in the very near future.

With love and blessings to you at the beginning of this New Year,

Debs Coggrave.