

# **The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich is linked with four other Dioceses in the worldwide network:**

- Lake Malawi in the Province of Central Africa
- Byumba in the Province of Rwanda
- Jalingo in the Province of Nigeria
- Lucknow – Church of North India



Location of our linked dioceses

**LAKE MALAWI,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA**



Empowering women in business  
is just one of the ways the Mothers' Union  
is helping to change Malawi





Climate change bringing drought, hunger and famine

Malawi has been through a terrible time of drought, but by members working together

- they are becoming more self-reliant
- better able to manage financial affairs, and
- making a positive contribution to society

They have much for which to give thanks to God



Mothers' Union Malawi – on Retreat



Running adult literacy programmes, orphan care, participation in microfinance schemes and family life programmes



Certificate Ceremony after a literacy programme



Celebration!

The Mothers' Union in Malawi is working to support St Agnes Guild, the young women's section of the Church

- to

- grow physically and spiritually through leading Bible Studies and teaching skills that can be used to produce an income
- provide support and encouragement to the next generation of women and mothers

# BYUMBA, IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE OF RWANDA



In 2016, the Mothers' Union  
celebrated 50 years in Rwanda  
and 25 years as Byumba Diocese  
– and plans for many more years to come

After the civil war and genocide of the early Nineties, it was estimated that between ½-1 million Rwandans were killed. Today MU is helping to rebuild communities.

In 2016, Provincial Celebrations for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese were held in the Church at Byumba and in Byumba Stadium, and both the First Lady of Rwanda and Lynne Tembey, Worldwide President, were present.



Improving the economic empowerment of women and families



MU running Marriage Preparation and Parenting Courses



Setting up a business selling craft work



Byumba Stadium for large gatherings



Mothers' Union celebrating in Rwanda



## St Paul's Cathedral, Byumba

# **JALINGO, IN THE PROVINCE OF NIGERIA**



Mothers' Union members in Nigeria are celebrating their achievements and contributions to the worldwide Mothers' Union family



Road to Jalingo



A water pump and baking bricks in the sun



Education under the shade of trees



Tackling literacy programmes and income generation schemes



MU Health and Welfare Clinic in Nigeria



Nigeria street scene

# LUCKNOW, CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

The main areas of concern are

- around gender-based violence
- women's empowerment



It is a vast country with

- a rapidly growing economy,
- large urban population,
- high levels of inequality,
- social and economic poverty



Members lighting a candle during a service

Members of the Mothers' Union – known in India as Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) – play a crucial role in this outreach work.

Mothers' Union is enjoying renewed fellowship and relationships with members of WFCS throughout both provinces in the north and south.



A major metropolitan, multi-cultural city and artistic hub



Lucknow Bazaar



Lucknow Market



Lucknow River scenes



Lucknow's main road,  
central railway station  
and apartment block

