

Dear Liz,

I have known Anne for over 48 years and she has always been very active in UCM activities, both in Yateley Parish and in the diocese and at National level. I submit the following for publication in 'Catholic Mother'.

Anne Lambkin R.I.P

Anne was born into a staunch catholic family and was convent educated in Hertfordshire. Anne married John, a fellow catholic in 1957. John died in 2011. They moved to Yateley in Hampshire and adopted three children, two of whom have married and they now have four grandchildren.

In 1972 Anne became the Founder President of the Union of Catholic Mothers in Yateley, which is still going strong. Anne also stepped in and replaced Irene Mitchel as Diocesan Secretary when she became National Secretary.

A few years later she took on the role of East Berks Area Chairman and then Portsmouth Diocese President 1997-82.

Her mentor during her early UCM days was Margaret Clarke RIP, former National President. It was Margaret who encouraged Anne to take responsibility for Treasurership of the Southern Rest Homes (as it was then known).

She followed this by becoming Chairman of the group and then when the two Rest Homes Services (North and South) were amalgamated she became the first Co-ordinator for the group - The National Holiday & Rest Home Service - UCM's only charity.

During this time Anne was a member of the Diocesan Council, and was responsible for organising School Appeal tribunals in the north of the diocese.

Anne then became the Catholic Representative on the Ecumenical Forum for European Women. She was also instrumental in starting a playgroup in Yateley Parish in 1970. In the parish she has been PPC Chairman twice, organised the celebrations for the consecration of the Parish Church of St Swithun and many other notable occasions. Anne chaired the local Women's Day of Prayer Committee for a number years. Anne faithfully attended National Council and Walsingham and actively encouraged all of us to attend.

In 2011 Anne was -+one of the Catholic Women of the Year. Right up to her death she was serving as Foundation Secretary in the parish which she dearly loved. It can truly be said of Anne - if you want a job doing and want it doing well - she was the person to ask. Yateley Foundation are devastated, it will be hard to find a replacement for her.

Hoping you will give this submission your consideration.

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