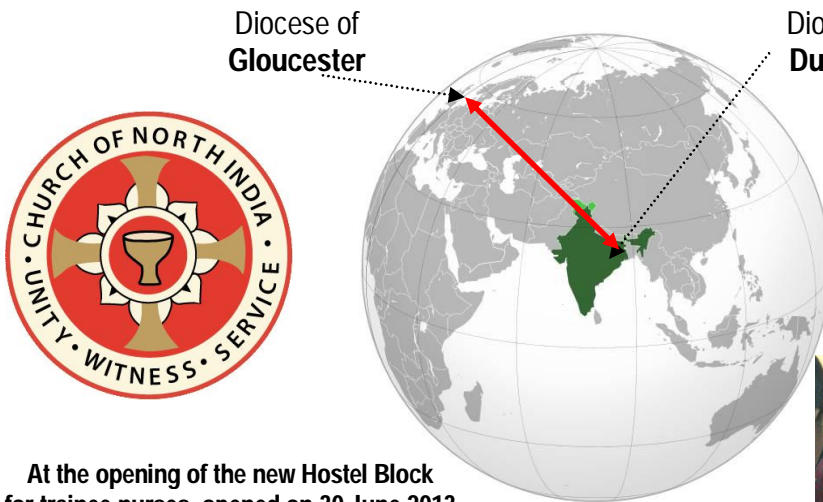


We give thanks to God for being united in prayer with the  
Diocese of Durgapur in the Church of North India

Bishop of Durgapur: **the Rt Revd Dr Probal Dutta**  
President of Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service [DWFCS]  
and Diocesan Mothers' Union contact: Mrs Rita Dutta [who is the Bishop's wife]

**Bishop of Durgapur,  
the Rt Revd Dr Probal Dutta at the  
Cathedral Inauguration Service  
on 9 February 2014**



**At the opening of the new Hostel Block  
for trainee nurses, opened on 30 June 2013**



**Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service President, Mrs Rita Dutta  
at the inauguration of the St Mary's Sewing Centre on 1 September 2013**

*Information below received from the Mary Sumner House on 13 August 2015:*

The Diocese of Durgapur is a diocese in the Church of North India [CNI], located within the West Bengal State of India.

The Church of North India was inaugurated in September 1970 and is an ecumenical Church uniting the Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches. The Women's Fellowship for Christian Service in the Church of North India are affiliated to the global Mothers' Union.

The Women's Fellowship run projects to help address the issues faced in the area, and is very passionate about ministry to the sick, broken families, the elderly, and raising children in Christian teaching.

Members of the Women's Fellowship in Durgapur have been particularly involved in various development initiatives aimed at supporting members of the community who have traditionally been neglected or marginalised, seeking to provide them with lives of dignity and sustainability. For example, the Diocesan Women's Fellowship has extended its ministry to serving children from slum areas who are otherwise neglected and prone to abuse. They are providing training in the empowerment of women to help the women earn an income to support their family, and new schools have been opened giving the children a chance to receive an education.

Through their programmes and activities, the Women's Fellowship is also committed to working to address gender inequality in India.

The Bible verse selected by Mary Sumner House for this diocese:

***We must go a three days' journey into the wilderness  
and sacrifice to the LORD our God as he commands us.***

Exodus 8: 27

A Prayer for the Diocese of Durgapur:

**Father in heaven, we express our gratitude and praise  
that members of the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service  
in the Diocese of Durgapur can declare like the Psalmist:** [Psalm 72: 18-19]

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

**Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen.**