

MOTHERS' UNION
MINUTES OF NUNEATON DEANERY MEETING

21st February 2022 at Mancetter

1. Present:

Gill Laycock .Nancy Bradley. Beryl Douglas. Russett Greig. Rosemary Jacobs. Yvonne Knowles. Sheila Hodgkins. Sue Foster.

2. Apologies:

Wendy O'Brien. Heather Greaves. Cynthia Cogley. Viv Hopkins. Mandy Williams. Josie Lee.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th October 2021 were read and passed as correct.

4. Matters Arising:

Advent Carol service at St Andrews Rugby was as always enjoyable and well attended. The Commissioning service at Berkswell for Karen Morris as our new Diocesan President and Rev Denise Burgess as new Diocesan Chaplain also new Trustees. The Candlemas Service and Lunch at Exhall was also good but not well attended.

5. Finance:

There was no income as there had been no meetings or services. Expenditure was £12 towards the cost of the coach to Advent Carol service at Rugby.

6. Election of Officers:

Gill Laycock had completed her six years as Deanery Chair Sue Foster (Hartshill) was duly elected to the position. Heather Greaves was willing to continue as Deanery Treasurer and Wendy O'Brien as Deanery Secretary.

7. Deanery Prayers and Services/Future Dates:

Lady Day Service Thursday 24th March 2pm St Giles church Exhall
Deanery Prayers Wednesday 4th May at 2pm at Holy Trinity Hartshill.
Deanery Festival May (Date TBA) 7pm at Mancetter.
Mary Sumner Day August 9th 7pm-9pm at Attleborough
Deanery Festival October 2pm (Date TBA) at Atherstone.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. AOB

- a) Ways in which we could fund raise for the deanery were discussed and the following suggestions were made Coffee Mornings and Social Evenings.
- b) Suggestions for deanery activities included Trips and Meals. Both Attleborough and Exhall will be holding a strawberry tea and Jubilee Celebrations in the afternoon 16th June and it was suggested to invite other branches in the deanery to join them.
- c) MU Long Service certificates to be investigated. When are members eligible.
- d) Friends of MU .It was stated that some people are "friends" and not "members"(members pay subs and friends do not) It was agreed that "friends" should be encouraged and hopefully at some future date will become members.
- e) Fillongley church are holding a Knitted Bible exhibition on 28th-29th May and 2nd-5th June.

10. Chairman's Remarks

Gill said how much she had enjoyed being deanery chair and thanked members for their support. She valued meeting members from other branches and wished the new chairman well. Gill was duly thanked for keeping branches in touch throughout the recent pandemic, when we were unable to meet.

11. D.O.N.M.

Monday 3rd October 9-45am for 10am at Attleborough.
The Meeting ended with Grace.