

# Our Hartshill Mothers' Union Year 2024

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# Mothering Sunday



# GEH Toiletries





My very first  
**Bible**  
stories



# Summer Party





# Poppies



# Advent Service





# Christmas Party





# Candlemas for Deanery



# Talks

- Lynda's Lenten Walk
- Mercy Ships
- Mandy's Pilgrims Walk



# New Members

# Deanery

Heather and I have both resigned from our roles as Deanery Treasurer and Chair respectively.

No replacements were found and so the Nuneaton Deanery Committee has ceased to exist and the bank account is being closed.

A meeting was held to discuss the future format of what was previously called the Nuneaton Deanery Committee Meeting.

The decision was taken to create a less formal meeting, where members are able to attend a simple gathering of branch members who meet usually twice a year to pray, keep in touch to support each other and help to plan future events within the Deanery.

A Deanery Prayer meeting is to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 at Mancetter and any future Deanery Events will be at the invitation of branches in the Deanery.



# How We Support MU in Other Ways

## Deanery

- Chair
- Treasurer

## Diocese

- Webmaster
- Speakers List

## Central

- Contributions to MU funds through subs (central £24.50, Diocesan £12.50, Branch £1 per meeting. )
- Collections
- Mue purchases
- Special Appeals

# Use of MU Branch funds

I attended the Branch Leader's Zoom Meeting on 16th January and there was a long discussion on the use of Mothers' Union funds

The charities commission does not allow a charity to give to another charity.

We are, however, able to buy goods for other charities. Therefore, we can buy toiletries for GEH, flowers for Mothering Sunday etc. from our MU account.



# Sunshine Tin

However, we cannot use the money in our Mothers' Union account to give gifts to other speakers.

We agreed at our last meeting that we are using our "sunshine tin" for payments to other charities. This is fine because we contribute to this tin outside of the Mothers' Union and we all agree what it is being used for. For traceability, I have created a sunshine tin document which documents payments made and the total remaining.

# Sunshine Tin

- Payments from Sunshine Tin
- October 2024 - £20 for toiletries for GEH
- November 2024 - £10 to Mercy Ships
- January 2025 - £20 to Mandy for her women's refuge in Azerbaijan (This was the money that was contributed at the Christmas Party by members who did this in lieu of Christmas cards. Others chose to donate to the food bank.)
- Current total in tin £17.10

# Our MU account

The balance is just over £100.

What are the expenses which need to be paid from this account?

Do we really need to contribute at each meeting to cover these expenses, bearing in mind that we each contribute refreshments and most of our expenditure has to be taken from the sunshine tin?

Please claim expenses if you buy something for MU.

Shall I add an agenda item for monthly subs and visitors subs?

# What We haven't Done

- 16 Days of Activism against GBV
- Rise Up campaign
- Given anything to the Church for their support in providing a meeting room for us
- Specific fund raising activities
- Participated in Wave of Prayer



# Before the AGM

Please read the Branch Pack which can be found at

<http://covmu.org/resources.html>

The speakers list is also on that page.

Do we need to change the way we run our branch?

Please consider what you would like to do in the next year

Any change to monthly subscriptions and Sunshine tin?