

MINUTES OF NUNEATON DEANERY MEETING
Held on 23rd February 2015 at St Mary's Church, Atherstone

Present: Josie Lee, Gill Laycock, Chrissie Hughes, Mary James, Wendy O'Brien, Brenda Moss, Frances Ray, Phyllis Taylor, Dee Croyman, Rosemary Jacobs, Cynthia Cogley

1. Rosemary welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers, remembering two faithful members who had recently died, Mary Brown and Elsie Storey.

2. **Apologies:** Nancy Bradley, Pauline Wilkes and Viv Hopkins.

3. **Minutes** of the meeting held on the 3rd November 2014 agreed. Referring under Matters Arising – Gill advised that at their meeting, members were asked if they could put their own chair away, and surprisingly despite their ages – they all did. A suggestion we can all try.

4. **Matters Arising:**

The Advent Service at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, was well supported, we had all enjoyed the choice of hymns, and the Deanery Coach was full.

Candlemas at Stockingford was again a success. The New Vicar Kate, a Mothers' Union member made everyone very welcome.

5. **Finance:** Dee supplied each Branch with a Statement, showing a retained balance at the end of 2014 of £98.08. It was agreed Deanery levy remain at 70p per member to be paid ASAP. Thanks to Dee for her accounts.

6. **Appointments:** No new Appointments. It was noted that Rosemary and Dee will complete their 6 years as Deanery Chair and Treasurer in December, we will need to appoint replacements in November to start in January 2016. Currently:-

Deanery Representative - Iris

Action & Outreach - Viv

Faith & Policy – Brenda

IMPC – Pauline

Secretary - Cynthia

7. **Deanery Prayer Dates:**

We had a discussion as to whether we should try different ideas for Deanery Prayers, whether we could include a light Lunch perhaps once a year, possibly in the better weather. We found it quite difficult to come up with a date for our next meeting, but eventually we agreed to try and hold it on Thursday 23rd April at St. Peter's Mancetter, **prior to the planned Coffee Morning**. ie arrive 9.30am for Prayers (possibly in the Chancel) at 9.45am. The Coffee Morning would then be advertised for 10.30-12 noon. As this is a joint venture between Mancetter/Hartshill/Atherstone, we felt there should be enough help available to prepare for the Coffee morning. Brenda agreed to lead the Prayers. This also gives an opportunity for others to join us for prayers if they wish. The next provisional date is the 8th June and it was suggested we meet at Purley Chase at 11am for Prayers, followed by a Light Lunch. Rosemary will investigate this further.

8. Future Dates: on separate Sheet.

9. Correspondence: No Correspondence.

10. A.O.B:

Rosemary reported that some Groups now use the Litany of The Cross of Nails at their meetings and perhaps we could consider using it at ours.

Evelyn Warwick has bags of cards made up for us to sell at our meetings.

Make a Mothers' Day money can be sent to Coventry Office or Mary Sumner House, But if you send to MSH please let Viv in the Office know.

Wendy reported that when she took Fillongley's goods to the Men's Refuge they advised they would also welcome Kitchen Equipment.

Mary reported that she had lost 7 members either through death or ill health.

Rosemary asked if we wanted a Deanery Outing. She will see what she can find out about Flower Festivals this year.

Reports from Branches for the year will be given at the Meeting in November.

Mid Day Prayers were said.

The meeting closed with The Grace

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Date of Next Meeting – 9th November 9.45 for 10am at St Paul's Stockingford Tto be Confirmed).