

Mothers' Union Report February 2016

The Mothers' Union is an organisation that seeks to uphold Christian values in the sphere of marriage and family life. 2016 is a very special year for Mothers' Union, nationally and internationally, as we celebrate 140 years of faithful service to families and communities. **"A Celebration of Faith"** is the theme for 2016.

The Mothers Union at Holy Trinity, Hartshill continues to meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Church Vestry at 7.30pm. We have had a very enjoyable and productive year and our membership has increased from 13 to 16 members.

We have enjoyed a variety of talks including "Who are the Mothers' Union" by Di Sliwinski, the MU Diocesan president, "My MU visit to Madagascar" by Hartshill member Heather Greaves and "Street Pastors" by Hartshill's own Rob Kinderman.

We hosted the MU Nuneaton Deanery Service in June which raised £154 for the Mothers' Union Big Wheels Appeal.

We have provided toiletries for the Blue Sky Centre at George Eliot Hospital and we knitted blankets for the Chinthowa Development Trust.

We have also participated in many fellowship activities within the branch, the deanery and the diocese. Thank you to Sally who kindly hosted the summer barbecue and Christmas party which were great fun.

My thanks go to Lynda Kelly who has kept our finances in order for over 20 years. Lynda stood down at last month's AGM and we are grateful to Heather Greaves for taking over the role of treasurer. My thanks also go to Judith Canning who continues in her role as secretary.

To find out more about Hartshill Mothers' Union, please visit www.little-blue-boat.co.uk/mu

We would warmly welcome others to our meetings. Please feel free to join us.