



MINUTES OF NUNEATON DEANERY MEETING

18th October 2021 at Holy Trinity Attleborough

Present: Heather Greaves, Elizabeth Smitham, Josie Lee, Vivien Hopkins, Yvonne Knowles, Mandy Williams, Nancy Bradley, Cynthia Cogley, Gillian Laycock, Wendy O'Brien.

1. Prayers were said before the meeting led by Wendy O'Brien.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Foster, Beryl Douglas, Sheila Hodgkins, Russett Greig
3. **Minutes:** The minutes for February 2020 were agreed as correct. There had been no further meetings throughout the year because of the pandemic restrictions.

4. **Matters Arising:**

The Diocesan Advent Service at Emscote was remembered as being a well attended and very much enjoyed service with beautiful singing from a group of young school children.

The celebration of the Candlemas Service at Stockingford was another successful event with the 'Bring and Share' arrangements for food working well again.

That was the last time we were able to meet together for Mothers' Union events in 2020 as all other plans were cancelled due to COVID.

5. **Finance:**

Heather Greaves presented the finance report for the end of 2020 accounts, but explained that due to restrictions of movement she was unable to get them verified by her usual examiner. She sought advice from Jane Hill who agreed that Roger Greaves (Heather's husband) was authorised to check and pass them. They showed a balance of £92.95 after a total of £100.00 had been sent into the office for 2 different funds during 2020.

The Deanery Levy of 70p per member was collected and as no fund raising events were able to take place, was the only income for the year. Gill thanked Heather for producing the balance sheet and for continuing as treasurer.

6. **Election of officers**

Gill explained that she had completed 6 years as Deanery Chair so there should now be an election for new officers.

No one present was willing to volunteer as Deanery Chair but Heather agreed to remain as Treasurer and Wendy to remain as Secretary for another year. Heather would ask Sue Foster to consider the office of Deanery Chair on her return from holiday.

7. **Deanery Prayers/ Deanery Meeting:**

It was agreed that it was too close to Christmas to arrange Deanery Prayers for this year but it would be on the agenda at the next Deanery meeting.

8. Future dates:

The Diocesan Advent Carol Service

This will be held on **Monday 29th November at 11.00am** and as it will be held at St. Andrew's Church in Rugby, Gill suggested that a small coach be booked for Nuneaton Deanery members. This would avoid the problem of parking in Rugby. It was agreed that Gill would organise the coach to leave from Attleborough and pick up other members at Exhall.

9. Provisional dates for 2022.

Commissioning of new Diocesan President.

Saturday 29th January at 11.am Karen Morris will become our new DP at Berkswell Church and Gill said that she was willing to arrange for a coach for members in the Deanery if that was requested.

Saturday 5th February 2022 Candlemas Service with a Bring and Share Lunch at Exhall small hall. (Tbc)

10. A.O.B.

There was no other business but a discussion ensued regarding knitted blankets being no longer accepted at local hospitals, and knitting patterns for poppies and squares to be sent by Gill to those who wished to knit some for indoor members.

Nancy had brought a small selection of MU cards for sale.

11. Date of next meeting. Monday 17th January 2022 9.45 for 10.00 start **(venue tba)**

The meeting closed with the Grace.