

The Mothers' Union

We meet the first Monday of the month in our new venue, the Guild room Parish Hall. Currently there are 12 members.

Meetings through the year

February 3rd: Our Treasurer Frances Carter, gave a breakdown of the MU accounts. Subs £28. Frances is stepping down after nine years exemplary service. Catherine Wilson has accepted to become our new treasurer.

March 3rd: General in house meeting.

March 25th Lady Day. We marked lady day at Slattery as Stanhope and Barnard Castle, Deaneries are now officially linked by the diocese. Stanhope had kindly sent the invitation.

April 7th . The MU communion service was kindly taken by Reverend Ana in the Guild Room. This was followed by tea and cake and Ana talking about her life growing up in Russia.

April 19th. The Easter family drop in. The MU helped with the refreshments and Easter goodies. The church was a hive of activities.

May 12th: Speaker Elspeth Robinson MBE founder member of the Kumi Community Foundation Uganda reported about her last trip to Uganda. The work to support families and children with disabilities will continue.

May 31st: Reverend Alec and Kim celebrated 25 years of service at Saint Mary's. The MU helped run the refreshments at a garden party. Live music, families having fun with activities and games.

June 2nd: Speaker Geoff Knott gave a personal presentation of a family and their friends living in Ukraine, all trying to live a normal life under such restrictions and difficulties sourcing food, very little electricity, and the constant fear of Russian attacks.

June 29th: A bring and share lunch was set up in the parish hall celebrating Ana's ordination. The hall was full, and a good time was had by all.

July 7th: General meeting and preparation for MU garden party .

August 4th: MU garden party, PMs and afternoon tea. A very enjoyable afternoon despite high winds and the event having to move indoors. £365 pounds was raised by generous MU members and friends.

September 1st: General meeting group: a decision taken to send five charities (both local and overseas) a donation.

October 6th: in memory of Kay Wilson. Kay held a deep love of local history. She had met with the owners of the Cornmill on the demesnes which resulted in them researching the history of the Cornmill with a wonderful result of a blue plaque being awarded .

November 3rd: Preparation for the Christmas tree festival in Saint Mary's Church. MU gave a large hamper for the raffle thanks to the generosity of the members.

December 1st: MU met in the Guild room for our communion service kindly taken by Reverend Ana. While the church was a hive of activity erecting 50 Christmas trees. After the service MU members enjoyed a Christmas lunch together.