

Mothers' Union Report for Annual General Meeting 2018



Mr Stephen Walloer provided excellent entertainment at the annual party, with recordings of music by some of the great classical composers.

Special services attended by members were:

Cleveland Archdeaconry Lady Day Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Stokesley, with an excellent address by the Rector, Reverend Paul Hutchinson.

Deanery Festival Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Marton, with an address "Faith in Action" by Reverend Canon Angela Bailey

Archdeaconry Festival Service at St John's Church, South Bank, during which the MU World Wide President, Mrs Lynne Tenby, spoke of her overseas visits to places where Literary and Educational Programmes help to promote better conditions for families and women in particular.

The Annual Advent Carol Service at St John's Church, South Bank, led by the MU Deanery Choir and addressed by Fr Terry Leathley.

Monthly meetings were again both informative and entertaining:

Reverend Canon Angela Bailey took the theme "Marys of the Bible" for the quiet afternoon in Lent.

Pat Ryan displayed her excellent beadwork of flowers and flags of many countries of the world

Margaret Pringle entertained with monologues and poems

Reverend Norma Rao related the story of Chinese Christian Florence Timoli who was the first ordained lady Anglican priest.

Albert Pagan presented an interesting quiz

Tony Longstaff detailed his many duties at Remembrance Day Celebrations across the region

Mrs Jennifer Finel, MU Archdeaconry Vice President, described the beginnings of Mary Sumner House, the headquarters of MU.

Despite our small membership we continue to support the worldwide work of MU by donating to its charities Worldwide Fund, Disaster Fund, AFIA Fund (caravan holidays for the needy) and Indoor Members' Fund (former members unable to get to meetings) Knitting clothes and shawls for babies born in the Neonatal Unit at James Cook University Hospital; assembling bags of toiletries etc. for the Women's Refuge.

My thanks are extended to Secretary Jean Bivens, Treasurer Albert Pagan and Committee members for their help, and to all members for their continued support.

Jean Pagan
Mothers' Union Branch Leader