

Notes from St James The Great, Haydock, Mothers' Union Meeting
held on Tuesday, 1 September 2015

Members:

- Geraldine congratulated Kareena on her recent retirement.
- Gill was congratulated on her successful abseil down the Cathedral tower which raised £300 for the Stroke Association. If anyone still has sponsorship money to hand in, please let Gill have it as soon as possible.
- Lilian, in her absence, was thanked for providing the abundance of cakes we enjoyed tonight. It is hoped that she will soon feel able to return to church.
- Nancy was thanked for providing tea/coffee and Gill for providing the raffle prize.

Speakers:

The Dogs' Trust speaker has been postponed until the February meeting. It is hoped that a speaker from Chernobyl Christian Care will be at the next meeting to talk about 'Epiphany Goods'. The difficulty of finding suitable/affordable speakers was discussed. All were asked to put forward suggestions for future speakers.

Indoor & Senior Members

The Indoor & Senior Members' Tea at St Oswald's was attended by Geraldine, Rita, Agnes and Joan. It was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Deanery News:

June Houghton is to continue as President for a further three years. She has requested photographs of our current projects for a display which is being created. If anyone has such suitable photographs in their possession, please let Geraldine have them.

Wendy, Deanery Treasurer, is retiring. Each branch has been asked for a donation towards a gift for her in appreciation of her service.

Wave of Prayer

Rita was thanked for organising this event, which was well attended.

Diary Dates

Attention was drawn to the list of diary dates which is displayed on the notice board.

Forthcoming events are:

- Newchurch Centenary. Sunday, **6 September**, 6.30 pm
- Macmillan/Willowbrook fund raising coffee evening at St Mark's, Haydock; 7-9 pm on Tuesday, **29 September**.
- Saturday, **28 November** – Carol Service at Liverpool Cathedral (end of triennial)

Please let Geraldine know if you are going to these events so that car sharing can be organised.

- Wednesday, **2 December** 2015: Christmas Meal – Lymewood Farm. Please let Elaine have your name if you wish to go. The cost is likely to be around £15 and the full amount on booking would be appreciated.

Wood Street Mission

- A letter of thanks for our donation has been received from Wood Street Mission.
- Their focus is now on poverty prevention.
- Their Smart Start Manchester initiative helps families with the costs associated with children going to school.

- On Wednesday, 9 September they are launching, at their offices off Deansgate in Manchester, an exhibition which focuses on children and families from mid-Victorian times to the present day. The event is open on launch day from 10-7pm, with a building tour at 11am, and will then be open on Wednesdays and Fridays until 9 October.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place after the 7.30 Eucharist on Tuesday, 6 September 2015.

Please continue to check the notice board for up-dates, information and further details on the list of events.

It is possible to have the agenda, the diary dates list and/or meeting notes e'mailed to you. If you wish to receive any, or all, of them by e'mail please inform Elaine Wallwork.