

St Alphege Mothers' Union

Newsletter - July/August 2019

Strawberry Tea

Our meetings in June are always very informal, we don't have a speaker, we use the meeting to have time to talk. This year, we asked members to bring a trinket or personal item to show and tell us about. We had quite a variety of items, to name a few - John Kay showed us his mementos from his service in the Fire Brigade, Philip Tew told us about his exceptional round of golf, when he won the competition.



(unfortunately he couldn't bring the trophy as he hasn't found it following their recent house move). David Patterson showed us two lovely brooches from the Jewellery Quarter and told us the story of how they were made, Pat brought her charm bracelet with charms from the various stages of her life, Susan showed her Coronation souvenirs.

After *Show and Tell* we all enjoyed a strawberry tea with scones and cream.

Toiletries Needed

Toiletries are needed all the time for Women's Aid; they need soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste and sanitary items, baby's nappies and wipes and children's clothes. Please leave donations in Pat's porch at any time or bring to meetings.

Dear Members,

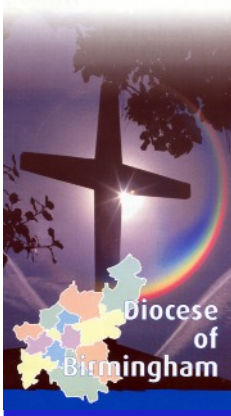
I was delighted with the success of last week's meeting which seemed to be much enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to everybody who bought a trinket and talked about it so well. It is nice to know that, if ever we are let down by a speaker, we can always amuse ourselves, as long as Elaine is there to serve strawberries and cream! Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen. It is much appreciated.

I hope that we have a good number for the trip to Berkswell although I am not sure that Michael Palmer will be there to help. He is still in hospital as I write this. I have sent him our love and best wishes and a card from all of us.

Love to you all,

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Forthcoming Meetings

Mothers' Union Visit to Berkswell

Thursday 4th July

We shall meet at St John the Baptist Church, Berkswell at 10.30am for the Eucharist. Following the Eucharist, we shall have coffee and then a tour of the church.

We've booked for lunch at the Bear Hotel at around 12.30pm. The Committee needs to know numbers for lunch, so if you haven't already booked for lunch, you can contact Niki to reserve a place (07970 6827480) nicolavillers@gmail.com

Lifts can be arranged.



Outback Talk

Philip and Susan dressed for the part for the talk on their travels in the Australian Outback. We all joined in with Aussie folk singer Slim Dusty singing the unofficial Australian national anthem. So those who attended now know all about the story of 'Waltzing Matilda' and can tell everyone else!

MU Cards and Gifts

Pat brings a selection of Mothers' Union cards every month which she displays in the card stand.

There are cards for every occasion - they are attractive and very reasonably priced.

Elaine brings catalogues of Mothers' Union gifts that she can order for you. All proceeds go to MU projects, so it's a great way to show your support.



Coming events in July / August

Thursday 4th July - 10.30am *A Visit to Berkswell Church* followed at 12.30pm by *Lunch at the Bear, Berkswell*. See details above.

Thursday 18th July - 10.30am in church. *M.U. Corporate Eucharist* followed by coffee in the vestry.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Friday 9th August - *Mary Sumner Day*.

Thursday 5th September - 1.30pm in the O.B.H. *The Role of Diocesan President*. A talk by Deirdre Moll.