

St. Michael's Mothers Union AGM 2016.

Branch Leader's Report for 2015.

Last year the Branch numbers were slightly down to 46 members and 2 Prayer Circle Friends. Sadly, Isabel Adams and Thelma Morrell died during the year; Marilyn Johnson retired to Hythe in Kent, and June Bridges and Susan Cross did not renew their membership due to other commitments. We were pleased to welcome Fae Nelson, and Pat Rogers who returned to full membership.

In March four members went to Sharing Day and we were asked to tell other members in the Diocese what projects we undertake. I was so proud of you because there was a long list of things **YOU** do to support MU.

We made pink pigs for use in story telling in churches around the Diocese, and knitted cot blankets, caps and small jackets for babies in the Neonatal Unit at PAH.

Families were supported by promoting National Marriage Week; encouraging "Make a Mother's Day" donations; making posies for Mothering Sunday, and making Christmas cards for prisoners; giving "Families First" magazines to young mums and "What Dads' Add" at baptisms.

There was a "Wheels Appeal" cake stall to help people at home and abroad who are refugees, survivors of abuse or living in poverty; and we raised money for AFIA and organised a fun day out for deprived young people who live at the YMCA. We also provided emergency toiletries for the YMCA and the A and E department at PAH.

Every member has helped in their own way and I hope you will continue to do the same in 2016.

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