

Undeb y Mamau ~ Mothers' Union

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Cathedral in April for the commissioning of the new Diocesan Trustee Board. More information in Heather's letter in Teulu Non. A business meeting was held in May, when amongst other things a new MU banner was discussed. At the end of May we had a return trip to Pemberton, this time to see the exhibition to celebrate the completion of the mapping of the village on a tapestry. Lovely welcome and weather.

In June several members attended the Deanery Festival led by Canon Ann Howells in Llanllwch. The theme was Hope and the collection went to the MU "Summer of Hope" Appeal. The service was followed by delicious refreshments and chat. Glenys Payne, the new MU Diocesan Chaplain, was the speaker for our June meeting, with MULOAs as her subject, Mothers' Union, Listening, Observing, Acting.

June was a busy month with the Diocesan Council meeting on the 18th in Kidwelly. This year was different with a meeting held in each Archdeaconry to encourage more to attend. Heather welcomed everyone and Glenys led prayers and Bible study. After some business Sam spoke about Plant Dewi, which evolved from the Children's Society, speaking about her pleasure in going to work. There are 4 Family Groups for young families, a Family Centre and Dads' Group in Burry Port and free nursery places in deprived areas, with some funding from the Local Authority. Baby Bundles started 3 years ago, after a successful application for funding from a £1 million legacy. They accept new and good secondhand clothes for babies up to 12 months old. Referrals are received from midwives, Women's Aid, etc., families identified, contacted, forms-filled and bundle delivered within a week. 100 packs have been distributed between April 18 to March 2019. They are very grateful to Mothers' Union for their support.

The speakers list is being updated. Brenda is the IT manager and there is a new website for more information. There was an appeal for members to attend the AGM in Portsmouth, staying in

Bournemouth. AFIA will continue to be supported with day trips as well as holidays. Heather's coffee morning in St. David's raised £300 for Plant Dewi. Following the success of the raffle from Mary Sumner House raised £40,000, there will be another one this year. The Diocesan banner has been repaired, but a new one is required, design ideas are needed. Bit like Llanddarog.

The Winter Council meeting will be in Bronwydd on 30th November. Sheran Harper our Worldwide President will be in Christ church, Carmarthen on 7th September for a service, a display showing our projects, banners and refreshments (I will be asking for volunteers). More information in Teulu Non.

Friday 9th August: Mary Sumner Day, Deanery Lunch in The Falcon. Names to Mair or me.

Thursday 12th September: Holy Communion and programme planning for 2020

Thursday 17th October: Members Meeting - Hostesses, Marian D. and Vilna.

Meetings are in church at 7pm unless stated otherwise. Visitors are very welcome. Enquiries to Jean Voyle Williams 01267 275222.