

Hertford All Saints. Mothers Union 2020- 2021

Sadly, the Pandemic prevented the Mothers Union meeting in person since March 2020, but in the New Year we decided that we had used Zoom so much that we would be happy to try to set up a programme for 2021 using that initially, and hopefully meeting as we gradually come out of lockdown.

We started in January with a meeting to plan what we hope to do during the year. It usually involves a 'Bring & Share' supper and while we could not share, we still brought our own nibbles to eat!

In February Dorothy Toyn gave a light-hearted account of her career in Physiotherapy and the various places it had led her. March saw Janet Bird, our Chaplain, giving a very thought provoking Lent Meditation, and in April Nerine Chambers gave a fascinating talk about Missionaries in Southern Africa. We are planning a quiz for May and then we hope to visit a garden and even manage a meal out in July before we *hope* to meet in person in September.

During Lent the Mothers Union, assisted by Diane Warburton, has used the porch to depict the Easter Story. Using our Easter Cross (theoretically our Christmas Tree now turned into a cross) we have depicted the weekly scenes of 'Temptation in the Wilderness', the brutality of Crucifixion, Mothering Sunday, the crown of thorns, Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and the washing of feet before the Crucifixion and the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Using various props, flowers and greenery, it has been a moving experience to depict the Easter story for people to see despite not being able to come into All Saints, and good to be able to be creative again. Thank you to all you helped with this.

In Lent the Mothers Union also produced their Lent Calendar to make some money for All Saints and the Mothers Union, and while the final total is not yet in, we have over £200 so far.

Flower Club.

The Flower Club, like everything else had to stop all activities mid Lent last year. We managed to do a very simplified Harvest Festival and some flowers through the November Lockdown but again had to stop just before Christmas. Assisting with the porch was the first event that we could do this year with the Mothers Union, and at Easter we again had a simplified version compared to what we normally do. Thanks to Fiona, Rosemary and Diane who assisted with the flowers.

We hope to now continue to decorate All Saints' but we will also have to be mindful as to how the club continues to operate, as we are likely to have less helpers than before. We hope to have a meeting soon to discuss the way forward – by Zoom of course! Thank you to those who have continued to donate funds to the Flower Club.

Dorothy Toyn