

Hartshill Mother's Union AGM – Wednesday 19th March 2025

1. Present: Sue Foster, Branch Leader, Lynda Kelly, Rachel Burgess, Sheila Hinds, Sally Young, Heather Greaves, Treasurer, Anna Caddy, Wendy Albrighton.

2. Apologies – Jan Blamire Brown.

3. Prayers – Heather

4. Appointment of Branch Leader/Treasurer / Secretary

1. **Branch Leader** – Sue is willing to continue as Branch Leader. It was proposed by Sally and seconded by Wendy – All in favour.
2. **Treasurer** – Heather would like to stand down but is willing to continue if no one else is willing to take the role. Thanks were expressed for her hard work and willingness to continue. It was therefore proposed by Sue and seconded by Lynda that Heather be Treasurer. All in favour.
3. **Secretary** – Sheila is willing to continue as Secretary. It was proposed by Sally and Seconded by Rachel that Sheila be Secretary. All in favour.

5. Minutes of last meeting on 27th March 2024.

It was proposed by Sue and seconded by Lynda that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposal carried with 1 abstention. There were no matters arising.

6. Safeguarding - Sue advised members that this topic should be discussed at all meetings and herself and Heather, as committee members, will do the training when it becomes available.

7. Finance

1. A copy of the accounts was circulated with a year end balance of £140.70 as at 31/12/24 and a balance of £113.88 as at 19/3/25.
2. Postage costs of £6.80 and paper costs to be refunded out of March balance.
3. Sue proposed and Sally seconded that the 2024 Accounts be accepted. All in favour.
4. Heather said that the Bank is not levying charges currently but may do so in the future.
5. The monthly charge to stay at £1.00 for members and £2.00 for visitors.

6. MU Support for Baptism – Discussion took place about the issue of a candle and certificate plus the existing gift of the “First Bible” and whether it could be adjusted to encompass Bible Stories for older children/ NIV Bibles, Individual Gospels. Sue advised that the President’s Challenge Funding was continuing but needs to be match funded. Sue will pursue possible costs. Sue also asked each MU member to research suitable material and let her know any details. Sally said that Usbourne Children’s Bible was published suitable for 3-4 and 4-7 year olds at a cost of £7.17 and £6.93 per copy via Amazon. Sue will ask the Diocesan MU whether they could obtain a stock to enable us to purchase from them.

Sue will also ask Jan for the age details of children due to be baptised this year and purchase the appropriate age related book. £59.80 from the President’s Challenge money has been spent on Christening Gifts so far.

8. Revise and complete program

1. **Ignite** – Sally spoke about a new Pilot soon being trialled by Attleborough MU Branch which will be held at 7.00 next Thursday to try to attract more members.

2. **Community Coffee Morning Saturdays – 10.00 – 12.00** - Sally also spoke about the Community Coffee mornings to be held in the Conservatory on a regular basis. Two to three people will be asked to make cakes and the events will be advertised on the Church website / Hartshill Community Facebook Page. Sue will check with Olwyn for a possible use of Conservatory/kitchen/small meeting room for an event on Saturday 10th May 2025. Sue will ask Nick Miles to include in Notices etc.
3. **April** - There is no meeting in April but there will be a Deanery Prayer meeting at Mancetter on 14th April - 10.00am and a Prayer meeting at St Paul's, Stockingford on 19th May at 9.30 – 10.00am
4. **May** – Sue Nightingale from Mary's Meals will attend.
5. Sue asked us to look at the MU Speaker's List and email suggestions to her.
6. **July** – Sally has offered to host the venue for the Summer Party – list to circulate.
7. **August** – no meeting but there is a Fish and Chip Lunch at Attleborough MU
8. **Christmas Party** – Wednesday 17/12/2025 at HCC.
9. **Possible activity** – Sally proposed that Joe, the Florist she uses may be willing to demonstrate flower arranging. It was also proposed that we should consider inviting the Mc Millan Book crafting person to come back to make Angels from unwanted books; a Games afternoon; Craft afternoon to make things for GEH; Making up bags for GEH Emergency admissions; Samaritan's Purse; Book Swap and talk about our favourite book; Ideas to provide things for Prisoners children; Aim for Change; Good News for Everyone Bibles– Nigel Sullivan ; Homeless Project – Paul Morris.
10. **Correspondence** – none
11. **AOB** – none other than the next AGM was planned for 18th February 2026.
12. **The meeting closed with the MU Prayer**