

Officers Reports: Annual General Meeting proposed for 25 March 2020 at 10.45 am

At Holy Trinity Church Motherwell (Rescheduled due to Covid 19 outbreak to take place on line on Tuesday 28 April 10.30 am)

Branch Leader Report: Katharine Kilgour

Committee Members:

Mrs J Katharine Kilgour (Branch Leader)

Mrs Hazel O'Hara (Secretary)

Mrs Olga Harding

Mrs May Saunders (MU enterprise Rep)

Treasurer: Vacant

Since our last AGM, our world has been transformed in ways none of us would ever have conceived! Our community now in 'lock down' to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, with our churches, non-essential businesses, schools and leisure facilities all closed and freedom of movement restricted- limited to essential shopping and one period of outdoor exercise per day!

When new words such as key workers, social distancing and social isolation, have become absorbed into our everyday language and experience, I feel very grateful for our shared Christian faith and network of church and Mothers' Union friendships and relationships. These relationships built together with our common understanding of worship and prayer, do strengthen and sustain us and give us hope for the future. As I prepare these reports for the AGM, I reflect with gratitude on all the experiences shared together over the last year.

Our last AGM was held at Wishaw church hall with thanks to our Rector, Christine Crawford and Florence for their help in facilitating this meeting and with refreshments afterwards.

The work of our branch progressed with an excellent series of monthly meetings from April till June. Deborah Edgar from Alzheimer Scotland gave us a wonderfully enlightening and interactive talk on 'how to live well with Dementia', in April 2019. We learnt over 90,000 people are living with dementia in Scotland and took away '5 key messages about Dementia'.



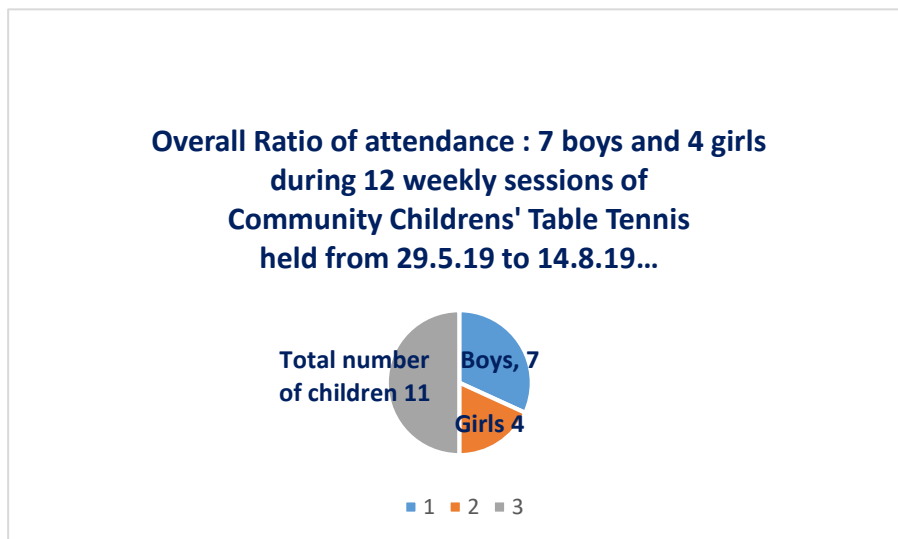
Alzheimer's Scotland believes 'nobody should face dementia alone'. Alzheimer's Scotland have a 24

hour Dementia HELPLINE with a freephone 0808 808 3000 and an email

helpline@alzscot.org . Photo in our report, shows Deborah Edgar pictured front row, beside Jill Cameron, with members of the group awarded with Dementia Friends certificates.

In May 2019, Agnes Cleland from Elim Befriending Service (EBS) Motherwell, explained how their service, (launched in 2015) aims to provide a befriending service for anyone aged 18 years and over. 'Befriending is an act to become a friend to someone, especially when they are in need of help and support'. The aim is to provide respite for carers and help service users become more independent and self-reliant in community.
(www.ebsmotherwell.org.uk)

Mr Allan Kirkwood, Volunteer Development Manager for Diabetes Scotland gave an excellent talk to our branch in June 2019, when he explained the work of the organisation, much like the Mothers Union, relies entirely on public donations to be able to provide their services. Diabetes Scotland, in addition to providing support for Diabetic sufferers to live well, petition for improved services at governmental level and raise awareness of patients' needs with Healthcare managers and donate money for research. Our MU branch recognise: 'Diabetes presents a serious health challenge for Scotland'.



In May 2019 our branch continued to work in partnership with other agencies. We worked with our Rector Rev Richard Kilgour to partner with Active Schools, Joe Wilson Table Tennis and VANL to launch a series of new Community Children's' Table Tennis sessions for boys and girls aged 8-12.

These sessions were held weekly at Holy Trinity church hall. Colette Martin from Joe Wilson Table Tennis delivered coaching, the Rector set up and put away the Table Tennis tables and Hazel O'Hara and Katharine Kilgour worked as volunteer adult helpers to support each session. The chart above shows the gender ratio of attendance over the initial twelve sessions last year. We continued to operate weekly sessions until the week before Christmas and into the New Year. Having piloted children's sessions last year, the plan this year was to extend the opportunity to try Table Tennis to offer adult sessions particularly for the over 50 age group.

In June (4.6.19) representatives from Holy Trinity Mothers Union, Katharine Kilgour, Branch Leader and Hazel O'Hara attended the VANL conference held at Freedom Church Cumbernauld with Rector Reverend Richard Kilgour and Joe Wilson Table Tennis coach, Colette Martin. Our branch took the Diocesan MU banner and held a plant stall at the event. The day began with an opportunity to learn about the 'Plan for

North Lanarkshire' introduced by Des Murray the Council Chief Executive. Workshops and speakers shared information on existing and developing programmes in the community.

On 10 August 2019 our Branch hosted a very successful Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival, facilitated with support from our Rector. The service was well attended. Guests included, eco-congregation Chaplain Rev David Coleman, and grateful thanks were given to Mr Julian Hodgson who played the organ for the occasion, and all who joined in the choir, and worked to clean and decorate the church specially for the occasion.



Mrs Christine Crawford, and Miss Jennifer Gray, carried our branch banners and during the festival service Mrs Jill Cameron, the Diocesan MU President, presented Mrs Olga Harding with a 40 year certificate of long service to Mothers' Union.

Videos and photographs of the service and the occasion were taken by Digital Missioner Petko Marinov which after being uploaded onto Holy Trinity Church facebook page, were commented on by

Mrs Sheran Harper MU worldwide President who said 'Absolutely beautiful Banners! I just love the procession of Banners! Well done Holy Trinity!'



This choir photograph from our Festival Service shows two sisters from Holy Trinity, Ava and Kara Lynch with Eco-congregation Chaplain Rev David Coleman to the left and Charlie Sargent to the right. Hazel O'Hara and her daughter Helen with Lesley Gilgun Edie Cowan and Dorothy Kennedy, with Rev Ann Wren and Rev Andrew Duff in the Background.

Then, after the service, Mrs Olga Harding was presented with a cake and flowers by the branch, in the hall, during the shared lunch.



Grateful thanks to all who participated in this special occasion, to make it such a wonderful celebration

Intercessions week by week have been contributed by our Mothers' Union (MU) branch members at our weekly Wednesday morning Eucharist services at Holy Trinity, Motherwell. Thanks to Mrs Hazel O'Hara for participating and printing out the monthly MU prayer sheets.

Other activities:

MU Enterprise Sales: Throughout the year, our branch has sourced and offered a gift and card ordering service to church members, friends and family. We are grateful to all who have supported the work of the Mothers' Union by making these purchases and wish to apologise on behalf of the wider organisation for the problems with stock we encountered at Christmas both this year and previously. Thanks to Mrs May Sanders who last year supported this work by taking on the role of MU Enterprise branch.

Community Sports Hub Activity: Since October 2019, our Rector, Rev Richard Kilgour, Hazel O'Hara and Katharine Kilgour have been attending regular Community Sports hub meetings chaired by James Beattie Senior Sports Development Officer – Community Sport Hubs, Education and Families. There was agreement at the meeting to support a new initiative launched on 23.02.2020, of a twelve week series of sport and activity for 14-18 year olds at Firpark on Sundays from 4-7pm. The photo below (taken by K Kilgour) shows Hazel O'Hara with Colette Martin with other volunteers and committee members at the launch at Firpark. This new initiative was not successful at this time and came to an abrupt end due to national 'lockdown'.



World Day of Prayer held on 6 March 2020: The theme this year came from Zimbabwe entitled 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. Thanks to Christine Crawford and Florence Stevenson who took part in working together with other churches in Wishaw whilst church members from Holy Trinity participated in the World Day of Prayer service held at St Mary's Church of Scotland, Motherwell.

Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer: All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

Accounts and Treasurer's Report (year ending 31 December 2019)

In the absence of a Treasurer, our Branch return was completed and submitted to the Diocese by Katharine Kilgour and Hazel O'Hara. The accounts were audited by Mrs Florence Stevenson on behalf of the branch, with thanks.

THE MOTHERS' UNION - GLASGOW AND GALLOWAY DIOCESE
BRANCH RETURN for Year ended 31st December 2019

BRANCH NAME: _____

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

(ii) Receipts

Diocesan subs	140 -				Notes
Fundraising	313 77				1
Donations	67 90				2
Enterprise	265 49				3
Bank interest	-				4
	-				6
	TOTAL RECEIPTS (A)			386 92	

(iii) Payments

Diocesan subs	180 -				Notes
MU funds to diocese	50 -				7
Enterprise	332 39				8
Expenses	74 41				9
Meetings	133 31				11
Fundraising expenses	27 8				12
	TOTAL PAYMENTS (B)			772 48	13

(iv) Funding of Other Activities (not included above)

Other receipts		Other payments	
Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Branch subs		Outings	
Outings		Teas	8.50
Teas	12.70	Other	58.00
Other			
Total in	12.70	Total out	66.50

TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS LESS TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS (C) -53 80

Surplus/Loss for year (A-B+C) -39 36

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Balance brought forward at 1st Jan 2019 (D)	494 44	16
Surplus/Loss for year (A-B+C)	-39 36	17
Balance carried forward at 31st Dec 2019 (A-B+C+D)	455 08	18

RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT

Balance at Bank at 31st December 2019 (P)	388 -	19
Value of cheques paid out but not yet cashed by Bank (Q)	-	20
Cash in hand (R)	67 08	21
End of Year Total (P-Q+R)	455 08	22

Signed: *H. O'Hara* BRANCH TREASURER
Print name: *H. O'HARA* Date: 24/02/20

I have inspected these accounts, and have not found them to be inaccurate or misrepresentative.

Signed: *F. Stevenson* INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
Print name: *FLORENCE STEVENSON* Date: 24/2/2020

I declare that this Branch holds no other money other than that set out in the above accounts.

Signed: *K. Kilgour* BRANCH LEADER
Print name: *K. KILGOUR* Date: 24/2/2020

Please attach a copy of your Bank Statement and send to Diocesan Treasurer by 28th February 2020