

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 19 March 2019  
at St Andrew's Church, Wishaw 6.00pm.**

**1. The meeting opened with a prayer.**

Katharine Kilgour, Branch Leader welcomed attendees and thanked Rennie Horton and Christine Crawford for setting up the venue. She thanked Olga Harding for all her input to the Mothers' Union organisation.

**2. Apologies:** Margaret Thompson.

**3. Minutes of previous AGM** (not relevant due to re-launch May 2018.)

**4. Correspondence:** There is to be a new Diocesan event in Paisley instead of the Spring Council this year. The Diocese have asked how many from Holy Trinity would like to attend. Please check with Katharine regarding transport.)

4i) **Paisley event**, Saturday 27 April 2019, 10.00am at Holy Trinity and St Barnabas SEC, St James' Street, Paisley, PA3 2AF. (Departure will be at 9.00am.)

4ii) The Branch were delighted to announce that we have been invited to host our MU Diocesan Festival on Saturday 10 August 2019, at Holy Trinity this year and attendees were requested to note same in their diaries. Any help and support of this event would be more than welcome.

4.iii) **Families First** is the Mothers' Union magazine and is available to current members at an introductory offer of £10.00 for 4 copies this year and to those who would like to become members or become friends of Mothers' Union at a subscription price of £20.00, to become £30.00 in future years.

4iv) **Gift Aid:** This form was provided in packs issued. Tax payers were requested to complete the forms, as this would benefit the Diocese.

**Omissions include:**

1. Notice of Diocesan MU Retreat. (Details of this were announced.)
2. Correspondence was received from Mrs Jill Cameron, Diocesan President, outlining her concerns regarding fund-raising through raffles. However, by the time this correspondence was received, our Branch had already sold £100.00's worth of tickets and returned these and any unsold books to Mary Sumner House. It was noted that raffle ticket management, at this time, amounted to a significant additional work.

**5. Branch Leader's Report:** A summary report was given by Katharine, our Branch Leader and she gave us a brief overview. GDPR was noted and has been addressed. She touched on MU web information regarding MU worldwide. She spoke of all the community volunteer workers and reported that we are now members of VANL. Mentioned also was CELSIS (Strathclyde University). She brought BookBug to our attention and informed the meeting that this is a Scottish Government initiative to bring mums and babies into closer contact. It was felt that this would be a good way forward but will have to wait until we have more folk to help. She praised VANL, saying it was amazing and praising them for their financial support and willingness to offer training.

**6. Accounts and Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were presented and accepted.

7. **Vacancy: Treasurer:** It was noted that a treasurer is required and this item is to be taken to the Branch Committee.
8. **MU Enterprise report:** It was reported that we (as a Branch) contributed £324 and some change to the Mary Sumner House. The meeting was informed that Mrs May Sanders has agreed to be the MU Representative. A note of thanks was offered to Rev Richard Kilgour for all his help and support.
9. **AOCB:** We learned about Active Life – this can be accessed for 8 weeks, although it was stressed that you should consult your GP first! Rev Andrew Duff mentioned that it might be a good idea to complete this form along with your GP to ensure completely accurate health assessment. Rev Richard Kilgour complimented Mothers' Union and commended our input. He stated that he hoped the Mothers' Union continued to “fight the good fight” and that we were a vigorous and vital part of the Church.