## St Michael & All Angels, Maidstone Mothers' Union Annual Report 2019 for APCM

We began 2019 with five very keen members plus others who were interested in MU. During the year our numbers increased to 6 as Valerie Stickland transferred from St Nicholas' MU.

We had meetings planned for most of the year and mainly met in Church. Wave of Prayer was held in the Ascension Chapel and led by Eleanor Relle. We also presented Ann Rust with a Certificate for being a Member for over 50 years.

Two other meetings included visitors from St Nicholas', St Andrew's and St Paul's MU. Sally Phillips, Archdeaconry President, spoke to us and advised us. Three of us were present at the Advent Service held in the Quire of Canterbury Cathedral.

MU Communion has been monthly. We also helped with Church Cleaning, clearing and tidying, flowers, and maintaining the Children's Corner, including providing colouring pages for the children each week.

From the experience of 2019 it became obvious that we needed to relook at the format of our meetings, so 2020 will be:

MU Communion 10.30 am 2nd Thursday of every other month. Meetings with speaker (where possible) 2-4 pm in Vestry Hall 2nd Thursday every other month, ie alternate month to Communion.

MU would also like to help, as a small group, with one off jobs needing to be done.

2020 will see the arrival of a Noah's Ark, handmade by the men at Cobtreee Men's Shed.

Daphne Tester

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