

## Hazelbury Bryan Mother's Union: Annual Report 2014

The Mother's Union is a small, but very active group both in the community and the Church; we currently have nine members. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, usually in a member's home, where we often have a guest speaker. New members are always very welcome.

MU activities include serving coffee in Church on the fourth Sunday after Parish Communion and at other celebratory services. We support the North Dorset Women's Refuge, and, at Christmas, instead of exchanging gifts with each other, we wrap and deliver gifts to the Refuge, along with other household and personal items that they may need. The Annual Gift Service held at Hazelbury Bryan Church at Christmas in aid of The Children's Society 'Waves' drop-in centre in Weymouth is organised by the MU members; the gifts collected at the service are delivered to 'Waves' where they are distributed to homeless young people. Four times a year MU members serve refreshments to prisoners visitors at Guys Marsh prison. We send Baptism Anniversary cards to all children baptised in the Benefice churches for the first for years after baptism. MU members make up posies presented to mothers at the annual Mothering Sunday Service. We also host the annual Lent Lunch.

During Advent two knitted cribs go into the local school – one stays in the pre-school class, the other is taken home by each child for one night when they can choose a sheep to keep for themselves. As a result, at our October meeting we have to get or knitting needles out to replenish the flock!

This year we also went into the school to help the children assemble their Christingles for their Christmas Service – this was much enjoyed by all those who attended