

Women of Action 2016 Spring Event

On Saturday March 19th 2016, we met at “The little Chapel” in Bedworth, Warwickshire, and the first thing we saw at the front of the Chapel was a glistening white Harley Davidson Softail special motorbike! A closer look revealed detailed paintings on the tank. There was a figure kneeling at the cross with the empty tomb of Jesus nearby. A path leads from the cross and there are crossroads, because we all have to choose which way we are going.



On the right side of the tank is the Engineer's Bridge on the river Ouse in Bedford.

But why was this magnificent motorbike in Church? After we had all admired the machine, the owners, Fran and Fred Gill, told us the horrors of the day, 27th December 2007, when their son Robert was murdered by a small group of youths in Bedford and

thrown into the river Great Ouse just a short distance downstream from where John Bunyan had been baptised. Their story was harrowing, but they said that God had given them the strength to forgive Robert's attackers, instead of allowing themselves to be overcome by hatred.

This Harley Davidson had been bought and decorated as a tribute bike in memory of Robert, because Fran and Fred are members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.



As a direct result of what happened to Robert, “the Bedford Street Angels” was formed and they regularly patrol the streets of Bedford, helping those who are worse for wear because of drink and drugs.

An inspirational story