

Minutes of meeting 30.9.17 at Bedworth Church

Present: Sandra Fall, Muriel Stonehewer, Carole Parkinson, Beth Ely, Pauline Downing, Meryl Griffiths, Ellie Minnie, Gloria Wallis, Anne-Marie Wilcock, Julia Hodgeson, Dorin Goreham, Jackie Clarke, Sue Hartshorn, Rita Fall, Jean Brown, Janet Randall, Joan Hammond

Apologies: Margaret Dennison, Daphne Hodkinson

Mission/Purpose

'To encourage and support all women of the church community in their faith and witness'

Teaching/Devotion

We talked about how the bible is so important to us as Christians, it being God's word and how He speaks to us through it. Then in 2's we shared verses that are/had been relevant to us in our lives and how God is/had used them. This was a very blessed and encouraging exercise.

Jackie Clarke will do a write up of this for Contact magazine Jan/Feb and several ladies will email Ellie Minney with the verses that they discussed so that they can be included with it.

Perhaps a challenge could be given for readers to ask God for a verse for themselves if they don't already have one, and also an invitation to share these verses more widely and how God has worked through them in our lives.

Further discussion:

- Sharing with each other is a good way of learning and teaching, and it is edifying to those who take part.
- Suggestion was made that this could be the format the WA use to encourage the ladies in the churches in the future.
- Prayer would be a good topic - to encourage everyone that they can do it.
- It does not matter how many attend an event, numbers do not matter.
- Hospitality should not be something that deters ladies from getting together.
- The WA year will be from April to April - starting with the AGM.

- To have four events arranged through the year for the women in those local areas, with similar programme/teaching for each one.
- At each AGM events to be arranged for the following year.

It was agreed that the WA events to be arranged for 2018 would be at:

Stoney Middleton	May
Black Country	July
Bedworth	September
Bozeat	Oct/Nov

Sandra Fall to liaise with each group to make the arrangements.

The whole morning was a very blessed time and so encouraging, we had a real sense of knowing that God was guiding us into the way ahead for the WA.

It was suggested that we be in prayer for the offices and who would take them on ready for the next meeting.

Next meeting on **Saturday 20th January 2018 10:30 am** at **Church on the Rock**, lunch will be provided.

All ladies welcome to attend.

During an open prayer time many ladies prayed and there was also a word given from God which was very encouraging and affirming for all present.