

On 27th November Penny Walters talked to us and 16 attended. 17 of us had a very enjoyable Christmas meal at the Stanley Park Golf Club on 11th December.

Our next afternoon meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd January when there is a raffle for the International Mothers' Union and our speaker, Julie Rowlandson is from the International Aid Trust. Rev John Squires spoke to 12 of the evening group on 12th November. 17 of us gathered on Tuesday 10th December at Jennie Sly's for a wonderful feast prepared by Jennie who we thanked. We are having our Post Christmas meal at Thornton Lodge on 14th January. On 11th February at 7.30pm a speaker from North West Blood Bikes Lancs and Lakes. Will come and may bring one of the bikes.

They are a group of volunteers and they either:

- Answer calls from the hospitals and dispatch Riders. Or
- Ride motorcycles to collect and deliver urgently needed whole blood, platelets, samples for analysis, medication, patient notes, small medical instruments, donor breast milk, etc., between NHS hospitals without charging the hospitals. Or
- We simply try to make the public aware of what we do, often by giving talks to groups or standing at events or supermarkets. Donations are always welcome, to help us continue doing what we do.

We are collecting our 2025 Subs of £32 as soon as possible.

We received the Bronze Award for the Rise Up against Domestic Abuse Campaign on Tuesday 3rd December at our Corporate Communion when Delia Parker was enrolled.

We continue to collect items for the Women's Refuge. They need any size of nappies, shampoos, conditioners and any cleaning items.

Theme – Unity in Diversity

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—

Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit..Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

Lord God, we pray: as members of the body of Christ but each with a different part to play, help us to find our place in the building of your Kingdom. Help us to be united in our differences to bring glory to you. Amen.

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