**St Dunstan’s Mothers’ Union**

We were delighted to hear that Brian Stephens has been presented with the Lancelot Andrewes Medal which is awarded for Godly Service and Zeal for the Gospel by the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun.

Over the years, Brian has been a good friend to St Dunstan’s MU - attending many of our social events and together with his wife Pam and Beverley Bowles, putting together the MU Wave of Prayer each year. Brian is also a tremendous help to Sally Steele, our treasurer, in ensuring our accounts are kept in good order.

From all at St Dunstan’s MU - our congratulations and thanks Brian– well deserved!

At our meeting at the beginning of October, Gina Witcomb talked about the work she does as a volunteer at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Gina is part of a team of volunteers who man the Child Death Help Line which is available to bereaved parents. Gina explained the volunteers aren’t counsellors, but are parents who have also sadly experienced the loss of a child and the help they give is a listening service.

It was a very moving talk and one thing Gina said which stuck in my mind after was that people often say to her how grateful they are to be able to talk at length about their loss to someone who understands and often add, “Thank you - I feel better now.”

**Coming up on our Programme**

On Monday, 6th November Sandra Nolan will be giving us a demonstration of sugarcraft with a Christmas theme. Do come along and join us in what promises to be a great fun event.

Sandra is brilliant at sugarcraft and I’m hoping some of her skill will rub off on me. My last sugar snowman was nicknamed “Quasimodo” by my family - admittedly, he did have a slight stoop and his head fell off on Christmas Eve!

We’re off to the Epsom Theatre on Wednesday, 8th November to see Cats. If you’d like to come along, please see Sally Steele – but hurry as tickets are selling fast.

On Monday, 4th December we are delighted to say that Fr. Darren has agreed to lead our Preparation for Christmas this year. Knowing Fr. Darren will be leaving Cheam at the end of December and will probably have an endless list of things to do at this time, we are very grateful for his time.

Do come along and join us – you’d be most welcome.

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