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**Christine's involvement with MWiB continues. She took up the role of District Enabler/Secretary last September. At the Committee Meeting in November, it was decided to undertake 2 new ventures during 2019.**

**Our first venture** was to offer ourselves as an MWiB 'Preaching Team'. We would lead morning worship at four churches during July. We are now booked to go to Wellow (Eastleigh, Romsey & Winchester circuit) on 7<sup>th</sup>;



Bell Street, Shaftesbury (Yeovil & Blackmore Vale circuit) on 14<sup>th</sup> ; Amesbury (Salisbury circuit) 21<sup>st</sup> and Winton ( Poole Bay circuit) on 28<sup>th</sup> .

These exciting new initiatives are enabling us to promote aspects of the work of MWiB both within the district and nationally.

**Our other main venture** was to approach some of the Women's Meetings in the southern part of the district offering to lead one of their meetings during the month of May. Small groups of us went to Chandlers Ford, Barton-on-Sea, Highcliffe, Broadstone and Romsey to give a presentation on one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. (Google *Sustainable Development Goals* for more information) We chose SDG4 Education. The 'PowerPoint' presentation, script and story created much interest and response from the women we addressed.



## UN's Millennium Development Goals

The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were agreed on by world leaders at a UN summit in 2000 and set targets to:

- to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger;
- to achieve universal primary education;
- to promote gender equality and empower women;
- to reduce child mortality;

- to improve maternal health;
- to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases;
- to ensure environmental sustainability; and
- to develop a global partnership for development.

15 years after they were created they reached their expiration date and the UN created the Sustainable Development Goals to focus their attention on over the next 15 years.

## **DISTRICT DAYS**

**SHARING DAY** at St. James Road Methodist Church. Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> , 10.00 for 10.30am to 3.00 pm. Carolyn Lawrence, who is employed in the World Church Relationships Team of the Methodist Church, is our special speaker.

**CELEBRATION DAY** at Romsey Methodist Church. Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> , 10.00 for 10.30 to 3.00 pm, when our new President, Irene Bourne will be commissioned.

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## **Christine's Postscript**

For some months now, Christine has been working in a Church Cafe once a week at St. Georges Methodist Church in Boscombe. She has also been a volunteer with the Sleepsafe Project in Bournemouth, enabling rough sleepers to get into accommodation.