



Ruth with her daughter, Charlotte .

Ruth Clarke, who died suddenly on Jan 11th has been an active member of the Forum since before the 3rd EFECW Assembly in York where every morning she would tell us World News from the BBC!

In the early 90s, eager to continue the momentum from the Assembly, the England NCs met regularly and planned Annual Forum Days with invitations to the Church women's organisations. Ruth retired as NC to prepare to become the first lay woman Moderator of the United Reform Church. She took on the role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary of the England Forum. She continued this until 2018. Every year she wrote to the friends about our activities and in the early days there were more than ten organisations and over a hundred 'Friends'.

Ruth was much appreciated as chairperson at European meetings and worked with both the Jackie Stoyt fund and the Ruth Epting fund.

For nearly a year the England Forum including Ruth, has 'met' monthly on zoom and we shall all miss her very much. Ruth was an encourager at every level, an impressive role model and such an advocate for women's ministry and for ecumenical relationships. Charlotte, her daughter writes that she was as bright, intelligent and funny to the end.

May she rest in Peace
Dorothy, Anthea, Brigid