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Hello Everyone

I am sending the news sheet a day early this week as tomorrow we will be "in the air" in our way for 2 weeks in the sun ...we hope!

Meanwhile, life must continue. Many of you will have seen a jar, a bit like a sweet jar, in church with coins in it. These are Elaine's Pennies, to which so many people have contributed. However, the jar did not originally contain sweets, it was a jar containing communion wafers, which become The Body of Christ in the communion service. It seems fitting that the coins put into it will be used to give hope to victims of domestic violence and has been given to The Doncaster Woman's Refuge for the benefit of the residents. It has so far bought outdoor play equipment for the refuge garden and I am told that the children have loved it. After traumatic events bringing them and the mothers to the refuge it is good to know that there is somewhere for the children to play safely. We bought irons and clothes airers for each of the units at the refuge and more recently have provided kettles and toasters for the women to take with them when they move into independent accommodation. Since fuel has increased in cost we looked at what could be provided to help to save costs and have bought slow cookers. Last week at the deanery meeting Tanis told us that the refuge were absolutely delighted with these and more will be very welcome, so this is what we will be buying next. At the moment the Elaine's Pennies jar is refilling having been emptied and counted 2 weeks ago. We were all staggered to find that £101 was in the jar and our thanks go to everyone who has contributed.

Margaret reports that it was lovely to see Joyce Durdy, with Jim and Alison, at Evensong on Sunday, especially good as it was Harvest Weekend.

At the Deanery meeting last week we were asked to find out if any more of our members could Gift Aid their annual subs as this makes a big difference to the income of MU. Sheffield MU can claim 25p for each £1 and this means £5.75 on your subscription, which is well worth the effort of filling in a simple form! If you are a UK tax payer and can do this, Kathie (743451) has the forms required and will send them off for you.

I know that the next piece of news is not directly connected with MU, but we do have a woman bishop here in Doncaster and it is wonderful to see a young woman in such an important position giving support to a charity

Bishop of Doncaster Sophie Jelley is running the London Marathon on Sunday for charity, and it's believed she could be the first female bishop to run this race.



She will be running to raise money for Mencap:

"I've seen first-hand what a difference support can make. The charity Mencap does a lot of advocacy work, and a particular project that will benefit from the run is something called 'All Move', which is an activity for children both with and without disabilities. The idea of the project is for children to get used to being just children together, rather than disabilities being some scary unknown from a really early age."

Read more here: <https://sheffdio.org/NetworkAu22>

You can find Bishop Sophie's fundraiser here: <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/bishopsophieisrunning>

Finally a prayer for peace and freedom from suffering:

Dear Lord:

We hope for peace in your world; we hope for peace in nation after nation.

We hope for peace, Lord, wherever there is trouble, wherever there is suffering.

We hope for peace. We hope for peace. And so, Lord, as we come to you in prayer

we ask first of all that we may find peace within ourselves,

peace within each one of us, peace between each other

and to find you waiting there,

patiently waiting. Amen

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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