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Hello Everyone

Greetings from Almeria Province Spain where its been a sunny warm and windy day! Yesterday we have been visited by our friend Jesus Contreras, who is a nature guide. We have had many trips out with him and it is through him that we have such a love of this area. Next week he is taking us to visit Macael which is one of the foremost marble producing areas in Spain.



This photograph was taken yesterday afternoon by Trevor. Its the local goat man with some of his herd and we can see the hills from our terrace and hear the goat bells. A lovely sight and sound. We are thinking of you all in the UK enduring the extreme cold and hope that everyone is able to keep safe and warm.

This week Margaret has had her first outing as Deanery Leader, when she visited Sprotborough Branch, to chair their AGM.

I have been setting up files ready for agendas, minutes etc for Deanery meetings, so we are all set for our new roles!!

Margaret has also had help and instruction to put our meetings onto the new online church calendar and we will post any changes as they occur.

As promised here is the programme for this year. As ever, everyone is welcome to any meeting....members and friends.

**February:** Introduction to "Joy Bags", Doncaster Deanery special initiative for 2024.

**March:** Birthday Meeting, communion service with tea and birthday cake afterwards

**April:** Speaker "Mary's Meals", a charity which provides school lunches to the most needy.

**May:** Outing to "The Tapestry Project" at Stamford Bridge, York

**June:** Doncaster Woman's Refuge Manager speaker

**July:** Afternoon Tea Party (date probably Tuesday 23rd)

**August:** Mary Sumner Day,( Sheffield Cathedral Friday 9th), also wave of Prayer day and time not yet known.

**September:** Discussion meeting details to follow

**October:** Literacy Trust, speaker or information meeting

**November:** AGM

**December:** Festive meeting with Carols and Mince Pies

This week we remember especially The King who is having hospital treatment and also The Princess of Wales who is in hospital having had an operation. We pray for their speedy recovery.

The rest of the world continues with conflicts affecting so many people and so the prayer for today is as ever just right.

For God so loved the whole world, John 3:16, not just the people we agree with or find easy to love. May we continue to show compassion and unconditional love to everyone we pray for and work with.

In our global mission to promote peace and reconciliation, hope and justice, may we not only look to bring authorities to account, but may each of us have patience and perseverance in our own relationships, that we may show others how to live as you intended. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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