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Hello Everyone

Its a small world! Yesterday, we were talking to one of Trevor cycling friends, here in Spain. His wife suddenly said that a lady sitting near to us was from Rotherham and she does a lot of work for abused women, serving on a committee dealing with the aftermath abuse. I then told her about the work we do in Tickhill and throughout Mothers' Union, for families who suffer abuse. By this time the lady from Rotherham had gone but I hope to catch up with her and see if there is anything they do which would be of interest to us.

As I am away and not dealing with any collections for our charities, I do hope that you will continue to save things and make things which can be of use to the Women's Refuge or Baby Basics. I am knitting a baby blanket here.

We are now getting some details of events planned for the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of Mothers' Union.

A baton is to tour the country and is arriving in the diocese on Sunday 22nd March. It will travel from Rotherham to Doncaster in the afternoon of Monday 23rd March. We are supposed to hold a very short service in Doncaster Minster in the morning of Tuesday 24th March and perhaps visit some branches but as yet there are no details available for this, I think it will depend on the availability of The Minster. We then deliver the baton to Wath in the afternoon of that day. It then travels round other deaneries until Sunday 29th, when it travels to Glossop to be received by Chester diocese.

We are encouraged to organise social events aimed at outreach for example a get together in a local coffee shop or at the back of church, or perhaps in the library. Again more details to come.

A reminder that subs are due, please see Kathie ASAP!

The illustration below perhaps will cheer many of you, although the world weather seems to have gone mad in the last few days. Here in Spain, there have been gale force winds, bringing down trees and power lines. The sea, normally calm has been rough causing flooding in places and snow has fallen on mountains which don't normally see snow. However, this is mild compared with the dreadful conditions many areas in the UK are experiencing and we hope that the storms which have come from the Atlantic will moderate very soon.



God, You call us to more than we imagine. Give us the courage to begin, even when we feel unready. Help us to trust that purpose grows in the steps - small faithful and full of hope.

Lord, some days feel too heavy. Yet You remind us; we are not alone. Help us notice small breakthroughs, tiny joys and fresh starts. May we be open to healing, to hope and to a deeper purpose within it all. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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