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Hello Everyone

Its been quite a week! I am not sure which event is most important, so I will start with national news.

On Wednesday, was Lady day, The Feast of the Annunciation, marking the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary. Historically, it was the start of the legal new year until 1752, and is now observed as a religious day and a traditional quarter day. We saw the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, The Revd Dame Sarah Mullally. She is a formidable lady, a former nurse. She practiced nursing primarily in South London, where she also began to study for ministry in The Church of England. In 1999, she became Chief Nursing Officer and Director of patient experience for the English National Health service. In her address following her enthronement, she spoke about the role of women and I feel that she will be a wonderful leader.



The second event this week has been much nearer to home. On Monday the Prayer Baton containing prayers celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of the Mothers' Union, arrived at St Peter's Church Warmsworth ( The White Church). 4 of us went there and we had a lovely time with ladies from Warmsworth and from Rotherham, who had brought the baton to the Doncaster area.



Margaret received the baton from the Deanery leader of Rotherham and Laughton, Annette Walker.



We then travelled back to Tickhill where more members were waiting in church to receive the baton.



On Tuesday morning we travelled to Doncaster Minster, where the baton was formally received by Canon Gordon Taylor. We had a lovely service, the central theme of which was Mary Sumner's own prayer.

"All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen"

Refreshments afterwards were eagerly accepted as we were all a little chilly!

The baton was to be taken by Tanis and Pat, to Wath on Dearne. It will then continue its journey around the country and will arrive at St Pauls Cathedral for the service on June 10th.

It was good to see Tanis and she told me that she is feeling a bit better.



On the Homefront, I have had several large deliveries for the Women's Refuge and now have 3 baskets waiting to be filled. I thought this would be done this week but other events overtook ...so... it will now be in the next few days as I would like to get things delivered before Easter as Easter goods for the children will be included.

Heavenly Father, help us to follow Your ways to enable our works to flourish. May the love of God be seen in us as we live out our faith through action. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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