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Hello Everyone

The 150th Anniversary of the foundation of Mothers' Union is fast approaching and we now have some details of the events planned.

What we are planning in Sheffield for the 150th Celebrations :

14th March York Province service at Manchester Cathedral - 2.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

15th March **Songs of Praise** BBC1 from Liverpool Cathedral - about Mothers' Union.

23rd/24th March Provincial Prayer Baton is in DASH Deanery. Being received about 3pm on the 23rd at St. Peter's Warmsworth,

Service at Doncaster Minster on Tuesday 24th March at 10.45 to welcome the baton. Service led by Canon Gordon Taylor. It will be followed by refreshments.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

25th April **Spring Council.** Diocesan raffle will be launched and tickets handed out to branches.

2nd June 2 people cycling from York to London with the Prayer Baton, in time for the Annual Gathering.

10th/11th June **150th Celebratory Service** with **Annual Gathering** the following day. About 25 people are going from Sheffield Diocese.

20th June **Open Day at Barnby Dun church.** This is our Deanery Celebration. All our branches will be supporting Barnby Dun. We are all encouraged to attend and help where necessary.

12th July **Church takeover day.** We are participating in the morning service, putting up information about MU and having our 'indoor picnic' in the afternoon. There will be afternoon tea and activities for children. This is open to all and sundry and is all about making the work of MU worldwide better known.

9th August **Mary Sumner Day service** at the Cathedral as usual as 2pm. To be followed by a **Diocesan bring and share picnic** outside the Cathedral. The raffle will be drawn.

York Provincial Prayer Hour - for Sheffield Diocese 7-8pm. Light a candle and pray at home.

Our Chaplain Richard has written a prayer especially for the celebrations and I will include this in the news sheet next week.

Our branch "Birthday Meeting" is next Tuesday at 2pm and everyone is warmly welcome , members and friends. Birthday Cake will be served afterwards !!

The world seems to have gone mad this week and we must keep in our thoughts all of those people who are now caught up in what is essentially a war. This includes many of our armed service personnel who are stationed around the gulf and their families in the UK who are equally caught in the turmoil. I have heard of several people who have travel plans (mainly connected with work)which would take them in or around the middle east and some have the worry of how to get back to the UK. We hope that this dreadful situation can be resolved quickly.

Today 6th March is the World day of Prayer, so prayers for peace must be uppermost in our thoughts.

The prayers of one woman, in a single place have inspired countless prayers for 150 years worldwide. Inspire us to continue that commitment as we stride forward with a clear vision, making strong bonds across the world through our daily prayer or worship. Amen.

Sunday 8th March is international Women's Day.

This is especially relevant this week with the turmoil in Iran where women have been subjugated for so many years.

Loving father, we give thanks for women internationally, most of them unnamed and unsung, who have refused to be shamed or silenced, who have stood up for justice and truth. Blessed are You, gracious God, who has created women in your image. Amen.

We have 2 birthdays to celebrate this month, Kathie mason on the 7th and pat Elderkin on the 14th. We hope you both have a lovely day.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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