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Hello Everyone

I hope that the lovely weather has cleared everyone. Apparently it been the hottest for this time of year for 80 years, but it isn't going to last and we may be chilly again by the weekend!

This Saturday is the Mothers' Union Coffee Morning at Sheffield Cathedral. I may get more information then about the Open day at Barnby Dun, if Tanis is able to be there. If not it will be next Friday ,when we have the next Deanery Meeting at St George's House Doncaster. We do know that the Open day is to be on Saturday 20th June and all MU branches in the Deanery will be supporting the Barnby Dun branch as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations. We most probably will be contributing a raffle prize and things to sell on the cake stall / or for the refreshments. Practical help will also be needed as this is an all day event with all sorts of activities happening so it will need to be "manned" on a rota so that everyone helping can do so in hourly sessions.

Closer to home, next Tuesday is our normal monthly meeting and we are delighted that Hazel Horrigan will be telling us all about her role as Sacristan. It is one of those roles which is almost invisible, but vital in every communion service. Knowing Hazel's knowledge and love of history and her commitment to the role it will be a very interesting talk. As usual everyone is welcome - members and friends. There will be tea and homemade biscuits afterwards.

Following our "Make a Mothers' Day" appeal, there is a summary of money raised through a collection and details of the way in which the money has been donated to various MU causes. This is now on the MU Notice Board in church and there is leaflet which explains all about the causes helped. It makes most interesting reading.

This week, another country ( Greece), has decreed that children under 15 years of age should not be able to use social media. The harm caused to many young people when use is unlimited, is becoming apparent. I am sure that many of you will have come across "battles" between parents and children when phones and computers are turned off. We know how hard looking after children is and today the pressures on parents seem quite horrendous. Mothers' Union's ethos is to care for families which means parents and children and any support we can give especially where alternatives to social media is involved will be welcome. It may be

something as simple as reading to a child or supervising art work. Many young people are turning to crafts for a pastime and perhaps showing a young person how to knit or sew would be good. Parents are all so busy and a little time given by a grandparent or friend may be just what is needed.

Lord, watch over all children and young people this Easter Break keep them safe, joyful and inspired. Fill their days with peace and prepare them to return to school refreshed and ready to shine.

Compassionate God, thank you for grandparents, caregivers. And teachers. Bless them with rest and wisdom and joy. Provide for families and honour those who care for children, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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