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Hello Everyone

Mary Sumner Day this year was certainly memorable.

BBC Radio 4s Sunday Worship was all about Mothers' Union and Mary Sumner's work. The first part of the programme came from the Rectory in Old Alresford Hampshire where Mary lived for many years with her husband George who was then rector. The programme continued at various venues with commentary by various ladies one of whom I recognised as Kathleen Snow our Canadian MU World Wide President. This program's is available on BBC sounds and is well worth listening to!

On Saturday we had the news that the Sheffield trams between the Park and Ride and the Cathedral would not be running...due to major track works. Fortunately it was Sunday when we were travelling and so there was not the usual traffic wanting to park in the city and we were fortunate to get a space immediately behind the Cathedral (Trevors knowledge of the road system helped) !!

On arrival in the Cathedral the Mothers' Union Choir were singing and the whole atmosphere was delightful.

The service began when the officials arrived led by the Diocesan Banner 2 vergers and 8 members of the clergy.

During the service new members were admitted including 2 from Tickhill, Jennifer and Jenny. Jo -Anne our president spoke to each new member, welcoming them to our organisation.

Some long service certificates were then presented.



We then had the communion service ending with Mary Sumner's Prayer and the National Anthem





Branch Banners led the officials out of the Cathedral followed by all of us. You can see our branch banner here with the red centre symbol. Many of the congregation assembled on the lawn outside and had picnics. Tanis, Chris and I did not stay as we needed to get Tanis home asap. She felt that she had left Peter (who is not at all well) long enough.



During the picnic the raffle was drawn and I am delighted to report that 2 of the prizes were won by our members / family. The garden voucher went to our treasurer Kathie and another prize went to Margaret's granddaughter. Doncaster Deanery had provided a luxury hamper as the 2nd prize and this was won by a nurse who is a friend of our president Jo-Anne.

Our next event is the Wave of Prayer at 1pm next Thursday 20th August, followed by lunch at Cafe H's.

I now have quite a lot of things in the garage for the Women's Refuge and am aiming to deliver next week. We have 1 Fresh Start Basket packed and we will

try to get 2 more completed in the next days. If you have anything to donate please let me have it ....if we are out we will not be far and so things could be left outside ...unless by some miracle it is raining!!

Please don't forget that it will be the Sponsored Silence soon. We have some sponsors and more would be very welcome.

At our meeting in September will be hearing about "Memorable Books we have read." The speaker originally scheduled for September will be coming in October.

Oh Lord, I honour all past members and Mary Sumner House staff. I pray for all present members and MSH staff. I pray for our indoor members and thank them for their prayer life.

Father, teach me the way to give back and mirror the contributions of members in the past. Let me shine as a beacon in my community.

Lord, as you healed people who were sick, I ask You to heal everyone I lift to you in the quiet of my heart. I also pray for carers, people who are housebound and hospital and hospice staff. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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