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Hello Everyone

At last the extreme heat has gone and we can actually get things done without feeling like grease spots! We have even had very welcome rain.

Now that the main holiday season is almost over, many of you have been clearing things out and much of it seems to have arrived here. I have spoken to the Women's Refuge and am as I write waiting to hear when they can come to collect. We have a lot, which is wonderful and I am also going to get electrical goods (kettles and irons), using cash which has recently been donated.

It has been a very sad week for many of us as we learned that Clair Wright died on Wednesday. Claire was the daughter of Hazel Horrigan and daughter-in-law of Chris Wright, 2 of our members. She had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer only a few weeks ago and her condition deteriorated rapidly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Horrigan and Wright families who have had a dreadful year after Hazel and Chris's husbands, John and Nigel, both died fairly suddenly, within months of each other.

Yesterday was our Wave of Prayer and this took place in St Helen Chapel at 1pm.



Here is Margaret just as the service was about to begin. The little dishes surrounding the tall candle, all held tea lights with were lit in turn to remember all of the areas of the world partnered with Sheffield Diocese. Margaret spoke about each area, explaining what their problems are and what Mothers' Union is doing to help them



We then went to the cafe for lunch....not the one originally planned as they could not accommodate us all, however Sarah Lou's could have us and we had an great welcome and excellent service. Here we are just before the food was served.



August is, for many a time to enjoy a holiday or a change of routine life, for others, it's a busy harvest time or family time. Loving Lord, help us to take the time to pause and be still for the presence of the Lord, if only for a minute in each busy day.

Look at your hands, entwine your fingers together and as you do , take a moment to reflect on your day, to rejoice about the good things that have woven together and then, as you separate your fingers, take a moment to replenish yourself, praising the Lord for the day ahead.

Lord Jesus, in this week of rejoicing and delight, I give thanks for 150 years of Mothers' Union, for the blessings received by all those connected to MU and for the hope and expectation of continued blessings with your Favour. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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