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Hello Everyone
Winter seems to have finally arrived, bringing cold nights and chill winds but for the last 2 days, blue skies and sunshine. Lovely if you don't need to go out!! Keep warm and safe everyone.

On Tuesday we held our AGM, when we reviewed what we have done and achieved in the last year and talked about future plans. I was very pleased to be able to announce that just that morning I had a message from Bishop Leah's PA , confirming that she will be able to come to talk to us in April. plans for next years Programme are almost finalised and we hope to have printed programmes to give out at our December meeting (Carols, accompanied by John Marsden on the piano, followed by sherry and mince pies).
We discussed the Laying of the Poppy Wreath on the Cenotaph and decided that we would like this to be done again next year..and subsequent years. An MU logo is to be given to the organisers so that the next wreath will be custom made for MU.
A New Gospel Book has been sourced and this will be presented to St Mary's to commemorate our 150 years. It will have a dedication plate inside and will be a wonderful gift to church.

St Mary's Autumn Afternoon Tea (in place of the Autumn Fayre), will be held on Saturday 21st November and will be manned by members of the church Events and Social Committee most of whom are MU Members! They have asked if MU could help with the catering by providing cakes and we agreed that this could be done.
Elaine asked if anyone had one of the blue aprons, which have St Mary's Church embroidered onto the front of them. Obviously they have been used for functions and taken home for washing so if you know the whereabouts of any of these, please let Elaine know as they are needed for the Afternoon Tea!
Tickets for the tea are £7 , please contact Elaine.

Meanwhile our charity work carries on as usual. This week we have delivered a pushchair, slow cooker, pans, ladies jackets and some toiletries to the Women's Refuge. The next delivery will be at the **Advent Service which is on Thursday 3rd December at 2pm.**
Last week I said Thursday 4th….sorry for the mistake spotted within minutes by 2 sharp eyed members!!
The dressing gowns for the ladies are now shopped, thank you Eluned and Lucille for doing this. We have some of the things needed for Fresh Start baskets and hope to be able to send 2 as well as anything else donated for the children. I have already had some toys promised.

Here is a list of what we need for each basket with some notes as to what we have in stock
Laundry basket…to be bought from Cherry lane Garden Centre

Clothes pegs	enough
J-cloths or similar disposable cloths	none
Small dust pan and brush	none
2 mugs	enough

2 cereal bowls		none
2 tea plates		none
2 dinner plates		a few odd ones in stock more needed
2 tumblers		enough
Small frying pan		none
Small saucepan		none
2 knives	}	
2 forks	}	enough
2 dessert spoons	}	
2 teaspoons	}	
Tin opener		none
Wooden spoon		enough
Fish slice		none
2 tea towels		enough
Hand towel		enough
Bath towel		enough
Face cloth		enough
Bar soap		none
washing up liquid		none
2 toilet rolls		enough

We have sufficient money to buy the laundry baskets and the pans /frying pans but would appreciate any of the outstanding items on the list if anyone has them to donate. Plastic containers, pyrex dishes (or any baking dishes) as well as any kitchen items not listed can be included in the baskets. We always send everything we get donated and the refuge staff say that it is all very much appreciated.

Help us to reach out as Your hands across the world, through generosity in projects such as the supply of sewing equipment for training workshops in Melanesia. May projects such as this and the work we do here in Tickhill for the Women's Refuge, continue, to help to lift people out of poverty. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee
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