

MOTHERS' UNION

This Parish celebrates & contributes to the work of the Mothers' Union; the Group meets regularly throughout the year. [See PewSheet/News.](#)

Mothers' Union is an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide.

We are working with people of all faiths and none in 83 countries to promote stable marriage, family life and the protection of children through praying, enabling and campaigning. We support families and communities both in the UK and around the world. Since 1876, when Mary Sumner first brought together parents in her own parish to build their confidence in bringing up their children in the Christian faith, Mothers' Union has grown to over 4 million members worldwide. Our members work around the world bringing hope and practical support to millions of people every year through our parenting, literacy and community development programmes and as part of the volunteer base of local churches.

Our vision Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling.

Our mission We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We can do this through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children. This is our **mission**. It is what we aim to achieve.

Our values There are more than four million members of Mothers' Union today in 83 countries around the world. Each member subscribes to the same **values**; the moral and ethical codes that are central to the ways in which we operate.

1. we are rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect & collaboration.
2. our governance, leadership, and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide.
3. we work with people of all faiths and none.

Our aims and objectives are:

To promote and support married life

To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children

To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service

To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children

To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Our membership

Our members are not all mothers, or even all women. They are single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. Mothers' Union provides, for all four million members, a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community; through prayer, financial support and actively working at grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.