



Mission Prayer Focus for January 2017



Our focus for 2017 – Faith in Action

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

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



Following our year of celebration in 2016 (140th anniversary of MU and 125th anniversary of the Ashtead branch), we look to the future trusting that God will continue to help us as we share his love in the world through our Christian care for families and communities. We do this by actively putting our faith into action to serve God and his world. This is no new concept for Mothers' Union; rather it has always been at the heart of our mission and outreach.

**Let us not love with words or speech but with actions
and in truth. 1 John 3: 18**

Locally,

- We continue to deliver **emergency toiletry bags** to Epsom Hospital. These provide personal toiletries of soap, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, a comb, and a prayer card for people who find themselves unexpectedly admitted to hospital.
- In partnership with our Children and Families ministry leader, Bethan Fogell, we delivered a **parenting course** to ten parents with primary school aged children.

In Guildford Diocese,

- We enrolled Bishop Jo Wells, Bishop of Dorking, to membership of MU at the November members meeting.
- We provide donations to the Women's Refuges in Surrey. Several women have newborn babies and are extremely grateful for the generous donations at this time in their lives.
- We continue to work in prisons with the women prisoners or the children of those visiting prisoners.
- We collected and sent off knitted goods for refugees in Lesbos and Calais.

Please pray for:

- New ways to live out our faith through action
- Further parenting courses and provision of a course for those whose children have special education needs
- Our volunteers who work in prisons and more volunteers for Send Prison
- Our response in prayer and action to the European Refugee Crisis



**OUR VISION IS OF A WORLD WHERE GOD'S LOVE
IS SHOWN THROUGH LOVING, RESPECTFUL AND
FLOURISHING RELATIONSHIPS**

We meet at **10am** on the 4th Thursday of each month at St George's Christian Centre, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashted

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