

Bookmarks

These can be given to members of your congregation, your Indoor Members, even left for visitors to your church, give them to whoever you think might like one.

A good time to give them to your congregation would be in the week before Mary Sumner Day – 9th August, or at a service led by Mothers' Union members.

Preparation

During the year ask members to save birthday cards [male and female], use one of your branch meetings to bring together all the cards and cut out the bookmarks.

Punch a hole in one end of the bookmark and add a ribbon. [See photo and illustrations].

Please add the name and office telephone number, email address and website to every bookmark;

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You might also like to hand write [or print onto sticky labels] one or more of the following

Ideas of things you could write on the back of the bookmark

- The Personal Prayer of Mary Sumner
All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.
- There are 68 independent local Mothers' Union charities in the UK & Ireland who serve their communities and are affiliated to the central Mothers' Union which supports them in their activities. Internationally, Mothers' Union exists in 83 countries and has four million members.
- The Mothers' Union was established in 1876. Its purpose was to encourage parents in caring for their children, not just physically and mentally but also spiritually. From the outset it recognised that strong relationships and the role of family, however defined, are crucial in building healthy communities.
- **Our vision**
Whilst the ways in which we operate to fulfil the needs of families may be different from that of the world of 1876 when we were established, our vision today is still of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. This is the essence of our work.
- **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.
Firstly, we are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration.
Secondly, our governance, leadership, and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide.
Thirdly, we work with people of all faiths and none.