

Help when planning a Mothers' Union service.

There are certain things which you should consider when planning your service and certain things you should always include in your service.

You should always ask the clergy at the church where the service will be held if they would like to be involved in the planning and even if they do not wish to be involved you should always send the a copy of the service well before the date for their approval.

If you feel you need more advice the Faith & Policy Unit Coordinator and your Archdeaconry Leader will be more than happy to help you with planning your service.

Collection:

If you are having a collection you must state who or what the money is being collected for - you can only collect for Mothers' Union or specific Mothers' Union projects - and you must print on the service sheet or announce the charity number.

The following sentence could be printed next to the collection hymn on the service sheet or announced at the same time as the hymn

'After expenses the collection will be forwarded for the work of Mothers' Union'.

Charity Number:

Reg Charity No. 249942

Mothers' Union Prayer:

The following is the correct Mothers' Union Prayer and is the only version that should be used at all services, branch meetings etc

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit may we be united in prayer and worship:

and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

If you wish you can also use

Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer

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

Diocesan Logo: can be used on your service sheet, invitations, posters etc. If you cannot download the logo, please contact the office and we will provide you with an editable version and guidelines on how to re-size it etc.

