



Branch Worship

A Service based on the

**5 Objects of Mothers' Union**

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Great is the Lord

**And most worthy of our praise**

We give thanks to you O God

**Your people tell of your wonderful deeds**

*(A hymn may be sung)*

Reader 1

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding

Genesis 2: 20b-25

*Prayers for those who have recently married and for those preparing for marriage, for MU involvement in marriage preparation and promoting Christian marriage through Wedding Fairs, thanksgiving for those celebrating special anniversaries.*

Reader 2

- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.

Mark 10: 13-16 Proverbs 22: 6

*Prayers for Youth and Children's work, parenting courses, MU involvement in Baptism, Toddler Groups*

### Reader 3

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

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9

*Prayers for our Church and clergy and leadership, for the MU branch and members, for church links and the Wave of Prayer*

### Reader 4

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

Matthew 24:42-44 Keep watch

*Prayers for Faith and Policy unit, for Karen Yerberry our Social Policy Liaison officer, for current campaigns and consultation documents, safeguarding officers*

### Reader 5

- To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Matthew 25: 34- 40 The Sheep who are honoured by God

*For Action and Outreach unit, for contact centres, food banks and refuges. For those going through breakdown in relationships . Police and social workers and all agencies and charities who provide support.*

*For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and the bereaved.*

## **The Mother's Union Prayer**

**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.**

*(A hymn may be sung)*

### **The Grace**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all,  
now and evermore.  
Amen.

*The Notices*

*Fellowship*