

HON 138, 153, 121, 328, 313





30th March 2025
10:00 Family Communion
Mothering Sunday
Blended Worship

Mothers' UNION

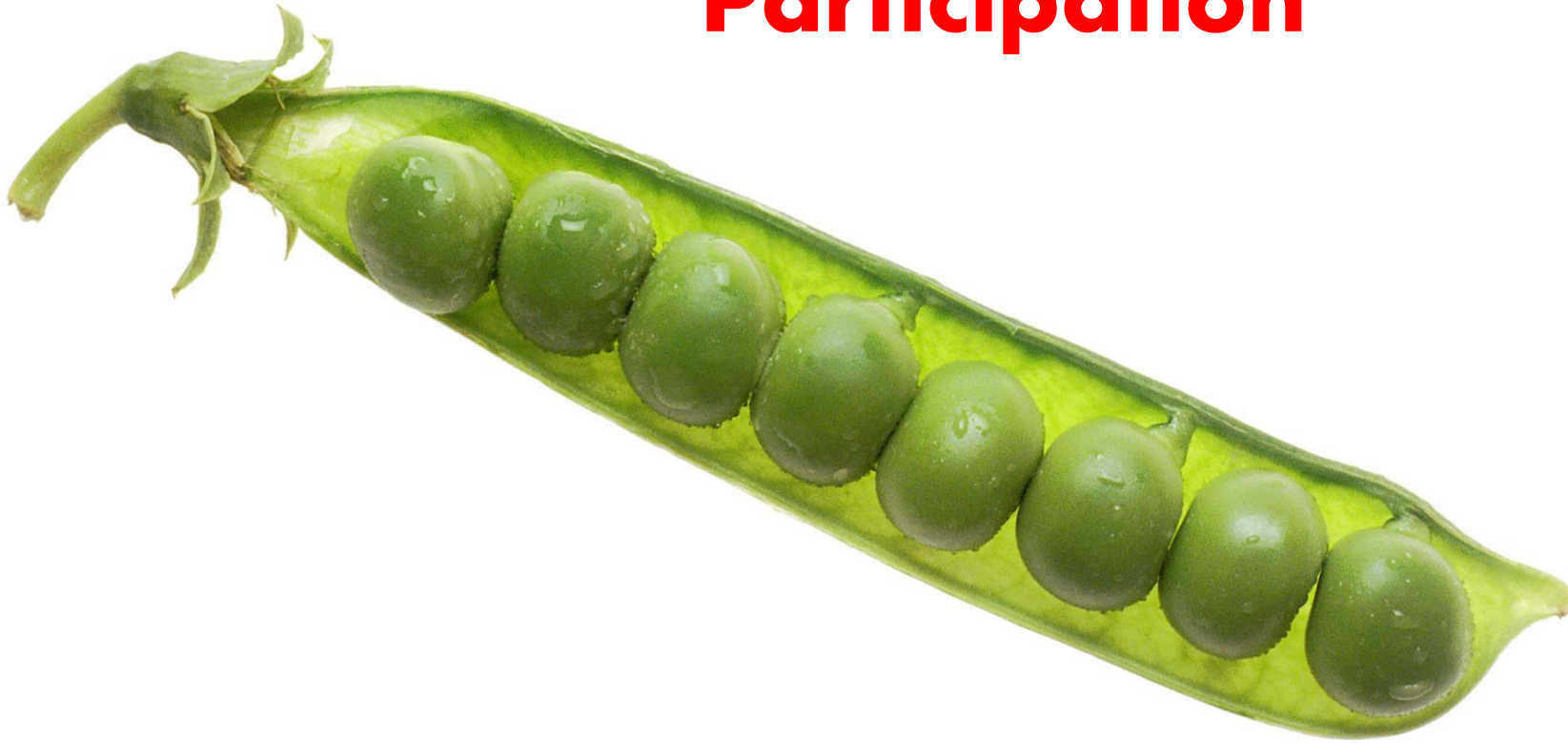
Christian care for families

March Charity of the Month: Mothers' Union



Participation

3 P's



Prayer

Profile

COMMUNICATION

**WHAT WAYS DO WE USE TO KEEP
EVERYONE INFORMED?**

e:mail groups

Notice boards

Whatsapp

invitation

telephone

posters

post

publicity

word of mouth

database



*2025 Join us, Join in.
We are changing lives!!*

4,000,000

members

83 countries

150 years

1876 - 2026



Away from it all

In the Diocese of Leeds, Mothers' Union provides holidays to families going through extremely stressful times



Two Caravans at Filey



34 holidays
involving 53 adults
and 64 children.

Mothers' Union is...



...an
organisation of
Christians
putting faith into
action

Mothers' **UNION**
Christian care for families

UNION
for families

We train group facilitators in 20 countries to bring parents together to develop skills for better parenting



Around 100,000 parents have benefited to date

The Crypt

Positioned in the heart of Leeds, St George's Crypt provides an award winning 24/7 emergency accommodation for men and women who are homeless or rough sleeping.



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Coffee and Sugar

New small and medium underpants

Deerbolt Prison, Barnard Castle

was opened in 1973 and has since served as a Young Offender Institution. It has undergone multiple changes and refurbishments over the years to ensure it meets current standards for prisoner care and security.





**Any Questions??
More Information?
More Support
Need Help**

**Ask Susan,
Christine or
Margaret**

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The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment
which bore the symbol of your cross
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

All Amen.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.

All Amen.



Hymn: For the fruits of his creation

HON 138

1. For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.



Hymn: For the fruits of his creation

2. **In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**



Hymn: For the fruits of his creation

3. For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (*b.* 1903)



Collect (a prayer for the day)

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.



HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading

A reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (1:3-7 NRSV)

Paul describes the Christian community as one where we nurture each other in good times and bad.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.



HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading

For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God



Hymn: Give me joy in my heart

- 1. Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising,
keep me praising till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***



Hymn: Give me joy in my heart

- 2. Give me peace in my heart,
keep me resting,
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart,
keep me resting,
keep me resting till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***



Hymn: Give me joy in my heart

3. **Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving,
keep me serving till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***



Hymn: Give me joy in my heart

4. **Give me oil in my lamp,
keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp,
keep me burning,
keep me burning till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***

Traditional



HEARING GOD'S WORD

Second Reading

A reading from the gospel of John (19:25-27b NRSV)

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God





Reflection
Martin

The Creed

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Prayers



All God of love,
hear our prayer.

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayers

The Mothers' 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.

In Jesus' name.

All Amen.



We say sorry to God

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.



We say sorry to God

All We have failed to nurture the needy,
Lord, have mercy.

All We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.
Christ, have mercy.

All We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.
Lord, have mercy.



Absolution

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



The Peace

Christ is our peace.

He offered up his life for us
with a love beyond imagining;
with a love which dispels fear;
with a love which holds and guides us
through life's trials and joys.

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Hymn: Father, I place into your hands

HON 121

1. **Father, I place into your hands
the things that I can't do.
Father, I place into your hands
the times that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust you.**
2. **Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands
the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust you.**



Hymn: Father, I place into your hands

HON 121

3. **Father, we love to seek your face,
we love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise,
and in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
and in your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust you.**

4. **Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that you will draw to you,
for I know that I am one with you.**

Jenny Hewer (b. 1945)



The Prayer of Communion

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.



In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.



On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



All Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.



As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her peace.



Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.



Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

All **Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share one bread.**



Giving of Communion

Come to this table, not because you must,
but because you may.

Come not because you have all faith,
but because you have some faith and would like to grow in it.

Come because you love the Lord a little
and would like to love him more.

Come because he loves you
and wants to give you everything.

Come because this is the table of the Lord
and it is he who invites us to be here.

Come, draw near with faith.



Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

- 1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury,
your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.**

***O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***



Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

- 2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness,
only light,
and where there's sadness,
ever joy.**

***O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***



Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

- 3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves
that we receive,
and in dying
that we're born to eternal life.**

Sebastian Temple (b. 1928)



Prayers after Communion

All God of grace and compassion
your Son, Jesus Christ was part of a family in Nazareth.
He knew the love of a mother and of a father
and by dying on the cross
brought us all together as new family.
Help us in the Christian Journey
to strive for that day when the whole of humanity
is one family together in your Church.
Amen.





Notices

Prayer of blessing of the flowers

Lord God, bless these flowers.
Make them a sign of your love
and a symbol of our thanks
for all who receive them.

All Amen.



Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

HON 313

1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts,
Lord, at the break of the day.



Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

HON 313

2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.



Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

HON 313

3. Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.



Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

HON 313

4. **Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.**

Jan Struther (1901-1953)



Blessing

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,
strengthen us for the Christian life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love
is constant as a mother's care,
send us out as bearers of his love
to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.



