

*The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.*

*Its aim is the advancement of the Christian Religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.*

**ITS FIVE OBJECTS ARE:**

- 1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage, and to promote its wider understanding.*
- 2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.*
- 3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.*
- 4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.*
- 5. To help those whose family has met with adversity*

**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

Amen



## Stapleford Mothers' Union Programme – 2018

Theme:

### **In Mary Sumner's Footsteps**

#### Committee

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All meetings are held in the Johnson Hall, unless otherwise stated. Non-Members are welcome at all meetings.

The Thursday Prayer service is held every third Thursday in Ely Cathedral at 10.30, and the fourth Thursday at 10.30 in Little St Mary's, Cambridge

Please note: from September, evening meetings will commence at 7.30 pm

## **JANUARY**

- Thursday 18      8 pm – A trip to Tasmania  
David Barnes
- Thursday 28th    2.15 pm – The Rosie, Then & Now  
Mary Cooper

## **FEBRUARY**

- Wednesday 14    Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 15      8 pm - A Lent Meditation. Petra  
Shakeshaft
- Thursday 22      2.15 pm Kay Coe WWDP Slides

## **MARCH**

- Friday 2          3.30 pm - Women's World Day of  
Prayer, Cox's Close
- Sunday 11        Mothering Sunday
- Thursday 15      8 pm – The MU in Nachingwea  
Julie Moy
- Thursday 22      2.15 pm. TBC
- Thursday 29      Maundy Thursday

## **APRIL**

- Thursday 19      Branch Coffee Morning
- Monday 23        Diocesan Day, St Peter's, March
- Thursday 26      8 pm – Editing the Grapevine  
Melanie Steen

## **MAY**

- Thursday 10      Ascension Day
- Thursday 17      8 pm – Mary Sumner. Susan Baker  
(Deanery meeting, Stapleford)
- Thursday 24      2.15 pm – Half a century of Canada in  
a Nutshell. Trish Maude

## **JUNE**

- Friday 15         Early evening – Diocesan  
Garden Party, Ely
- Monday 18        7.30 pm – My Visit to  
(Deanery Rwanda. Rev Olivia  
Meeting, Linton) Coles
- 22 - 24            Village Weekend

## **JULY**

- Thursday 12      8 pm. Branch Garden Party

## **AUGUST**

- Thursday 9        Mary Sumner Day event  
(time, venue TBC)

## **SEPTEMBER**

- Thursday 20      7.30 pm Service in Church
- Thursday 27      2.15 pm – Fellowship  
afternoon

## **OCTOBER**

- Tuesday 2         7.30 pm Supper at Milton
- Saturday 9         Diocesan Day, Milton
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>     7.30 pm – How Great  
Thou Art. Hilary Street
- Thursday 27      10.30am Coffee Morning

## **NOVEMBER**

- Thursday 15      7.30 pm. Advent  
Meditation. Romie Ridley
- Thursday 22      2.15 pm TBA

## **DECEMBER**

- Thursday 11      7.30 pm - AGM & Social  
10 – 12 Wave of Prayer
- mid December    Deanery Advent Service