



You can join as a Branch Member and become involved with Mothers' Union at a local level. Branches are attached to parishes, and often meet up to pray and support members, learn more about the work of Mothers' Union, and get involved with projects and campaigns. Or you can join as a Diocesan Member and receive regular updates of our work and projects by email or by post. Simply send us your details and we can forward them to a branch near you or give you more information about Diocesan Membership.

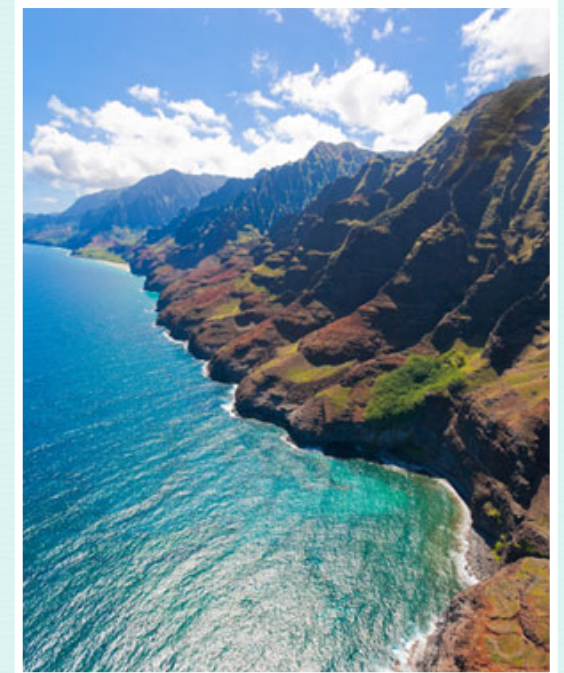
## WHO ARE WE?



We are an international Christian membership movement supporting families and communities in need of support in the UK and worldwide since 1876. Our members are active in 84 countries and work tirelessly to serve their communities whilst offering Christian care for families, regardless of faith or background. Ending violence, ending poverty, ending injustice. We are a truly worldwide Christian movement.

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Exeter Mothers' Union is very active in our beautiful county. We seek to support our local communities in dealing with the issues of rural isolation and poverty. We also support refugees and immigrant communities. Over the past few years have been particularly working on re-engaging with those who are based in our local schools, and community based groups.

# WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Our members raise large amounts of money to support the work of the Mothers' Union both in our own Diocese and worldwide. Most of our work is done quietly and unassumingly. As we slowly emerge from the pandemic members continue to support our communities both locally, nationally and globally.

Here are some extraordinary examples of what they achieved locally in Devon just last year...



## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence: Global

Mothers' Union campaigns around the world, through our 4 million members in 84 countries, for an end to gender-based violence – violence carried out most often against women and girls because of their gender.

16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence is an international campaign. It takes place each year from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) until 10 December (International Human Rights Day).

Throughout the campaign, we join with others globally to raise awareness of, and call for an end to, gender-based violence in all forms and in all societies.

Mothers' Union works locally and so is at the grass-roots of this work globally. We are now moving from 16 Days of Activism to 365 Days of Activism.

## AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS £24,000 IN 2021

A short break away might not always seem possible but with our members help we provide holidays for those whose family life has met with adversity. It is hugely encouraging to witness the extent to which people's lives can be transformed simply through a short holiday. Referrals come from Parish Clergy, GP's, Social Workers, Schools and Children's Centres.



## TABLETS FOR SCHOOLS £10,000 IN 2021

During the pandemic we were made aware that many young children in families were struggling with access to online learning due to lack of IT equipment. Our Trustees offered ten schools £1000 to buy suitable IT resources for these families. It made a huge difference to the schools, children's learning and their sense of self worth.



## PRISON BOOKSHARE £600 IN 2021

MU members provide two copies of the same book for a parent and a child to read so when the family visit they both have something to talk about. They told us it is "a great way to help the dads and their children to keep together at this difficult time for the men in prison as the way they all meet has had to change so much."

