

1. What is your wish for MU?

- To be widely known
- To flourish and grow stronger
- Attract new members
- To flourish, to keep going
- To include younger members of young families
- Keep midday prayers
- Keep our fellowship going – Its International
- Keep our image
- Keep going, keep strong, play a part in family life
- Be together, stay together
- Stay relevant
- No answer
- Action
- Vision
- Informed/Communication
- Clergy – MU best kept secret – NO!
- Voice/Perception/we want to spread the word/be known
- Reeducation
- More mothers union – “union” AKA trade union, “mother” update by tell story
- Popularity with the masses and recognition

2. What would you keep ?

- Fellowship
- Branch Meetings
- Diocese & Deanery Events
- Keep Campaigning
- Opportunities to grow in faith e.g
passionate in parent training, young people to lead prayer
- Parenting programme
- Keep and share our faith
- Keep encouraging others
- Keep link of birthdays
- Opportunities to connect with others
- Always keep God in the heart of everything we do
- weKeep encouraging families
- Keep MU influences
- Its missional
- Its outward looking
- Be mindful for online streaming for those who cannot attend
- Protective and value our elder members
- Using zoom, Facebook, midday prayers online
- connection with parish life
- Branch/group meetings

- Face to face meetings
- Face to face worship
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Care for one another
- Values
- Fellowship and love
- Bible/religion/prayer
- Structure
- Technology/teams/zoom
- Younger people like on line
- Costa young mums first time to meet in the day – opportunity ?
- Marmite time

No longer Need ?

- **Banners**
- **Do not need a full day for members day – morning only is good (b/f morning) ...finish lunchtime**
- **Maybe the way we connect**
- **There is an element that nothing necessary is needed to be changed**
- Maybe evening meetings unless they have a younger member otherwise relevant to younger age group
- Need to look at things we have done for a long time and ask if we still need to be doing it.
- Less formal shape to meetings
- More belonging, closer relationships
- Maybe different ways of having meetings like the ones we had on zoom – more intimacy
- Group meetings with speaker less frequently
- Image of teas, cakes & knitting
- Old lady image e.g. Liverpool set up young children
- Young mums – what happened – come back!
- T set & pearls image
- Perception to go to meeting to be part of it
- Divorce & unmarried mothers
- Have to be christened – must go -

3. What is there happening in our Diocese that we can build on?

- **Gatherings – Christingle**
- **Strawberry Teas**
- **Inter visits between groups**
- **Distribution of surplus food**
- **Covid has kept connections**

- Promote why we pay subs
- Introduce exemptions e.g. you can be a non-paying member
- AFIA
- Parenting
- Collections: collecting gifts, invite families
- Find a focus for the branch/group
- Anniversary and Baptism Cards
- Communication and Coordination
- Opportunities to get together
- Looking further: coffee tots, AFIA, parenting courses,
- Prison visiting/volunteers
- We could build on prison links to encourage correspondence with prisoners in UK or abroad
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4. What is holding us back?

- Church support
- Visitors cannot be members if not baptised
- Lack of ideas and adapting
- More team work
- 'Covid' members still unsure of venturing out & partaking
- Not enough members
- Vicar not promoting MU
- Image
- Lack of understanding
- Perception – Its for Mothers Only (men excluded)
- Leadership
- Only for those who are retired
- Enthusiasm
- Comfort zone
- Cost – are we excluding different levels of society
- Age
- Channel between needs and offers of help
- Transport
- Covering and other responsibilities
- Lack of confidence
- Age
- Money
- Confidence lack of – going somewhere strange,
- Skill set
- Youngsters say time
- Young MU – something specific a project for youngsters
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SHARE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING/PLANNING IN THE AUTUMN

- Wellesbourne
- Attleborough
- Diocesan correspondent
- Exhall
- October Walk (prayer walk)
- Sponsor walk (St Nicholas branch)
- Whats app group
- Continue to connect with MU
- Knotting
- Communion and Coffee
- Bring and share supper with other branches
- Celebrations: technology, on line link,
- Stepping out in faith – Elizabeth Smith
- Legacy's
- Love in action
- Kindness
- Spiritual side of our wellbeing
- Explore: How does Church support MU, How does MU support church?
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