



Speakers and talks available for Branch Meetings : DRAFT September 2015

<p align="center"><u>Objective 1: Marriage</u> Supporting, promoting and strengthening marriage and married life (includes preparing couples for marriage)</p>		
<p align="center"><u>Objective 2: Supporting Families in faith</u> Helping families to explore and enjoy faith together and encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children (includes baptism links, Hand in Hand resource, Children in Church, Messy Church)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandparenting – sharing the joys and sorrows of our families as grandparents 	<p>Daphne Cook, 61 Newport Drive, Alcester, B49 5BJ 01789 762553 daphnecook@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities or distraction: Making the most of the opportunity to show Christ's love to those coming for baptism, weddings and funerals • Families then and now: A look at families in the Bible and what their experience might have to say to families today 	<p>Carol Davies, The Laurels, 14 School St, Long Lawford Rugby CV23 9AU 01788 544630 caroldavies_rugby@tiscali.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I want to be all that I am capable of becoming": the potential of children • The needs of the whole child: Nurturing a child's physical, emotional and spiritual needs 	<p>Elizabeth Penlington, 2 Leighton Close, Coventry CV4 7AE 02476 419707 elizabethpenlington@talktalk.net</p>
<p align="center"><u>Objective 3: Building a Christian Community</u> Faith is central to the work of Mothers' Union (includes prayer and worship, worldwide Wave of Prayer, retreats, quiet days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'One Man's Journey to Heaven' – episodes in the life of Christ. Talk with slides • 'The Inner Journey' – spirituality built on the life and witness of 	<p>Daphne Cook, 61 Newport Drive, Alcester, B49 5BJ 01789 762553 daphnecook@btinternet.com</p>

	St Francis	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's Wonderful World – slide show with music • Everything but the Kitchen Sink – Christian talks on everyday things 	Richard and Pauline Higginbottom, 4 Bromhurst Way, Chase Meadow, Warwick CV34 6NS 01926 491854 richard.richandpoll@gmail.com
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to spare, time to care: Valuing time alone, time to listen and sympathise, awareness of God's world • Hymn writers and their stories: How they came to be written, how the words can inspire us, and how they are relevant to Mothers' Union • Lent: How to make a good Lent, especially as members of Mothers' Union • Prayer and faith: How these affect our lives as members of Mothers' Union 	Brenda Moss, Aldersbrook, Nuneaton Rd, Mancetter, Atherstone CV9 1NW 01827 713304 <i>[Prefers to travel only to local areas]</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church embroidery: Symbolism, history and development of Church vestments including samples of work. Expression of faith through such work 	Felicity Howatson 10 Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington, Leamington Spa CV47 2RE 01926 612773 d.howatson@btinternet.com
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordon/Holy Land: a biblical tour in the steps of Moses and Luke. Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service 	David and Valerie Benskin, 16 Dugdale Ave, Bidford on Avon, Alcester B50 4QE 01789 490260 david@dbenskin.wanadoo.co.uk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My spiritual journey: a personal journey from childhood experience to now. 	Elizabeth Penlington, 2 Leighton Close, Coventry CV4 7AE 02476 419707 elizabethpenlington@talktalk.net

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Precious Things': Gold, glass, pottery and other materials are spoken of in the Bible – how can we relate what we read about in the Bible to our lives today? 	<p>Rose Clemo, 2 Nursery Road, Athersone CV9 1PN 01827 704837 roseclemo@yahoo.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of the Holy Land – a first-hand insight to life for Christians in the region: talk and a short film 	<p>Vicki Urch, Director of Development, Friends of the Holy Land, 2 Station Rd, Kenilworth, CV8 2JJ 07539851099 vicki.urch@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk</p>
<p><u>Objective 4: Supporting Family Life</u> Together we can make a real difference to the lives of families and communities around the world, so we work to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children (includes campaigning, parenting progs, literacy and financial education progs, family life prog, community development)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stratford Street Pastors 	<p>Maureen Green 01789565180 stratforduponavon@streetpastors.org.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate about parenting: All about the Parenting Project and running parenting groups. With some participation, demonstrating an activity from a session 	<p>Di Sliwinski, 10 Northvale Close, Kenilworth, CV8 2EN 01926 859105 disliwinski@dsl.pipex.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSPCC – find out more about what they do, including ChildLine, how the money is spent, and what you might do to be more involved. 	<p>Mary Robbins, NSPCC volunteer, 2 Home Farm, Leek Wootton, Warwick CV35 7PU 01926 512643 twohome92@aol.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bye Buy Childhood Campaign – an update 	<p>Felicity Hawke, 6 Draper Close, Kenilworth CV8 2SP 01926 857290 felicity.hawke@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Grandma's Workbox: A focus for continuity of family life over five generations, past and future, young and old, and the importance of each family member 	<p>Felicity Howatson 10 Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington, Leamington Spa CV47 2RE 01926 612773 d.howatson@btinternet.com</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juvenile Crime and Punishment: What leads to juvenile crime, how are they punished, how are they returned to society? Promoting conditions in society favourable to family life and the protection of children <i>[evening talks only]</i> 	David Benskin, 16 Dugdale Ave, Bidford on Avon, Alcester B50 4QE 01789 490260 david@dbenskin.wanadoo.co.uk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journey of forgiveness: protecting children 	Elizabeth Penlington, 2 Leighton Close, Coventry CV4 7AE 02476 419707 elizabethpenlington@talktalk.net
<u>Objective 5: Helping Those Facing Adversity</u> (includes bereavement support, HIV/AIDS work, prison work, emergency relief support to families and communities, Away From It All holidays, Community Development Co-ordinators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prison Visiting: How the Mothers' Union scheme started, and the experience of prison visiting Angel Tree: Christmas presents for prisoners' children 	Chris Cooke, 60 Stowe Drive, Southam CV47 1NP 01926 813482 chrisdavecooke@hotmail.com
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Futures Unlocked – supporting ex-offenders returning to Warwickshire 	19/20 North St, Rugby CV21 2AG 01788 547015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFIA – Away From It All: how we help families who otherwise would not be able to have a holiday 	Gill Guilford, MU Office, 1 Hill Top, Coventry, CV1 5AB 07534 425726 mu.covafia@hotmail.com
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation Mercymill: a voice for dignity, justice and mercy – spiritual care of patients 	Rev Kirsteen Macauley, Chaplain at University Hospital Coventry 30 Barston Close, Hall Green, Coventry, CV8 7DS 02476 663349 kirsteenclanciosd@fsmail.net
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confronting the crisis of family breakdown: The effects of family breakdown on children, and the importance of the bonds of parenting Healing for wholeness 	Elizabeth Penlington, 2 Leighton Close, Coventry CV4 7AE 02476 419707 elizabethpenlington@talktalk.net

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Life in a Strange land: Living with dementia” Including some biblical reflection on how the sufferer and the carer are held within the love of God 	<p>Carol Davies, The Laurels, 14 School St, Long Lawford Rugby CV23 9AU 01788 544630 caroldavies_rugby@tiscali.co.uk</p>
<u>All Objectives</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Challenge of Mothers’ Union – what does our membership mean? God’s calling to a deeper commitment • Mothers’ Union Worldwide – PowerPoint presentation of visit to Central Solomon’s, New Zealand and Australia: How all are enriched by relationships made and sustained 	<p>Daphne Cook, 61 Newport Drive, Alcester, B49 5BJ 01789 762553 daphnecook@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madagascar: ‘a country of contrasts’ • Mary Sumner House – Mothers’ Union Head Office of Mothers’ Union 	<p>Di Sliwinski, 10 Northvale Close, Kenilworth, CV8 2EN 01926 859105 disliwinski@dsl.pipex.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Inspired.... Share and hear about the variety of activities and projects that MU members are involved in 	<p>Chris Cooke, 60 Stowe Drive, Southam CV47 1NP 01926 813482 chrisdavecooke@hotmail.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around the World, Around the Corner – overview of Mothers’ Union work overseas and in the UK • Mothers’ Union in the 21st Century: A look at the current work of MU How it has changed, why it is relevant today and how you can get involved • Zambia: a visit to a regional meeting in the diocese of central Zambia • A Goal to Celebrate: Reflection on the Worldwide Provincial Presidents’ Conference 	<p>Felicity Hawke, 6 Draper Close, Kenilworth CV8 2SP 01926 857290 felicity.hawke@btinternet.com</p>

<u>Additional Talks</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax, Care and Toy Boys: Safeguarding your family's future: insights into many legal problems concerning taxes, wills and lasting power of attorney 	<p>Nathan Waller (Collective Legal Solutions) 01142 300 265 ext 3 (ask for Nathan or John) enquiries1@collectivelegalsolutions.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Importance of Women in the work of Water Aid 	<p>Clare Ollerenshaw, 13, Beaconsfield St, Leamington Spa, CV31 1DT 0754 5846337 clare.ollerenshaw@gmail.com Geoff Litterick , Dunns Pitts Barn, Hollis Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2JY 07821 602898 geofflitterick@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Daily Bread: life behind the scenes of a village bakery • Readings from my Father's Diary of 1940 	<p>Glynis Gayton, 10 Maypole Lane, Grendon, Atherstone CV9 2BS 01827 712982 glynis.gayton@hotmail.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poacher or Gamekeeper? Metropolitan Police Inspector to Criminal Solicitor 	<p>Fred Turner, 10 Pembroke Gardens, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9PX 01789 842442 fred.turner@mac.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary 	<p>Geoff Grewcock, 78, Oaston Rd, Nuneaton, CV11 6LA 02476 345243 mob: 07909555310 info@nuneatonwildlife.co.uk</p>

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