



Mothers' Union Report for 2009

Mothers' Union theme for 2009 was **The Cost of Relationships**. Relationship underpins the five Mothers' Union objectives: marriage, Christian parenting, a worldwide fellowship of Christians, stable family life and helping families in adversity.

The Branch demonstrated the value of relationships in several ways this year:

1. We focussed on **compassion** by raising over £750 for MU projects in Baghdad, Zimbabwe, the Eastbourne Contact Centre and the MU Emergency Fund.
2. We focussed on **fairness and justice** in our District by hearing about the Eastbourne Contact Centre which tries to ensure that separated parents have access to children within a safe environment.
3. We focussed on **accountability** in our own Branch by ensuring members discussed the changes required to ensure Branch continuity, as both current Branch Leader and Secretary came to the end of their maximum six year terms.
4. We focussed on **open-mindedness** and respect for others' viewpoints by holding an ever popular Any Questions meeting when the audience asked a range of questions of both local and national concerns.
5. We focussed on **service** to Holy Trinity, Cuckfield and the community and tried to find new ways in which we can serve the Church and its parishioners. Members were involved in organising a Harvest Supper for the Parish as well as continuing to support the Cuckoos Playgroup and the Little One's services.
6. We focussed on **faith** with our prayers and our Lenten Reflections meeting.
7. We focussed on **teamwork** by actively supporting Diocesan and District meetings and hosted the Lady Day Service for the District. .
8. We focussed on **friendship and fun** with our own members. We enjoyed several social meetings that were less structured and allowed more time for fun and entertainment.