

Faith in action: Rationale

The theme for 2017 is **"Faith in action"**.

We follow on from our year of celebration in 2016 when we gave thanks for God's faithfulness to Mothers' Union over 140 years and acknowledged that:

Thus far the Lord has helped us.
1 Samuel 7:12

We now look to the future trusting that God will continue to help us as we share his love in the world through our Christian care for families and communities. We do this by actively putting our faith into action to serve God and his world. This is no new concept for us as Mothers' Union; rather it has always been at the heart of our mission and outreach.

So 2017 is a year for us to highlight the ways in which we already live out our faith through action; it is also an opportunity for us to consider new ways in which to do so, being ever aware of the changing needs of society, and always looking to God for his guidance and provision.

We have produced themed resources to strengthen our faith as the foundation for all we do, and to explore how we move forward in practical ways. Some of the resources are taken from the *Inspired* initiative, and we would encourage you to explore its website for more ideas to live out our faith in action.

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
1 John 3: 18

The resources we have produced include:

Ideas and outline for a Festival Service
Prayers and reflections
Reflective prayer activity
Bible verses and Christian quotes
Volunteers prayer resource
Bible reflections
Ideas for Branches and Dioceses