

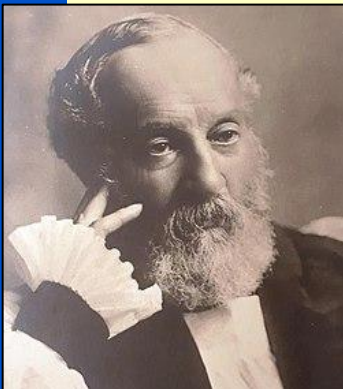


Mary Sumner

Founder of Mothers' Union

In **1876** Mary Sumner,
as a young grandmother,
held her first
'Mothers' Meeting'
in the village of
Alresford, Winchester

A **Union of Mothers** was
Mary's vision to enable
mothers across the social
spectrum to support one
another in their vital role of
raising children in Christian
values and so help shape
society for good.



Revd George
Sumner was Vicar
of Alresford, and a
relative of William
Wilberforce, the
abolitionist.

When Mary was too afraid to
speak at her first meeting her
husband, Revd George
Sumner, encouraged her:
**'Just share your heart and
God will do the rest'**



Mary Sumner
**The Mother of
a Movement**

Mary's advice to mothers was
**'Be yourself what you would
have your children be.'**

**'Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and he will make your paths straight.'**

Proverbs 3.5-6 NIV