

## Reflection from a Mothers' Union member

The clocks have gone forward. The days are getting longer and it really does look like spring now – most gardens a blaze of colour, leaves bursting forth along the hedgerows, the birds singing so cheerfully – but, oh! Those dreaded ants are back! How I wish they would stay in the garden, but they persist in invading the kitchen and the living room.

I am a lover of nature – so many wonderful things to see, but ... and yet I almost admire their dedication to their cause: to feed up and pamper the queen so that she can lay more eggs to produce more ants!

I watched a nature programme where ants made a bridge so others could walk over them in their intensive and blinkered way, not caring a jot if others get killed in the process. They have survived for many thousands of years in this ruled-by-instinct existence.



How fortunate we are that we have been given a will of our own to have freedom of choice. Still, some people seem to choose the way of the ant and just go on hurting other people or pandering to their own wants.

How much more Christians should strive to make this a better life for **all** people. Jesus Christ gave his life for all of us so that we can be forgiven for all that is wrong in our lives. Through his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made it possible for each of us to have a relationship with God, and an understanding that we are here to help each other along the way – to serve, not to be served, to give and not to need a reward.

Our faith must lead us on to **pray** and to **share** the risen Jesus with others. *Praise him with alleluias for Jesus is Lord!*

A joyful Easter to you all.

Lord, what we know not, teach us; what we have not, give us; what we are not, make us; and all for your name's sake. Amen.