



## Gifts for baptism families

### Encouraging faith (Peterborough)

In many churches, members offer a very special welcome to the child and their family as part of the Baptism Service, helping to form a basis for the ongoing relationship the church hope to have with the family.

In Peterborough, members often present the baptism family with a flower and candle posie\*. Some churches do not allow lit candles to be presented to the family, which is what inspired these members to make candle posies, which look lovely even with an unlit candle.

Members also produce a baptismal banner, which is used at every baptismal service, personalised with the name of the child being baptised.

The Mothers' Union resource 'Hand in Hand – enjoying faith as a family' is a great booklet to give to baptismal families.



\*Please consult with your church wardens with regard to safety procedures for lighting candles.

For general guidelines about setting up and developing outreach initiatives, go to the members' section of the Mothers' Union website [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)