

THE MOTHERS' UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD

England & Wales · Charity number 1063619

Details

Other names THE MOTHERS' UNION IN THE DIOCESE AT SHEFFIELD

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-07-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address 71 Earlesmere Avenue
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Activities

Objects: 1) TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE ITS WIDER UNDERSTANDING2) TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH3) TO MAINTAIN A WORLD-WIDE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS UNITED IN PRAYER, WORSHIP AND SERVICE4) TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS IN SOCIETY FAVOURABLE TO STABLE FAMILY LIFE AND THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND 5) TO HELP THOSE WHOSE FAMILY LIFE HAS MET WITH ADVERSITY

Activities: Working with families and young people.Fundraising for National and Worldwide Mothers' Union projects for literacy; Domestic abuse; Social deprivation; Respite holidays.Training in Public Speaking;Spiritual direction and public services of worship.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- East Riding Of Yorkshire
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£45,602	£41,622	-	-
2024-12-31	£46,713	£38,665	-	-
2023-12-31	£38,428	£54,817	-	-
2022-12-31	£42,378	£57,417	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,194	£30,808	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Parker		2025-01-01
Anne Balme		2025-01-01
Annette Walker		2025-01-01
Elizabeth Dean		2017-01-01
Gillian Patricia Fellows		2019-01-01
Jean Margaret Vivian		2019-01-01
Joanne Van Levesley		2016-01-01
Margaret Culloden		2024-01-01
NORMA PRIEST		2019-05-20
Patricia Simpson		2025-01-01
Sally Wood		2016-01-01
Tanis Cockerham		2024-02-04

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**Trustees Report for the year ended
31st December 2025**

Deanery Leaders:

Doncaster, Adwick, Snaith & Hatfield
Ecclesall & Attercliffe
Ecclesfield
Rotherham & Laughton
Tankersley

Margaret Culloden
Sally Wood
Margaret Vivian
Annette Walker
Anne Balme

Diocesan Officers (Not Trustees)

Treasurer
Secretary
Chaplain
Webmaster
Mothers' Union Enterprises
Indoor Members Representative
AFIA representative
Wath Deanery Contact

Phill Jackson
Steve Bisby
Canon Richard Parker
Elizabeth Dean
Margaret Culloden
Gill Fellows
Angela Parker
Janet Henshaw

Bankers

The charities bankers are the Cooperative Bank PO Box250 Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT.

Independent Examiner

This role was undertaken by.

Michael David Fenton BA(Hons) FCA BFP PG DIP
25 Church Lane, Darley Abbey, Derby DE22 1EX

The Charity does not hold any property and for administrative purposes the contact address is the home address of the Secretary, Steve Bisby, 71 Earlesmere Avenue, Balby, Doncaster DN4 0QD.

Membership

Membership is open to all who:

- a) Have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity
- b) Declare their support for the aims and objects of the Society.

In 2025 Sheffield MU consisted of 27 Branches, a Diocesan group and a group for Sheffield IMPC-from branches that had closed, Thurgoland and Wombwell closed at the end of 2024. There are 582 members in total. The organisation, whether at Diocesan, Deanery or Branch levels, aims to reach out to those in need of all ages. Due to the retirement of some Trustees, we decided to restructure the Action & Outreach and Fundraising & Communication Units with a single unit run by representatives from each deanery and along with Finance and Central services and Faith and Policy we continue to facilitate our aims. All the work is underpinned by prayer.

To enable all members to be well informed a magazine, Newline is produced, printed, and distributed three times a year.

Restrictions imposed by the Governing Document concerning the way in which the charity may operate.

Branches of the charity have the power to support the needs of their parishes, subject to the aim, purpose, and objects of Mothers' Union. However, branches are not permitted to be used as a channel for charitable money permitted to be allocated to such organisations from branch funds.

Risk management

The Trustees have throughout their term of service recognised their responsibility to identify the key risks to which the charity was exposed and to ensure that measures were in place and monitored to mitigate against these risks. Adequate insurance cover has been in place to protect the charity against monetary loss.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens marriage and Christian family life.

The Aim of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

To carry out this Aim the Objects of the Mothers' Union are:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship, and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Activities during 2025

This was the start of a new Triennium and a new Trustees board.

We held our Commissioning service at Sheffield Cathedral in May as well as a Mary Sumner day service at Sheffield Cathedral in August which was well attended.

We continued supporting 5 women's refuges as well as Baby Basics and Rotherham Families First who provide essentials for families. We again held vigils in 3 areas of our diocese where members drew people's attention to the campaign No More One in Three. We continued our work with the Read Aloud project and worked with the National Literacy Trust to provide books for children across the diocese.

A group of members attended the Commissioning of the new Provincial President in York Minster. We were pleased to host a meeting with the new Worldwide President in June when we showcased the work of Sheffield MU and listened to Kathleen's hopes for the next Triennium. We delivered Clergy packs to the incoming clergy – raising the profile of Mothers Union and talking about the work we do across the Diocese.

Again, we took part in a Christmas Tree Festival held in Sheffield Cathedral.

We look forward to the celebrations in 2026 marking the 150th anniversary of Mothers' Union.

Reports

Outreach

AFIA.(Away from It All Holidays) Of all the projects Mothers' Union supports, AFIA is the only one that has no other funding.

During 2025 we have organised and paid for ten caravan holidays for those who have not had a holiday for 4 years or more. There were **17 adults and 25 children** who benefitted from these holidays. Each of the 10 families were given a hamper with basic supplies for the holiday.

BABY BASICS support vulnerable families in Sheffield and Doncaster. We have delivered 120 items including baby clothes, jumpers, hats and blankets have been delivered; hand knitted by our members. Many branches also deliver without informing us. **120 items**

CART (Christian African Relief Trust) The shop continues to fund containers to Malawi and a container is still used as a school. We have delivered over **150 items as well as 100 used tools for Tools with a Mission**

CLEWER. Our contact with South Yorkshire Police Trafficking Dept continues and they contact us with urgent needs. We had no requests in 2005 although we did pass on 6 washbags donated by a member.

FAMILIES FIRST- ROTHERHAM also support vulnerable families mainly in Rotherham. They take used clothing in good condition as well as new items and we have provided **500** items of bedding, clothes and knitted goods.

OVERSEAS. We continue to write to our Overseas links in Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, Lango in Uganda, Kebbi in Nigeria, Tamale in Ghana, and Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands sending Easter & Christmas cards with a letter.

PRISON. We once again have written and delivered **1100 Christmas cards** to each inmate at HMP Moorlands. This year we had several letters of thanks for the cards with messages showing the impact they have had

READ ALOUD PROJECT. We have partnered with the **National Literacy Trust** who donate books for us to distribute to areas of need. We have delivered **350 books to families and 50 Worry worms** for books for children that have concerns.

REFUGES. All branches across the Diocese are very generous and continue to support our 5 Refuges. Rotherham and Barnsley Refuges have no storage, so MU branches respond to requests from these refuges. We have supplied items for their food cupboard and dry foods as requested. We have delivered toiletries, moving on baskets, bedding, clothing, books, toys, Easter eggs and Advent calendars for the children impacting on the lives of **330** people.

RISE-UP- Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse. 5 branches earned bronze awards for their support of the Rise Up against abuse campaign. We also held 3 Vigils across the Diocese raising awareness of the campaign against Domestic abuse and took part in the 3-minute silence.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL. was held in Sheffield Cathedral again and attracted over **7000 visitors**, we took part promoting Mothers' Union and the work we do.

All our donations are inputted into MU LIVE in order to build a picture of how and where we are working, how many people are reached and how lives are being changed. This helps us celebrate and communicate who we are and the impact that we have as a global movement.

Communications

We continue to produce Newslines three times a year, a magazine that is distributed to all our members as well as displayed on our website to read or download. This contains information about forthcoming events as well as showcasing the work done in the Diocese. It also includes updates from our central charity this enables our members to see the far-reaching work of Mothers' Union.

We have a website that needs updating and that will happen next year. Our Facebook page is updated daily and reaches out across the world.

Fundraising

We hold a monthly coffee morning at Sheffield Cathedral with a Produce stall and a stall selling MU Enterprises cards and gifts, both stalls bringing in a regular monthly income as well as outreach into the community.

Members have been busy fundraising for our work with coffee mornings, sponsored silences. This year we had an emphasis on AFIA – our holiday programme and we managed to send 10 families away to a Haven Holiday site. We took part in the Summer of Hope Appeal from MSH, and match funded a donation to the Christmas Appeal.

Indoor Members Prayer Circle IMPC

Our Indoor member correspondent retired due to ill health in 2025. We have 83 Indoor members – a number that is increasing as branches close. 43 of these are in branches and the branch is responsible for delivering mailings and keeping in touch, the other 40 are divided amongst the deanery in which they live, and the Deanery is responsible for keeping in touch with these members. One of our Trustees volunteered to oversee this and to send out birthday cards to each Indoor member. The new database at MSH now filters 90th birthdays so the Data Coordinator emails Central Mothers' Union for cards from the Worldwide President to be sent to those members on the appropriate date.

Faith and Policy

The Faith and Policy committee has met four times this year during the monthly coffee mornings on the first Friday. We have been able to plan for quiet days and the vigil in November.

On 13th May, we held our Quiet Day Apart in Sheffield Cathedral Chapter house.

This was led by Rev. Captain Ian Mahr and those who attended found it very worthwhile.

Unfortunately, it was not well attended.

The Mary Sumner day service was held on 9th August at 2.00pm in Sheffield Cathedral. This was well attended, and our chaplain gave the address.

Also, in August we had the Wave of Prayer for our diocese and link dioceses from 20th to 22nd. All branches were allocated a time for prayer, and it was encouraging to see good support this year.

In September, our quiet afternoon was held at the Harley mission church. It was led by Rev. Marie Raffay, who introduced a lectio divina reading from the gospels and we all had the opportunity to participate. Fortunately, we had a good attendance.

The Rise Up vigil in support of victims of gender-based violence was held on 29th November outside Sheffield Cathedral, Doncaster Minster and Harley Mission church. Banners, displays and leaflets were used to raise awareness.

In deaneries services were held to celebrate at Deanery Festivals and Deanery Advent services were held at the beginning of December.

Margaret Vivian Faith and Policy Coordinator

Finance & Central Services

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Treasurer's Report 2025

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Notes on accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025

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- c) In accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity is a going concern.

All income is recognised when the Charity becomes legally entitled and the amount quantifiable with reasonable accuracy.

Phill Jackson - Honorary Treasurer

Membership / Training

Membership, Training and Development are all embedded throughout the core of Sheffield Diocese Mothers' Union. Reporting the developments to Trustees happens regularly at our meetings, quarterly, and at both Spring and Autumn Council. Membership remains a high priority, aided by the profile and relaunch of the Communities of Interest (CoI) that help support and inform communications. These are delivered, informally and supported from Central Mothers' Union, from Mary Sumner House. This enables the Unit Representatives to attend focussed meetings, which then informs our service delivery, cascading information to membership, through our newly changed, Outreach, Fundraising and Communications model steered by our Deanery representatives. Membership growth is relaunched for 2025 following pilots, with 'new' Membership Packs for Clergy and for Churches that do not have a branch. Our plan has been to use these to develop new members, address the declining membership and we have proactively sent these to new clergy and incumbents joining the diocese.

We have had members participate in making Mothers' Union a Dementia Friendly Community, by taking part in Dementia Friends and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Pathway. (This is ongoing and the model has been adopted centrally for the whole charity).

GDPR Training and DBS as required by Good Trustee Guidance and status. We have had a bespoke Treasurer training program written by our honorary Diocesan Treasurer. Trustees have undertaken this as a quality mark prior to cascading the learning to Treasurers and Finance coordinators in Branches.

Jo-Anne Van Levesley – President and Membership Coordinator

Safeguarding

2025 was a good year as there were no safeguarding issues concerning the Diocesan MU in Sheffield. Members stayed vigilant and no issues had to be reported at all. This is excellent. Please keep up the good work in 2026 and always be on the alert for vulnerable people at our meetings or events. If you notice anything you think may be a safety issue, please report it to your branch leader and she will take the necessary steps. You will all have a Church Safeguarding Officer who can be approached too. It is always better to be safe than sorry. All of our Trustees were DBS checked in 2025 either with MU or with their church. If your DBS certificate is no longer in date in 2026, please have it renewed and let me know.

During 2026, 6 Trustees took part in training and have a Certificate of Achievement of Britain and Ireland Core Safeguarding Training.

These Trustees are Norma Priest, Pat Simpson, Elizabeth Dean, Anne Balme, Angela Parker, Annette Walker

Jo Anne Van Levesley Senior Safeguarding Leader

Pat Simpson – Safeguarding Officer

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS UNION

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's Trustees considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission {under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act}; and
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Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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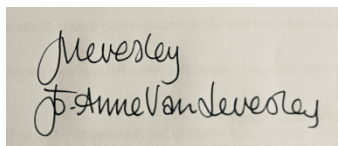


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The Old Vicarage Church Street Baslow
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13 February 2026

This Annual Report was approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th April and signed on behalf of the board by:

President:



Jo-Anne Van Levesley

Date:

25-April 2026



Sheffield Diocese

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Annual Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2025

Sheffield Diocese

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Receipts & Payments For Year Ended 31st December 2025

INCOME		<i>Notes</i>
Member Subscriptions	17,040.00	<i>567 Members</i>
A.F.I.A. Donations	10,503.40	
I.M.P.C Donations	-	
Work Overseas Donations	913.35	
Coffee & Produce Sales	1,673.66	<i>12 Events</i>
Sale of Cards etc.	2,241.43	
Bank Interest	269.94	<i>Interest from Deposit A/c</i>
General Donations	7,557.03	<i>Including donations to support Newslines</i>
Specific Donations	878.50	
Enterprise Grant	-	
Mary Sumner Day Collection	599.00	
Commissioning Service	251.55	
Branch Closures	829.15	<i>Tankersley, Cantley & Thurgoland</i>
Donations for Retiring Officials	-	
Prison Play Area	-	
Gift Aid	1,890.71	<i>Gift aid / GASDS claimed for 2024</i>
Sundries	654.57	
Restricted income	300.00	
TOTAL	45,602.29	
EXPENDITURE		
Member Subscriptions	13,744.50	<i>561 Members</i>
A.F.I.A. Holidays	9,582.18	<i>10 Holidays</i>
Purchase of Cards etc	2,003.64	
Newslines	4,217.00	<i>3 Issues</i>
Room Hire	1,006.85	
Bank Charges	-	
Postage, Stationary etc.	64.83	
Travel	782.03	
Conference	1,601.24	
Mary Sumner Day	527.80	
Commissioning Service	704.80	
Salaries	3,134.51	<i>Secretarial services</i>
Gifts for Retiring Officials	566.16	
Insurance	480.21	
Training Materials	638.18	
Internet	408.39	
Postage I.M.P.C.	30.80	
Sundries	1,510.28	
Restricted Appeal	619.00	<i>Summer of Hope + Prisoners Christmas</i>
MU Work Overseas	-	
TOTAL	41,622.40	
Income Over Expenses	3,979.89	
Total Account Balance 2024	39,347.92	
Total Account Balance 2025	43,327.81	
Change in Funds	3,979.89	



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Balance Sheet For Year Ended 31st December 2025

Summary Of Accounts	Dec-2025	Dec-2024
Current Account	23,944.24	20,334.29
Deposit Account	19,383.57	19,113.63
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	43,327.81	39,447.92
Change in Year	3,879.89	8,048.15
Restricted Funds:		
A.F.I.A.	10,896.61	9,975.39
MSH Overseas Work	5,000.25	4,086.90
MU Family Projects	567.61	567.61
	16,464.47	14,629.90
Unrestricted Funds:		
General Fund	23,712.04	22,103.62
Virtual Babies	214.04	214.04
Prison Play Area	636.00	636.00
Branch Closures	2,301.26	1,864.36
	26,863.34	24,818.02
TOTAL Funds:	43,327.81	39,447.92
	3,879.89	39,447.92

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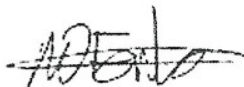
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Phill Jackson - Honorary treasurer



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President:

Jo-Anne Van Levesley

Date:

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**Trustees Report for the year ended
31st December 2024**

SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS' UNION
Trustees Annual Report
Year ended 31 Dec 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2024

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The Trustees were elected in January 2022

Trustees

Diocesan President

Gillian Fellows

Vice –Presidents:

Archdeaconry of Doncaster

Elizabeth Paver Deceased Feb 2024

Tanis Cockerham Appointed Mar 2024

Archdeaconry of Sheffield & Rotherham

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Norma Priest

Unit Co-ordinators:

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Action and Outreach

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Membership

Membership is open to all who:

- a) Have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity
- b) Declare their support for the aims and objects of the Society.

In 2023 Sheffield MU consisted of 32-Branches with Darfield and Firvale closing at the end of 2022 and 712 members-of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. Some members, not belonging to a specific branch, are Diocesan Individual members or Diocesan Indoor members and the deanery and IMPC Rep looks after these. The organisation, whether at Diocesan, Deanery or Branch levels, aims to reach out to those in need of all ages. Four units: Action and Outreach, Faith, and Policy, Fundraising and Communications and Finance and Central services all help to facilitate the work. All the work is underpinned by prayer. To enable all members to be well informed a magazine, Newline is produced, printed, and distributed three times a year.

Restrictions imposed by the Governing Document concerning the way in which the charity may operate.

Branches of the charity have the power to support the needs of their parishes, subject to the aim, purpose, and objects of Mothers' Union. However, branches are not permitted to be used as a channel for charitable money permitted to be allocated to such organisations from branch funds.

Risk management

The Trustees have throughout their term of service recognised their responsibility to identify the key risks to which the charity was exposed and to ensure that measures were in place and monitored to mitigate against these risks. Adequate insurance cover has been in place to protect the charity against monetary loss.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens marriage and Christian family life.

The Aim of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

To carry out this Aim the Objects of the Mothers' Union are:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship, and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Activities during 2024

Sadly, two members of our Trustees died during the early part of the year. This meant that there was a changeover of roles. We also appointed a new Chaplain, who led a Quiet Afternoon.

At our Spring Council we had a talk from The Family Works, a charity who work closely with disadvantaged families who are not receiving support from other agencies.

We launched a 'President's Challenge' where branches were given £24 and asked to use and increase it to raise funds for AFIA. Branches arranged a variety of activities- chocolate evening, coffee morning, craft make and sell, social evenings etc and raised a wonderful £6936. One of our larger Deaneries, DASH deanery, held a sponsored silence where over £1000 was raised.

We continued supporting 5 women's refuges as well as Baby Basics and Families First who provide essentials for families. Some branches took part in the Rise Up Awards, and we held vigils in 3 areas of our diocese where members drew people's attention to the campaign No More One in Three.

We donated £1500 to the appeal, run by Mary Sumner House, when it was able to be doubled.

We supported Bishop Pete of Sheffield's Garden Party by organising and helping children to plant sunflower seeds and decorate the pot before taking it home.

During the Mary Sumner Day service, held in Sheffield Cathedral, we enrolled 2 new members as well as commissioning 5 members in to posts of responsibility.

A group of members travelled by coach to attend the end of York Provincial Triennium thanksgiving service which was held in Blackburn Cathedral. We held the Sheffield Diocese end of Triennium service at Doncaster Minster.

In November we were thrilled hosting Pamela, a trustee from Solomon Islands. She was able to attend a local branch meeting and also a trustees meeting where we shared and exchanged our thoughts and experiences.

For the first time, we took part in a Christmas Tree Festival held in Sheffield Cathedral.

Unit Reports

Action & Outreach

AFIA.(Away from It All Holidays) During 2024 we have organised and paid for ten caravan holidays, which included 8 food hampers, for those who have not had a holiday for 4 years or more. There were nineteen adults and twenty-three children who benefitted from these holidays.

BABY BASICS. 4 carloads of baby clothes, numerous jumpers and cot blankets have been delivered; hand knitted by our members. Many branches deliver without informing us. We also supplied 4 cot beds.

CART (Christian African Relief Trust) The shop continues to fund containers to Malawi and a container is still used as a school. 3 Sewing machines have been donated and delivered by members.

CLEWER. Our contact with South Yorkshire Police Trafficking Dept continues and they contact us with urgent needs. We try to keep up to date with the Clewer Initiative informing members and we continue to encourage to use the online resources regarding Trafficking and the County Lines online sessions, which were in February. We received an award from South Yorkshire Police for the help we have given them over the years.

OVERSEAS. We continue to write to our Overseas links in Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, Lango in Uganda, Kebbi in Nigeria, Tamale in Ghana, and Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands sending Easter & Christmas cards with a letter.

PRISON. We once again have written and delivered Christmas cards to each inmate at HMP Moorlands.

READ ALOUD PROJECT. We continue to monitor where we have placed books in refuges. It is an ongoing project, and we are endeavouring to pass new or used books on to places where we know families and children will use them.

REFUGES. We have continued to support the Women's Refuges in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and two in Sheffield. We have supplied items for their food cupboard and dry foods as requested. We have delivered numerous bags of toiletries, 8 moving on baskets, bedding, clothing, books, toys, Easter eggs and Advent calendars for the children.

WARM SPACES. One branch has continued to organise an area providing tea, coffee and biscuits. Members and non-members were given warmth and company.

WALKING IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS. There have been 4 bookings for our speaker who talks about Domestic Abuse. We also organised a silent vigil in Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield handing out leaflets re Domestic violence.

WORRY WORMS. We had a request from Dr N Ennis from Sheffield Children's Foundation Trust if we could crochet/knit these worms to support children with their everyday worries. We supplied 50 of these worms.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL. This was held in Sheffield Cathedral. Our members handmade items telling the story of a little of what we do. Baubles with caravans on, knitting on, praying hands, worry worms and a bar code when scanned led to our website.

Pauline Reynolds: Action & Outreach Coordinator.

Fundraising and Communications

The Unit met twice during 2024 together with the Action and Outreach Unit. The main topics of discussion were the planning of events to raise the profile of the Mother's Union and to raise funds for both national and local projects and communications via Facebook, the website, Newslime Magazine and the Directory of Members. Deaneries, branches and individual members held 25 fundraising events to support Away from it All (AFIA) holidays, Make a Mothers' Day Appeal, Summer of Hope Appeal and local and overseas projects. As well as cream and afternoon teas, garden parties, fayres and coffee mornings, there was a Sponsored Silence, a rally, pea and pie suppers, bingo, raffles and collections at special services to name just some of the events. We took part in the biennial Bishop's Garden Party and had stalls selling books, plants and upcycled items as well sunflower planting for children. After expenses, £178 was raised for MU projects and it was good for outreach to the general public. The President's Challenge where each branch received £24 from General Funds to use their talents to increase the amount. Many original ideas raised £6,396 for AFIA. A donation which was match-funded was sent directly from Diocesan funds to MSH for the Christmas Appeal. Sales of items from the Mothers' Union Shop of cards, gifts and stationery were also good fundraisers as well as cakes preserves, and other items sold at the monthly Coffee Mornings at Sheffield Cathedral. Posts on Facebook were seen across the world and were shared and liked by many. Members also contributed news and photographs to the website and to the two editions of Newslime which was distributed to members to keep people informed. The Directory of members was kept up to date for accuracy and ensured members received correct communications from MSH.

Susan Sayles F&C Coordinator.

Faith and Policy

We were sorry to lose our coordinator, Mary Williams. Her funeral service in Sheffield Cathedral was well attended by Mothers' Union members from the diocese.

In May, the Day Apart was held at Wadworth parish church and led by Rev. Ian Smith. This was based on the Lord's prayer. Unfortunately, it was not well attended and the committee decided that we should meet in the cathedral chapter house in May 2025.

Members of the committee led the prayers at the Mary Sumner day service in Sheffield cathedral on 9th August.

A quiet afternoon was led by our chaplain on Tuesday 17th September. This was a helpful time considering change in our lives. It was held at the Harley mission church and refreshments were provided.

In November we held vigils for those affected by gender-based violence outside Sheffield cathedral, Doncaster Minster and the Harley mission church.

Margaret Vivian Faith and Policy Coordinator

Finance & Central Services

The Finance and Central Services Committee (F&C Committee) met three times in 2024. The financial outcome for 2024 was reported to the Trustees at their May Meeting.

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- At the end of the Financial Year 2024 the Finances of the MU in the Sheffield Diocese were reported to still be in a very positive position.

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Treasurer's Report

The results are reported in the financial statement accompanying this report. The Trustees received no remuneration for their services although they were eligible to claim reasonable expenses for incurred during their trusteeship.

Reserves Policy

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Notes on accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024

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Indoor Members Prayer Circle IMPC

Our membership was in the mid-eighties at the beginning of 2024.

At the start of the year, we had a few branch closures but thankfully quite a few joined our Indoor Member Prayer Circle, as Sheffield IMPC members. It is unfortunate that branches are closing but I understand that it is the same nationwide. We are mainly an over 60 years age group and several find it hard to attend meetings, especially when having to travel far. Branch members are only too happy to offer lifts particularly during the winter months but when the branch itself closes it becomes a problem. That is why we are happy to enjoy a large IMPC group who look forward to the literature, letters, phone calls and particularly house visits.

Lesley Harpham: IMPC Correspondent.

Membership / Training

Membership, Training and Development are all embedded throughout the core of Sheffield Diocese Mothers' Union. Reporting the developments to Trustees at regular meetings, aided by the relaunch of Communities of Interest (CoI) from Central Mothers' Union, and updates from Mary Sumner House. This enables the Unit Representatives to attend focussed meetings, which has then informed our service delivery, cascading information to membership. An example of themes relating to the transformation strategy are Reimagining Process, Plan and Infrastructural change. Rise Up – Domestic Abuse, Metamorphosis Bite Size Training and Membership Growth Plans.

Membership growth is relaunched for 2025 following pilots, with 'new' Membership Packs for Clergy and for Churches that do not have a branch. Our plan using these to develop new members and address the declining membership.

We have had members participate in making Mothers' Union a Dementia Friendly Community, by taking part in Dementia Friends and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Pathway. (This is ongoing).

GDPR Training and DBS as required by Good Trustee status.

There are supportive, informative certificated Webinar and Bystander sessions to support the Domestic Abuse and Rise Up Projects, within our No More # 1in 3, Global 16 days of activism (365).

Jo-Anne Van Levesley – Vice President and Membership Coordinator

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and in Churches as well as local communities it would be good if everyone were made aware of the importance of Child abuse, Domestic violence, County lines awareness, Modern day slavery and Dementia training to name a few areas where safeguarding is essential. Some Trustees as well as two branch co-ordinators have also attended a 'County Lines' zoom session from the Clewer Initiative. We are relieved that as the Mothers' Union in our branches we have not had any incidents to report in 2024, but we must stay vigilant.

Jo Anne Van Levesley Senior Safeguarding Leader

Pat Simpson – Safeguarding Officer

This Annual Report was approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26th April and signed on behalf of the board by:

President:

Date:



Sheffield Diocese

Registered Charity Number 1063619

Annual Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2024

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These accounts have been prepared:

a) On a receipts and payments basis.

b) Under the historical convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

c) In accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity is a going concern.

All income is recognised when the Charity becomes legally entitled and the amount quantifiable with reasonable accuracy.

Phill Jackson - Honorary treasurer

Mothers' UNION 

Sheffield Diocese

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Receipts & Payments For Year Ended 31st December 2024

INCOME		<i>Notes</i>
Member Subscriptions	17,183.00	<i>661 Members</i>
A.F.I.A. Donations	17,458.72	<i>Including Presidents challenge £6,936.41</i>
I.M.P.C Donations	205.00	
Work Overseas Donations	609.20	
Coffee & Produce Sales	1,582.89	<i>12 Events</i>
Sale of Cards etc.	1,624.31	
Bank Interest	334.23	<i>Interest from Deposit A/c</i>
General Donations	2,153.35	
Specific Donations	-	
Enterprise Grant	-	
Mary Sumner Day Collection	626.20	
Commissioning Service	415.56	
Branch Closures	229.29	
Donations for Retiring Officials	596.70	<i>Chaplin & President</i>
Prison Play Area	-	
Gift Aid	1,742.55	<i>Gift aid / GASDS claimed for 2023</i>
Sundries	1,252.50	
Restricted income	700.00	
TOTAL	46,713.50	
EXPENDITURE		
Member Subscriptions	15,180.00	<i>660 Members</i>
A.F.I.A. Holidays	7,483.33	<i>Supported with payments from General</i>
Purchase of Cards etc	1,591.71	
Newsline	2,422.00	<i>2 Issues</i>
Room Hire	842.80	
Bank Charges	-	
Postage, Stationary etc.	771.69	
Travel	867.25	
Conference	720.00	
Mary Sumner Day	512.85	
Commissioning Service	660.00	
Salaries	3,097.54	<i>Secretarial services</i>
Gifts for Retiring Officials	275.00	
Insurance	449.50	
Training Materials	265.19	
Internet	324.48	
Postage I.M.P.C.	300.00	
Sundries	410.05	
Restricted Appeal	991.96	<i>Mothers Day, Summer of Hope + Family projects</i>
MU Work Overseas	1,500.00	<i>Funding to MU Christmas Appeal</i>
TOTAL	38,665.35	
Income Over Expenses	8,048.15	
Total Account Balance 2023	31,399.77	
Total Account Balance 2024	39,447.92	
Change in Funds	8,048.15	



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Balance Sheet For Year Ended 31st December 2024

Summary Of Accounts	Dec-2024	Dec-2023
Current Account	20,334.29	12,620.37
Deposit Account	19,113.63	18,779.40
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	39,447.92	31,399.77
Change in Year	8,048.15	- 16,196.12
Restricted Funds:		
A.F.I.A.	9,975.39	0.00
MSH Overseas Work	4,086.90	4,977.70
MU Family Projects	567.61	567.61
	14,629.90	5,545.31
Unrestricted Funds:		
General Fund	22,103.62	23,077.39
Virtual Babies	214.04	506.00
Prison Play Area	636.00	636.00
Branch Closures	1,864.36	1,635.07
	24,818.02	25,854.46
TOTAL Funds:	39,447.92	31,399.77
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS UNION

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Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's trustees considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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Activities during 2023

Our focus for 2023 was 'Read Aloud' following a talk at our Spring Council by the South Yorkshire Children & young people's Lead, Nicola Ennis who was concerned about the lack of Literacy skills in children in South Yorkshire. She asked for help from Sheffield Mothers' Union and of course we responded. We have close links with the refuges, and we provided books for the children when they leave the refuge as well as a library of books in one refuge complete with bookcases to keep them in. This is an ongoing project.

A group from Bongo were visiting Sheffield Diocese including the Bishop of Bongo and his wife Janepher who is the President of Mothers' Union in Bongo, so we hosted a Service of Thanks for Mothers' Union in Wath All Saints. It was well attended by MU members from across the Diocese. We also held a Mary Sumner Day Service in Sheffield Cathedral when new members were enrolled.

Fifty members attended the Annual Gathering in York. And took part in the Rise Up march.

Trustee meetings continued to be held in person and via zoom and although some members still attended on Zoom, there were an increasing number attending in person. This also was the same for some Units. The Newline magazine, which is produced three times a year was delivered to all members. Following the death of our Diocesan correspondent in December 2002 the trustees decided that Diocesan members would have their Newline delivered by post and all Diocesan members would receive a letter with the Newline

Branches continue to work hard supporting Sheffield MU projects, raising money for our AFIA holidays, donating items for the five refuges we support, as well as supporting projects such as Make a Mother's Day, Summer of Hope and the Christmas Appeal all run by Mary Sumner House.

Unit Reports

Action & Outreach

AFIA.(Away from It All Holidays) During 2023 we have organised and paid for thirteen caravan holidays, which included a food hamper, for those who have not had a holiday for 4 years or more. There were twenty-two adults and twenty-four children who benefitted from these holidays.

BABY BASICS 6 bags of baby clothes, numerous jumpers and cot blankets have been delivered. Many branches deliver without informing us.

CART (Christian African Relief Trust) The shop continues to fund containers to Malawi and the container is now used as a school.

Sewing machines have been donated by members.

CLEWER. Our contact with South Yorkshire Police Trafficking Dept has changed and now they contact us with urgent needs. We are up to date with the Clewer Initiative and members have been encouraged to use the online resources regarding Trafficking and the County Lines online sessions.

OVERSEAS. We continue to write to our Overseas links in Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, Lango in Uganda, Kebbi in Nigeria, Tamale in Ghana, and Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands sending Easter & Christmas cards with a letter.

PRISON. We once again have written and delivered Christmas cards to each inmate at HMP Moorlands.

READ ALOUD PROJECT. We were asked to help by a hospital Doctor who was concerned that children's literacy was very poor, and many were starting school without the confidence and fluency in reading that they need. After discussion we are providing Women's Refuges with books and in Doncaster a bookcase, books and any child moving on is given a book to take with them. It is an ongoing project, and we are endeavouring to pass new or used books on to places where we know families and children will use them.

REFUGES. We have continued to support the Women's Refuges in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and two in Sheffield. We have supplied items for their food cupboard and dry foods as requested. We have delivered numerous bags of toiletries, moving on baskets and Easter eggs.

WARM SPACES. Three branches have organised areas providing tea, coffee, and cake and one branch cooked lunches to help as the cost of fuel rose. Members and non-members were given warmth, company, and food.

Pauline Reynolds: Action & Outreach Coordinator.

Fundraising and Communications

The Unit met twice during 2023 together with the Action and Outreach Unit. The main topics of discussion were the planning of events to raise the profile of the Mother's Union and to raise funds for both national and local projects and communications via Facebook, the website, Newline Magazine and the Directory of Members.

Although no large Diocesan Event was held this year Branches, Deaneries and individual members held twenty-three fundraising events to support Away from it All (AFIA) holidays, Make a Mothers' Day Appeal, Summer of Hope Appeal, and local and overseas projects. As well as cream teas, garden parties, fayres and coffee mornings, there was a Sponsored Silence, Sponsored Steps, pea and pie suppers, bingo, raffles, and collections at special services to name just some of the events.

A donation of £10,000 which was match funded was sent directly from Diocesan funds to MSH for the Christmas Appeal. Sales of items from the Mothers' Union Shop of cards, gifts and stationery were also good fundraisers as well as cakes and preserves sold at the monthly Coffee Mornings at Sheffield Cathedral

Posts on Facebook were seen across the world and were shared and liked by many. Members also contributed news and photographs to the website and to the three editions of Newline which was distributed to members to keep people informed.

The Directory of members was kept up to date for accuracy and ensured members received correct communications from MSH.

Susan Sayles Fundraising & Communications Coordinator

Faith and Policy

Our annual Day Apart took place at Sheffield Cathedral where Rev Captain Mike Reeder, Senior Chaplain St Luke's Hospice, Sheffield briefly described his work at the hospice and invited us to reflect on some end-of-life decisions using a series of discussion cards entitled Grave Talk.

The F&P team led the intercessions at the Mary Sumner Day Service at Sheffield Cathedral.

Members visited Winthrop Gardens for afternoon tea/lunch in September organised by the F&P team. Rev Ann Walton gave an illustrated talk on Richard Rolle, South Yorkshire's very own mystic and hermit. As a translator, author and linguist, Richard was a man who deserves greater prominence.

On Global Day, in November members assembled outside the Cathedral, Doncaster Minster, and Rotherham Minster from 12:30-13:00. in support of victims of abuse and to raise awareness. A one-minute silence was held at 1:03. Placards were held, scarves and badges worn and prayers were said. Tables were set up on the Cathedral forecourt containing shoes, representative of victims of abuse again to raise awareness.

Mary Williams Faith and Policy Coordinator

Finance & Central Services

The Finance and Central Services Committee (F&C Committee) met two times in 2023. The financial outcome for 2022 was reported to the Trustees at their February Meeting.

The following issues were addressed: -

1. Audited Accounts for 2022 included cash held at branches for the first time in line with Charity Commission requirements with the following exceptions: Hexthorpe, Penistone and Wombwell.
2. A new auditor was proposed and approved by trustees following the resignation of Paul Wakefield. The new auditor is Michael Fenton.
3. Costs per member for running costs of Sheffield MU were worked out to be: - £5 to cover the costs of the Secretary, £6.85 which includes Secretary Costs and the cost of room hire for meetings and £18 which covers all non-funds raising costs. The 2024 budget proposed a 10% increase for the Full-time secretary to £238.34 which was subsequently approved by trustees.
4. It was identified that the costs of running AFIA were not being met by the current level of fundraising and that reserves were being used to support the initiative. Members were to be

advised that the central aim of MU was to raise funds for the charity and renewed effort was to be encouraged at all branches. The AFIA fund at the year-end was zero.

5. The historic central reserves held in the MU Diocesan Account were now felt to be at a reasonable level following 2 years of £10k donations to the Mothers Union Big Give campaign. The budget for 2024 was thus proposed to return to a “balanced budget” basis

At the end of the Financial Year 2023 the Finances of the MU in the Sheffield Diocese were reported to still be in a very positive position.

Phill Jackson Honorary Treasurer

Indoor Members Prayer Circle IMPC

At the beginning of the year 2023 the membership was eighty-five. During the year a few passed away and regrettably some decided not to extend their subscriptions due to illness or moving out of the area. It was explained that members could stay as Sheffield Diocese members or join a branch where they were moving to and were delighted that some decided to stay with Sheffield. There are five members who have moved to other areas, but still receive letters and cards together with a copy of Newline and a phone call on their birthdays.

Following the awful 'Covid year' quite a few of IMPC members have become 'internet savvy' and regularly go onto Sheffield Diocese Website and Facebook. One member reported that she finds it all consuming. She reads the news items and future events and has not time now for jigsaws! She is 91 years of age!

Sheffield is very lucky to have Deanery Leaders and Reps staying connected, caring for the Indoor members, and supporting them.

Lesley Harpham: IMPC Correspondent.

Safeguarding

Following on from the safeguarding report for 2022 I should re-iterate that as a registered charity, the Mothers' Union must have its own safeguarding policies in place and Trustees of the MU have a particular responsibility to ensure that these policies are adhered to.

We can report that all Trustees have completed their DBS checks in 2022, and these are valid for three years.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and in Churches as well as local communities it would be good if everyone were made aware of the importance of Child abuse, Domestic violence, County lines awareness, Modern day slavery and Dementia training to name a few areas where safeguarding is essential. Some Trustees as well as two branch co-ordinators have also attended a 'County Lines' zoom session from the Clewer Initiative. We are relieved that as the Mothers' Union in our branches we have not had any incidents to report in 2023 but we must stay vigilant.

Moira Leach – Safeguarding Officer for the MU in Sheffield Diocese

Treasurers Report 2023

The results are reported in the financial statement accompanying this report. The Trustees received no remuneration for their services although they were eligible to claim reasonable expenses for incurred during their trusteeship.

Reserves Policy

The Charity maintains unrestricted cash reserves of €25,654 which are more than adequate to support the current level of activity. The Trustees are of the opinion that this amount is reasonable.

Restricted funds of E5,545 are for AFIA and Overseas and the Family Project Fund.

Funds are held at branch level to facilitate the running of individual branches. Funds have been audited by the diocese and currently stand at E12,045.

The Charity relies on contributions from members and their support to ensure the charitable work can continue and various worthy causes can be met from resources at the disposal of the charity, during 2023 all the key objectives of the charity have been met. Notes on accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023

These accounts have been prepared:

- a) On a receipts and payments basis.
- b) Under the historical convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.
- c) In accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity is a going concern.

All income is recognised when the Charity becomes legally entitled and the amount quantifiable with reasonable accuracy

Phill Jackson Honorary Treasurer

Receipts & Payments For Year Ended 31st December 2023

INCOME		Notes
Member Subscriptions	16,968.50	707 Members
A.F.I.A. Donations	6,857.50	
I.M.P.C Donations	270.00	
Work Overseas Donations	2,353.61	
Coffee & Produce Sales	1,273.85	
Sale of Cards etc.	3,908.65	
Bank Interest	423.04	Interest from Deposit A/c
General Donations	867.70	
Specific Donations	100.00	
Enterprise Grant		
Mary Sumner Day Collection	525.05	
Commissioning Service		
Branch Closures	52.48	
Donations for Retiring Officials		
Prison Play Area		
Gift Aid	1,456.74	Gift aid claimed for 2022
Sundries	1,825.50	
Restricted income	1,545.50	
TOTAL	38,428.12	
EXPENDITURE		
Member Subscriptions	16,238.00	
A.F.I.A. Holidays	10,905.76	Supported with payments from General/
Purchase of Cards etc	3,358.80	
Newsline	3,845.00	3 Issues
Room Hire	891.30	
Bank Charges		
Postage, Stationary etc.	137.10	
Travel	568.20	
Conference	1,050.00	
Mary Sumner Day	504.62	
Commissioning Service		
Salaries	2,834.88	Secretarial services
Gifts for Retiring Officials	90.40	
Insurance	449.50	
Training Materials	240.56	
Internet	254.72	
Postage I.M.P.C.	150.00	
Sundries	1,420.20	
Restricted Appeal	1,878.90	Summer of Hope + Family projects
MU Work Overseas	10,000.00	Match Funding to MU Christmas Appeal
TOTAL	54,817.94	
Income Over Expenses	- 16,389.82	
Total Account Balance 2022	47,789.59	
Total Account Balance 2023	31,399.77	
Change in Funds	- 16,389.82	

Balance Sheet For The Year ended 31 December 2023

Summary Of Accounts	Dec-2023	Dec-2022	Change
Current Account	12,620.37	9,433.23	3,187.14
Deposit Account	18,779.40	38,356.36	- 19,576.96
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	31,399.77	47,789.59	- 16,389.82
Change in Year	- 16,389.82	- 15,039.82	

Restricted Funds:

AFIA	0.00	2,697.61
MSH Overseas Work	4,977.70	12,624.09
MU Family Projects	567.61	1,013.01
	5,545.31	16,334.71

Unrestricted Funds:

General Fund	22,971.09	28,623.99
Virtual Babies	506.00	506.00
Prison Play Area	636.00	636.00
Branch Closures (5 years)	1,541.37	1,488.89
	25,654.46	31,245.88
TOTAL Funds:	31,199.77	47,589.59
Change in Year	- 16,389.82	-15,039.82

Total Cash Held in Diocese Branches

	Cash At Bank	Total
Dec-22	11,345.11	12,889.66
Dec-23	9,961.14	12,045.48
Change	1,383.97	844.18

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS UNION

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charities trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charities trustees considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- follow the procedures laid down the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - ❖ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - ❖ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



MICHAEL DAVID FENTON
BA (Hons) FCA BFP DIP
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Derby
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8 APRIL 2024

This financial statement was approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th May 2023 and signed on behalf of the board by:

President:

Gillian Fellows

Date:

THE MOTHERS' UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 1063619

Accounts



SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS' UNION

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Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

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SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS' UNION

Trustees Annual Report

Year ended 31 Dec 2022

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2022

The affairs of the charity are governed by the terms of the central Mothers' Union Royal Charter, granted in 1926 and which is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales (240531).

The Board of Trustees manages the charity and during 2022 Trustees met five times. All the meetings were hybrid, in person and on Zoom. It was decided due to the closure of several branches to amalgamate Ecclesall Deanery and Attercliffe Deanery. They became Ecclesall & Attercliffe Deanery under one Deanery Leader. We also held a Spring Council and an Autumn Council when all members were invited to attend, as well as a Mary Summer Day Service in Sheffield Cathedral.

The Trustees are elected tri-annually by the members of the charities Council, consisting of the Diocesan President, members of the Trustees Board, Deanery Leaders, and Branch Coordinators. They debate, consider, and determine all matters of policy and strategy to be affected on behalf of Sheffield Diocese Mothers' Union. The Chaplain is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.

Trustees manage and supervise the finances of the Society and review and evaluate the work of the charity.

They receive, consider, and respond to all resolutions received from the Diocesan Council.

Procedures are in place for the regular training of Trustees to ensure good practice and awareness of their responsibilities. Training is also given to Deanery and Branch officials at regular intervals.

The Charity has a Treasurer who prepares the financial statements. Expenditure must be authorised, and cheques require two signatories. All expenditure must be supported with an invoice or receipt.

The Trustees were elected in January 2022

Trustees

Diocesan President

Gillian Fellows

Vice –Presidents:

Archdeaconry of Doncaster

Elizabeth Paver

Archdeaconry of Sheffield & Rotherham

JoAnne Van Levesley

Honorary Vice-President

Norma Priest

Unit Co-ordinators:

Finance and Central Services

Elizabeth Paver

Action and Outreach

Pauline Reynolds

Data and Media

Elizabeth Dean

Faith and Policy, Social Policy

Mary Williams

Fundraising and Communication

Susan Sayles

Safeguarding Contact

Moira Leach

Training & Membership Development

Jo-Anne Van Levesley

Deanery Leaders:

Doncaster, Adwick, Snaith & Hatfield
Ecclesall & Attercliffe
Ecclesfield
Rotherham & Laughton
Tankersley
Wath

Tanis Cockerham
Sally Wood
Margaret Vivian
Moiria Leach
Susan Rivett
Mary Carr

Diocesan Officers (Not Trustees)

Treasurer
Secretary
Chaplain
Webmaster
Mothers' Union Enterprises
Indoor Members Representative
AFIA representative
Diocesan Correspondent

Phill Jackson
Steve Bisby
Rev Hilda Isaacson
Elizabeth Dean
Margaret Culloden
Lesley Harpham
Angela Parker
Maureen Moore

Bankers

The charities bankers are the Cooperative Bank PO Box250 Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT.
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund

Independent Examiner

This role was undertaken by.

Paul Wakefield, 11 Shackleton Road, Doncaster South Yorkshire DN2 4RS

The Charity does not hold any property and for administrative purposes the contact address is the home address of the Secretary, Steve Bisby, 71 Earlesmere Avenue, Balby, Doncaster DN4 0QD.

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Activities during 2022

The theme for the year was Transformation Now. We held a service, at the beginning of April, in Rotherham Minster, when the new board of Trustees was Commissioned, and the preacher was the Rt Rev Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield.

On Mary Sumner Day we held our service in Sheffield Cathedral when new members, including the new Dean of Sheffield, were enrolled.

We were invited to take part in the Upcycling Garden Party at the home of Bishop Pete. Our members not only created items to sell, but also had craft materials for children to create their own items to take away.

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Unit Reports-

Action & Outreach

AFIA. During 2022 we have organised and paid for 6 family holidays which included a food hamper. We also booked a break at a retreat for a troubled young lady. These are always valued by all who go as they have not had a holiday for at least 4 years.

Refuges. Throughout the year we have helped refuges in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. We have supplied toiletries, food and home-made scones, clothes, Easter eggs, Advent calendars, craft bags and moving on baskets. We have also donated knitted pram covers and matinee coats to Baby Basics.

Clewer. We continue to help Sheffield Police Trafficking dept. We have donated clothes, underwear and toiletries when needed, often at quite short notice. We have joined in online training courses on understanding County Lines for grandparents, parents, and guardians.

Prison. We have once again written and delivered Christmas cards to each inmate.

Overseas. We still contact our overseas links sending Christmas and Easter cards with a letter inside.

CART. Christian African Relief Trust. Items are donated to their shop in Huddersfield. All money they raised went to fund a container full of goods to Malawi.

Pauline Reynolds A&O Co-ordinator.

Fundraising and Communications

The Unit met four times in 2022, the December meeting being a joint one with the Action and Outreach Unit. The main topics of discussion were planning of events to raise the profile of the Mothers Union and to raise funds for both national and local projects and communication via Facebook, the website, Newsline Magazine and the Directory of Members.

The Bishop of Sheffield 's Garden Party Event with the theme Upcycling, Eco Church and Creation Care took place in June. Mothers' Union members made upcycled items to sell which raised £200. The stall was also a good outreach opportunity for the Mothers' Union. A Jubilee Raffle which took place throughout the Diocese during the Summer months with donated prizes raised £1,178. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee events, afternoon and cream teas, sponsored steps, fayres, markets and special services organised by branches, deaneries and individual members, added to the total to support Away from it All Holidays (AFIA), Make a Mother's Day, Summer of Hope Appeal and overseas projects. A donation of £10,000 was sent directly from Diocesan Funds to Mary Sumner House for the Southern Sudan Appeal.

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Susan Sayles Fundraising and Communications Coordinator.

Faith and Policy

The Faith and Policy Team first organised a 'Day Apart' at Sheffield Cathedral in May. It was a day of quiet reflection based on passages from St John's Gospel and entitled 'In the Light of Eternity.' The event was well supported by members of the Sheffield Diocese Mothers' Union.

In September, on Holy Cross Day, the F&P coordinator, Mary Williams, gave a talk on 'The Holy Cross' at Winthrop Gardens in Rotherham, a scene of peace and quiet reflection, away from the humdrum of modern life. Members enjoyed an afternoon tea, sang a hymn, 'When I survey the Wondrous Cross' and enjoyed the tranquillity of the gardens. Again, this event was well attended.

In late November vigils in support of the 16 days of activism drawing attention to victims of domestic abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking were held at Doncaster and Rotherham Minsters, the Harley Mission Church and Sheffield Cathedral. Purple scarves and 3in1 badges were worn, prayers were said and placards itemising various forms of abuse were held. These events again were well supported and drew the attention of several passers-by.

In addition to these events the Faith and Policy Committee lead the intercessions at the Diocesan Commissioning service held in Rotherham Minster and the Mary Sumner Day service held in Sheffield Cathedral where they also provided end of service refreshments.

Mary Williams Faith and Policy Coordinator

Finance & Central Services

The Finance and Central Services Committee (F&C Committee) met four times in 2022. The expected financial outcomes for 2022 were reported to the Trustees at their November Meeting.

The following issues were addressed: -

1. The closing of the CCLA Account was discussed and then agreed by the Trustees.
2. The cost of printing the final edition of a collection of "Thoughts and Words of Encouragement" written by a Deanery Leader who had penned 100 weekly letters of encouragement during the two years of Covid, was agreed by the Trustees. It was to be a celebration of Queen Elizabeth II 's Platinum Jubilee. Bev Jullien M.U. CEO had agreed to write the forward. It was hoped that a small profit would be made from the sales.
3. A review of the forms sent to Branch Treasurers were reviewed and streamlined. These were then to be despatched to Branches in early January each year.
4. The historic central reserves held in the MU Diocesan Account were felt to be excessive. A new initiative was set up to encourage Branches to seek to provide Warm Places and other support for their communities during this time of real need. A sum of up to £200 per Branch was made available and a comprehensive Application Form produced. The President would receive the Forms and after consulting the Treasurer and the Chair of F & C Committee would agree to have the funds released if appropriate. Subsequently the Branch would submit an Impact Report.

At the end of the Financial Year 2022 the Finances of the MU in the Sheffield Diocese were reported to be in a very positive position.

Elizabeth Paver Finance & Central Services Coordinator

Indoor Members Prayer Circle IMPC

Several new Indoor Members were welcomed and with members deaths there has been a steady number of between 80 and 90 members.

As all the United Kingdom are experiencing Branches are closing which leads to the loss of members, though several have become Indoor Members and are enjoying being kept up to date with all the activities that are happening in the Diocese. They receive birthday cards and a phone call on the day, and it is lovely to chat to them. Indoor members also receive the Newline, delivered with a letter and can see how the work of the Mothers' Union is happening in our Diocese, and they often see photographs of their old friends from the various Deaneries.

All members are grateful for all the work that goes into these visits from their Deanery Leader and IMPC Representatives.

What a wonderful idea Edith Mosse had when she began the Invalid Prayer Circle all those years ago and now known as IMPC as the word Invalid was changed to Indoor and thus kept the same initials.

Lesley Harpham: IMPC Correspondent.

Safeguarding

Following on from the safeguarding report for 2021 I should re-iterate that as a registered charity, the Mothers' Union must have its own safeguarding policies in place and Trustees of the MU have a particular responsibility to ensure that these policies are adhered to.

We started the year (2022) by registering with Thirtyone:eight who are an organisation who administer DBS checks and provide training and advice when needed. As a result, all the Sheffield MU Trustees have completed DBS checks either through their own church if appropriate and then signed up within 30 days to the update service which the Mothers' Union will accept. However, the Church of England will not accept an update from a DBS check done through Thirtyone:eight. We can report that all Trustees have completed their DBS checks, and these will be valid for three years.

Trustees have also had the opportunity to receive basic safeguarding training from one of the safeguarding team in the Diocese. We are encouraging branch members to think about participating in safeguarding training themselves rather than leave everything to the Leader.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and in Churches as well as local communities it would be good if everyone was made aware of the importance of Child abuse, Domestic violence, County lines awareness, Modern day slavery and Dementia training to name a few areas where safeguarding is essential. We are relieved that as the Mothers' Union in our branches we have not had any incidents to report in 2022 but we must stay vigilant.

Moira Leach – Safeguarding Officer for the MU in Sheffield Diocese

Treasurer's Report 2022

The results are reported in the financial statement accompanying this report. The Trustees received no remuneration for their services although they were eligible to claim reasonable expenses for incurred during their trusteeship.

Reserves Policy

The Charity maintains unrestricted cash reserves of £31,255 are more than adequate to support the current level of activity. The Trustees are of the opinion that this amount is reasonable.

Restricted funds of £16,335 are for AFIA and Overseas and the Family Project Fund.

Funds are held at branch level to facilitate the running of individual branches. Funds have been audited by the diocese and currently stand at £11,382.

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Independent Examiners Report



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Sheffield Diocese Mothers Union

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

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basis of report**

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**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Date:

22/03/2023

Name:

Paul Wakefield

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

11 Shackleton Road
Doncaster
South Yorkshire . DN2 4RS

Financial Review: Summary of Accounts

Sheffield Diocese Mothers' Union

Charity Number
1063619

Receipts & Payments for Year Ended 31st December 2022

INCOME

Member Subscriptions	17,331.00	
A.F.I.A. Donations	9,504.98	
I.M.P.C Donations	458.80	
Work Overseas Donations	1,770.39	
Coffee & Produce Sales	1,206.20	
Sale of Cards etc.	3,367.63	
	108.27	
Bank Interest		<i>Notes</i>
General Donations	3,564.40	<i>754 Members</i>
Specific Donations	-	
Enterprise Grant	-	
Mary Sumner Day Collection	489.00	
Commissioning Service	233.19	
Branch Closures	566.37	
Donations for Retiring Officials	-	
Prison Play Area	-	
Gift Aid	1,386.69	<i>Interest from CCLA & Deposit A/c</i>
Sundries	916.60	
Restricted income	1,474.00	
TOTAL	42,377.52	<i>Gift aid claimed for 2021</i>

EXPENDITURE

Member Subscriptions	14,920.00	
A.F.I.A. Holidays	12,200.44	
Purchase of Cards etc	5,596.79	
Newsline	3,226.00	
Room Hire	1,467.80	
Bank Charges	-	
Postage, Stationary etc.	189.56	
Travel	247.45	
Conference	50.00	
Mary Sumner Day	974.06	
Commissioning Service	496.75	
Salaries	2,799.52	
Gifts for Retiring Officials	-	
Insurance	713.25	
Training Materials	196.76	
Internet	140.40	
Postage I.M.P.C.	390.00	
Sundries	1,947.06	
Restricted Appeal	1,861.50	
MU Work Overseas	10,000.00	<i>Match Funding to MU Christmas Appeal</i>
TOTAL	57,417.34	

Income Over Expenses	-15,039.82
Total Account Balance 2021	62,629.41
Total Account Balance 2022	47,589.59
Change in Funds	-15,039.82
Difference	-
Balance Sheet For Year Ended 31st December 2022	

Balance Sheet For Year Ended 31st December 2022

Summary Of Accounts	Dec-2022	Dec-2021	Change
Current Account	9,233.23	14,345.87	- 5,112.64
Deposit Account	38,356.36	36,308.54	2,047.82
CBF Account	0.00	11,975.00	-11,975.00
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	62,629.41	62,629.41	- 15,039.82
Change in Year	- 15,039.82	- 38,366.22	
Restricted Funds:			
A.F.I.A.	2,697.61	5,393.07	
MSH Overseas Work	12,624.09	20,223.70	
MU Family Projects	1,013.01	1,013.01	
	16,334.71	27,629.78	
Unrestricted Funds:			
General Fund	28,623.99	33,935.11	
Virtual Babies	506.00	506.00	
Prison Play Area	636.00	636.00	
Branch Closures	1,488.89	922.52	Historical funds restricted to 5 years
	31,254.88	35,999.63	
TOTAL Funds:	47,589.59	62,629.41	
	-15,039.82		
Difference	- 0.00		
Total Cash Held in Diocese			
Branches	11,345.11	1,544.55	12,889.66

This financial statement was approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 May 2023 and signed on behalf of the board by:

President Gillian Fellows



Date

THE MOTHERS' UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 1063619

Accounts



SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS' UNION

Registered Charity No1063619

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Sheffield Diocese Mothers' Union Annual Report

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SHEFFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS' UNION

Trustees Annual Report

Year ended 31 Dec 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2021

The affairs of the charity are governed by the terms of the central Mothers' Union Royal Charter, granted in 1926 and which is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales (240531).

The Board of Trustees manages the charity and during 2021 met 6 times, each time the meetings were via Zoom. The Annual meeting was held by Zoom but the Autumn Council was held in person with Zoom links. A Mary Sumner Day Service was held at Sheffield Cathedral which was streamed via YouTube.

The Trustees are elected tri-annually by the members of the charities Council, consisting of the Diocesan President, members of the Trustees Board, Deanery Leaders and Branch Coordinators. They debate, consider, and determine all matters of policy and strategy to be affected on behalf of Sheffield Diocese Mothers' Union. The Chaplain is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.

Trustees manage and supervise the finances of the Society and review and evaluate the work of the charity.

They receive, consider, and respond to all resolutions received from the Diocesan Council.

Procedures are in place for the regular training of Trustees to ensure good practice and awareness of their responsibilities. Training is also given to Deanery and Branch officials at regular intervals.

The Charity has a Treasurer who prepares the financial statements. Expenditure must be authorised, and cheques require two signatories. All expenditure must be supported with an invoice or receipt.

The Trustees were elected in January 2019

Trustees

Diocesan President

Gillian Fellows

Vice –Presidents:

Archdeaconry of Doncaster

Elizabeth Paver

Archdeaconry of Sheffield & Rotherham

Moira Leach

Honorary Vice-President

Norma Priest

Unit Co-ordinators:

Finance and Central Services

Sheila Wood

Action and Outreach

Pauline Reynolds

Faith and Policy, Social Policy

Margaret Vivian

Fundraising and Communication

Susan Sayles

Training & Membership development

Jo-Anne Van Levesley

Data and Media

Elizabeth Dean

Deanery Leaders:

Attercliffe

Mary Williams

Doncaster, Adwick, Snaith & Hatfield

Tanis Cockerham

Ecclesall

Sally Wood

Ecclesfield

Lana Boulger

Rotherham & Laughton

Margaret Tupling

Tankersley
Wath

Anne Balme
Mary Carr

Diocesan Officers (Not Trustees)

Treasurer	Phill Jackson
Assistant Treasurer	Dave Rogerson
Secretary	Steve Bisby
Chaplain	Rev Hilda Isaacson
Webmaster	Pat Simpson
Mothers' Union Enterprises	Margaret Culloden
Indoor Members Representative	Lesley Harpham
AFIA representative	Angela Parker
Diocesan Correspondent	Maureen Moore
Safeguarding Contact	Moira Leach

Bankers

The charities bankers are the Cooperative Bank PO Box250 Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund

Independent Examiner

This role was undertaken by
Paul Wakefield, 11 Shackleton Road, Doncaster South Yorkshire DN2 4RS

The Charity does not hold any property and for administrative purposes the contact address is the home address of the Secretary, Steve Bisby, 71 Earlesmere Avenue, Balby, Doncaster DN4 0QD

Membership

Membership is open to all who:

- a) Have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity
- b) Declare their support for the aims and objects of the Society

In 2021 Sheffield MU consisted of 39 Branches and 876 members of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. Some members, not belonging to a specific branch, are Diocesan members. The organisation, whether at Diocesan, Deanery or Branch levels, aims to reach out to those in need of all ages. Four units: Action and Outreach, Faith and Policy, Fundraising and Communications and Finance and Central services all help to facilitate the work. All the work is underpinned by prayer.

To enable all members to be well informed a magazine, Newline is produced, printed, and distributed three times a year.

Restrictions imposed by the Governing Document concerning the way in which the charity may operate.

Branches of the charity have the power to support the needs of their parishes, subject to the aim, purpose, and objects of Mothers' Union. However, branches are not permitted to be used as a channel for charitable money permitted to be allocated to such organisations from branch funds.

Risk management

The Trustees have throughout their term of service recognised their responsibility to identify the key risks to which the charity was exposed and to ensure that measures were in place and monitored to

mitigate against these risks. Adequate insurance cover has been in place to protect the charity against financial loss.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens marriage and Christian family life.

The Aim of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

To carry out this Aim the Objects of the Mothers' Union are:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship, and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Activities during 2021

2021

Due to the continuation of the Pandemic the theme for the year was Rebuilding Hope and Confidence. The year started with plans to re-arrange those events that had had to be cancelled in 2020. In April the Commissioning of the Sheffield MU Chaplain and the enrolment of the Bishop of Sheffield into MU was finally able to take place although numbers were limited and socially distanced. The service was also streamed via YouTube.

Trustee meetings continued to be held via Zoom and some Units also met by Zoom. The Constitution was updated and the regular Newslines magazine, that is hand delivered to all members, continued to be replaced by Newsletters. Branch Coordinators did a sterling job to try and keep in touch with as many members as possible, by telephone, email or even doorstep visits wearing masks and keeping a distance of course.

Sheffield MU projects continued to be supported as much as was possible within the government guidelines.

Unit Reports-

Action & Outreach

During the year the AFIA holidays which were moved forward from 2020, all went ahead. There was some concern re the loss of donations in 2021 when branches were still not meeting and so encouragement was needed so funding for 2022 holidays is available.

Amazingly even though many branches did not meet, the women's refuges were extremely well looked after. Moving on baskets, Advent calendars, children's gifts, welcome bags, toiletries, cots, baby clothes were all provided. Requests for items were also responded to and scones were made for Doncaster each week. This was all done safely, masked and socially distanced.

At the beginning of the year with donations left from December 2020, the Police trafficking dept asked for new towels and facecloths as part of our involvement with the Clewer Initiative and these were bought via Dunelm click & collect and Amazon which the Police collected.

The Prison play area didn't open in 2021 however Christmas cards were sent out for each prisoner and handmade small decorations were added to them for the prisoner's families with precise instructions from the Prison.

The CART (Christian African Relief Trust) warehouse was only opened occasionally so donations were limited and so items were stored for next year.

Pauline Reynolds A&O Co-ordinator.

Fundraising and Communications

The Unit met five times by Zoom in 2021. The main topics of discussion were planning of events to raise the profile of the Mothers' Union and to raise funds for both national and local projects, Facebook, the website, Newline Magazine, and the Directory of Members.

The Bishop's Upcycling event was postponed for the second time due to restrictions because of the pandemic, as was a three-day Festival in Doncaster Minster. The latter was replaced by a successful Summer Fayre and raffle which took place on the lawns of the Minster and raised £2,600.

The sale of a second book of Thoughts and Words of Encouragement written as emails by a Mothers' Union member throughout the year was also a good fundraiser. Summer Fayres, Christmas Markets, sponsored walks, special services and Bring and Buy sales, organised by individuals, branches and Deaneries added to the total to support Away from it All (AFIA) holidays, Summer of Hope Appeal, Christmas Appeal and work overseas.

Members, throughout the Diocese, came together to knit a large blanket to present to Amal a giant puppet who had travelled to the UK from Syria and who movingly represented child refugees. The event was a great opportunity for members to hand out leaflets, speak to people in the crowd and wave banners throughout the day that Amal was in Sheffield.

Sales of Mothers' Union Enterprises stationery and gifts at events throughout the year and sales of preserves and cakes were also good fundraisers.

Posts on Facebook were seen across the world and were shared and liked by many. Members also contributed news and photos to the website and to the magazine Newline which was resumed to keep people informed and inspired. Two issues were printed and distributed in the Autumn and Winter and one issue of the Newsletter which was previously printed throughout the restrictions. The Directory of Members was kept up to date for accuracy and ensured members received the correct communications.

Susan Sayles. Fundraising and Communications Unit Coordinator

Faith and Policy

In this year of lock down 2021, it has not been possible to hold the Quiet day in May or the lunch and quiet afternoon in September.

Lent devotions commenting on Matthew's gospel were written by the coordinator in the absence of meetings who also led the prayers at the Commissioning service for the chaplain Rev. Hilda Isaacson observing strict covid rules.

A Mary Sumner Day service was held in August and more people were able to be present, the prayers were led again by the coordinator as some of the Faith and Policy committee were unable to attend. It was an uplifting service.

The Wave of Prayer took place in branches from 20th to 22nd of August. Thanks to all those who prepared services and prayer times and to all members who supported them.

The Faith and Policy committee were only able to meet in person twice: once on 30th July and again on 8th October. Special thanks go to our F&P Secretary and to our IMPC Rep.

The stand against gender-based violence event took place on the last Saturday in November and although the weather was not kind, our members still managed to attend at one of the three venues- Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham Minster and Doncaster Minster.

With the rise in gender-based violence, prayer is needed and support for the refuges continues.

Margaret Vivian: Faith and Policy Co-ordinator

Finance & Central Services

Four meetings took place during 2021. These were either via zoom or face to face depending on guidance from the government during the COVID situation.

Phill Jackson was welcomed as the new treasurer for the Mothers Union in the Sheffield Diocese. The financial statement was presented at every meeting and monies transferred to the Co-Op bank. All relevant forms were completed for the Charity Commission, Gift Aid and Branch/Deanery information. Maureen Moore the Gift Aid Officer retired at the start of the year and Phill took on this role.

It was agreed not to go ahead with the Mary Sumner House Direct Debit Scheme, but this will be reviewed in 2022.

The new Constitution was completed and approved at the AGM.

Sheila Wood: Fundraising & Central Services Coordinator

Indoor Members Prayer Circle IMPC

This year has been difficult, for Sheffield MU Indoor members, as last year was.

They have all found it very hard not seeing family and friends but have been very grateful for the support they have received from all at Sheffield Diocese.

Cards, letters and Newline have all been distributed usually by hand, and although it was not possible to enter the property members found it very rewarding to see a friendly face and were happy to hear, from the correspondence, about all the activities and services, usually by zoom, that were taking place all around the Diocese. It was heartening to hear just how many members were now using zoom to listen to events and follow the Mothers' Union page as well as Sheffield MU Facebook page.

Regularly phone calls have taken place to stay connected and to see if there is anything they need as well as being a friendly voice. The commitment to pray for the Mothers' Union members and the work that is carried out worldwide has not wavered by the IMPC member and it is this that is the bedrock of Mothers' Union.

Twenty-two new Indoor members have been welcomed into the Diocese this year as Branch closures are happening and members wish to remain at the heart of Mothers' Union. Most of the IMPC members are still very active in helping local Refuges and hospitals by knitting etc. and praying for all members both here in Sheffield Diocese and Worldwide.

Lesley Harpham: IMPC Correspondent.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding documents were received from Mary Sumner House in Autumn 2020 and introduced to the Trustees in November 2020. This was discussed fully by Trustees in January 2021.

Requests were made to branches for a list of members who were DBS checked for work with Children & Vulnerable Adults and whether any Safeguarding training had taken place.

Covid and lockdown meant most branches were unable to meet and therefore very little information was received, and some branches were confused about why the MU, as part of the Church, could not rely on the church to organise and oversee any necessary advice & training.

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It was also realised that within the membership of the MU there are people who themselves could be considered vulnerable especially elderly members and members of the IMPC. Branches were asked to consider ways of doing things differently. For example –visiting elderly members in their homes in pairs especially if collecting money and making sure that receipts were given, and notes left for any next of kin. Branches were also asked to review activities and to talk to the church Safeguarding officer or vicar if any problems arose.

York Province held a Zoom meeting for all Safeguarding contacts in April and this was helpful as there were differing opinions in the various Dioceses.

Articles were written in the Newsletters and Newline to inform members and safeguarding news was requested from the branches. Safeguarding training was arranged for the Trustees which was very helpful also Trustees decided to register with Thirtyone: eight at the start of 2022 in preparation for the new triennium.as the membership of the Trustee body would be changing.

‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’

Moira Leach – Lead Recruiter and Safeguarding Contact

Elizabeth Paver- Additional Recruiter

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Section A

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Signed:

Date:

24/02/2022

Name:

Paul Wakefield

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

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Financial Review

Summary of Accounts



Sheffield Diocese

Charity Number 1063619

Receipts & Payments For Year Ended 31st December 2021

		Notes
INCOME		
Member Subscriptions	19,839.00	863 Members
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I.M.P.C Donations	421.00	
Work Overseas Donations	2,490.00	Including £370 marked emergency
Coffee & Produce Sales	115.30	
Sale of Cards etc.	3,081.37	
Bank Interest	1,521.17	Incentive to Switch from RBS
General Donations	730.00	
Specific Donations	-	
Enterprise Grant	-	
Mary Sumner Day Collection	251.50	
Commissioning Service	-	
Branch Closures	430.34	
Donations for Retiring Officials	-	
Prison Play Area	500.00	
Gift Aid	3,572.80	Gift aid claimed for 2018,2019 & 2020
Sundries	62.40	
Restricted income	931.50	
TOTAL	38,194.38	
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Conference	320.00	
Mary Sumner Day	-	
Commissioning Service	-	
Salaries	2,645.42	
Gifts for Retiring Officials	30.00	
Insurance	-	
Training Materials	75.00	
Internet	100.80	
Postage I.M.P.C.	105.00	
Sundries	282.40	
Restricted Appeal	931.50	
MIU Work Overseas	-	
TOTAL	30,808.37	

Income Over Expenses	7,386.01
Total Account Balance 2020	55,243.40
Total Account Balance 2021	62,629.41
Change in Funds	7,386.01
Difference	-

Balance Sheet For Year Ended 31st December 2021

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Prison Play Area	636.00	136.00	
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	35,999.63	28,919.73	
TOTAL Funds:	62,629.41	55,243.40	
	7,386.01		

Difference - 45,752.23

This financial statement was approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 April 2022 and signed on behalf of the board by:

President Gillian Fellows

G Fellows

Date ----- 23 April 2022 -----

