

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

Charity No.1065047

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Aims and Objectives

The Mothers' Union is a Christian charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide, through the nurture of family, in its many forms.

Membership

Membership in 2023 totalled 588. Membership subscriptions totalled £14,700 . There were 31 branches. Branches are clustered in 10 Deaneries and each Deanery is overseen by a Vice President. There were 39 diocesan members.

Organisation

All activities are grouped under **communities of interest**. Oversight and decision making is undertaken by the Trustees who meet at least 3 times a year, on Zoom. Written and verbal reports are usually shared with all members who are invited to Forum, where we worship and meet together.

We continue to circulate information by all means possible, via e mail and hard copy bulletins. We regularly update our website which is a valuable resource to our members.

Activities during the year

Underpinning all we do is **faith and spirituality**. All meetings start with prayer. Branches and Deaneries organize special services for such celebrations as Lady Day, Mary Sumner Day.

At our April Forum, we were joined by two members of the Chaplaincy Team at HMP Five Wells who spoke about their work there. Members wanted to know how they could support the team and the prisoners. We now have a very good working relationship, particularly with Imam Mohammed who is the Manager of Religious Affairs. May saw the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. A card was signed by many members at April Forum and was sent to Buckingham Palace. In June, a card was received from the King and Queen thanking us for our thoughtfulness.

We held a Quiet Day at St Mary's, Wollaston. This was led by Bishop Andrew Proud who is also a Diocesan Member. The day ended with worship that was led by our Chaplain, Revd. Deborah Marsh. Members left feeling refreshed.

Our worldwide role is reflected in a commitment to midday prayers. Members from one Deanery continue to pray, twice weekly, on Zoom. We are specially linked with Rumbeck in Sudan, Aba and Oyo in Nigeria, Soroti in Uganda and North East Caribbean and Aruba in the West Indies. The group also pray for those prisoners who have been bereaved at HMP Five Wells.

Social Policy focuses both worldwide and in this country on abuses of power in 1 in 3 relationships and families.

We join with the United Nations as part of their 16 days of activism against Gender based Violence. A new campaign was also launched called 'RISE UP'. 'RISE UP' is an acronym for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. In addition to reflective services in various churches across the diocese, we held an event at St. John's, Peterborough. We gathered in a car park near the shopping centre and walked behind an MU banner to the Church which is located opposite the Cathedral gates. Materials, highlighting domestic abuse and our commitment to stopping 1 in 3 women being abused during their life, were handed out along the way as well as purple doves and hearts that had been made by members. Following a warm welcome along with a hot drink and cake, a reflective service was led by Revd. Michelle Dalliston. We also reserved space for an empty red chair as part of the Red Chair Project which involves reserving an empty chair in a public place, with a sign that highlights facts about domestic violence. The empty chair acts as a powerful symbol of the many women who've been killed through gender-based violence.

Faith in action is demonstrated in a number of ways.

As a diocese we continue to provide AFIA (Away From It All) holidays. Following the resignation of the Frances Lunch Club co-ordinator, in December 2022, the lunch club went into abeyance. It reformed in February 2023 and now provides food bags to cover the school holidays, to the value of £15.

We continue to support the Daylight centre in Wellingborough.

Christmas cards are sent to prisoners at HMP Peterborough and includes gifts of chocolates.

Members knit and sew. Some of these items go to our local hospitals while others go further afield to Africa and

Eastern Europe.

1.1

Communication about what we do is vital. Our Diocesan magazine, 'Communicate', is produced twice a year to publicise our work as well as a quarterly Bulletin (if it fits in the timescale of Communicate, if not then it is 3 times). Our Peterborough website is also a fantastic resource and is continually being updated with news.

Governance

In response to the national charities' new constitution we have worked on a revised constitution. This was agreed by the Trustees and members and sent to Mary Sumner House.

We adhere to Mothers' Union safeguarding policies and procedures in the Diocese and have a nominated safeguarding officer. We continue to work hard keeping the MSH spreadsheet of our membership and ensured that the MSH (Mary Sumner House) data base is accurate.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the level of free reserves which are none designated and unrestricted funds held by the charity.

The trustees policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

At this level the trustees consider that in the short term they would have sufficient resources to be able to continue the current activities of the charity. It would be necessary in the long term to consider how funding would be replaced or activities changed.

Grant-making Policy

All grants are made to Mothers' Union projects only. £3,115 (2023) and £3,394(2022).

Investments selection policy

Money not required for immediate use is kept on deposit.

Review of major risks

Risk assessment is monitored by the Trustees on an ongoing basis for each activity. An annual review of these assessments is also undertaken, and trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure.

Funding

The trustees are satisfied that coupled with their intention to seek additional funds, the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

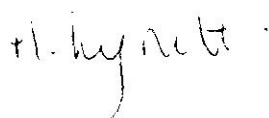
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain their financial position and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and regulations there under. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and its subsidiaries and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Mrs H Lynett
President



11.7.2023

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

2.

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

This report is on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under s. 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act ,

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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 the 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

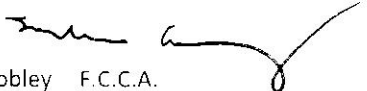
In connection with my examination, no matters has come to my attention :

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements 2.1

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act ; or

- to prepare accounts which accord with these 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.



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1. Basis of Preparation

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, and the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

1.3 Changes to accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are outlined in Note 2.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1 Reconciliation with previous generally accepted accounting practice.

There are no fund balances to be restated, or previous period income and expenditure to be restated.

2.2 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included when the general income recognition criteria are met. In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met.

Legacies

Legacies are included when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Tax reclaim on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value, the amount for which the asset could be exchanged, unless impractical to do so. The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value can be measured reliably. Those that are consumed immediately are recognised as an expense.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Letting Income

There is no rental income.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount received can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

3.1

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enable the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised. Grants with conditions are only recognised once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Taxation

By virtue of its charitable status, the Mothers' Union Diocese of Peterborough is not liable for corporation tax under section 505 (1) © of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

2.4 Assets

There are no tangible fixed assets

Stock and work in progress

Stock held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock. Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received

Current asset investments

Cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with a bank or building society.

2.5 Funds

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Charity.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total Funds 2023	Prior Year 2022
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies		29,981	3,982	33,963	36,948
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-
Investments		1	-	1	33
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	29,982	3,982	33,964	36,981
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds	6	2,254	-	2,254	903
Charitable activities	6	23,827	3,197	27,024	35,906
Management and administration	6	3,134	-	3,134	3,404
TOTAL		29,215	3,197	32,412	40,213
NET INCOME / (EXCESS EXPENDITURE) before investment gains		767	785	1,552	(3,232)
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
NET INCOME/(EXCESS EXPENDITURE)		767	785	1,552	(3,232)
Transfers		(1,065)	1,065	-	-
Other gains and (losses)		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(298)	1,850	1,552	(3,232)
Reconciliation of funds :					
Total funds brought forward		54,180	11,867	66,047	69,279
Total funds carried forward	27	53,882	13,717	67,599	66,047

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Total Funds 2023	Prior year 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock and Debtors	18/19	3,077	12,832	15,909	13,807
Cash at bank and in hand	24	66,565	885	67,450	65,271
Total current assets		69,642	13,717	83,359	79,078
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due within one year	20	(15,760)	-	(15,760)	(13,031)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		53,882	13,717	67,599	66,047
Total assets less current liabilities					
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	20	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	21	-	-	-	-
Total net assets		53,882	13,717	67,599	66,047
FUNDS of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	27	-	13,717	13,717	11,867
Unrestricted funds	27	53,882	-	53,882	54,180
Total funds		53,882	13,717	67,599	66,047

Signed Chair of the trustees on behalf of all the trustees :

Chairman

The notes on page 6 form part of
these financial statements

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Note1.The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity

Note 2.Income and Expenditure is wholly within the United Kingdom

Note3.Analysis of Income	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	Prior year 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies				
Donations and gifts	29,498	3,982	33,480	35,660
Gift aid	483	-	483	1,288
General grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>29,981</u>	<u>3,982</u>	<u>33,963</u>	<u>36,948</u>
Income from investments				
Deposit account interest received	1	-	1	33
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>33</u>
Transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>29,982</u>	<u>3,982</u>	<u>33,964</u>	<u>36,981</u>

Note 4 : Analysis of receipts of government grants

The charity has received no government grants

The charity has received employment allowance

Note 5 : Donated goods, facilities and services

The charity received the contribution of unpaid volunteers

The charity received donated goods for the Daylight Centre, Food bank, Women's Refuge and Baby basics, Prison Work, which it passed on to the relevant charities

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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Note 6 : Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds				
Fundraising costs	2,254	-	2,254	903
Charitable activities				
Diocesan subscriptions	12,348	-	12,348	13,540
Magazine and printing	475	-	475	331
Funds sent to Mothers' Union	3,115	-	3,115	3,394
Literature department expenses	2,047	-	2,047	1,383
Travel and Overseas visits	218	-	218	202
Away from it all holidays	-	2,080	2,080	4,080
Frances Project	-	1,117	1,117	1,767
Action and Outreach	1,372	-	1,372	2,234
Quiet Day and Retreat Expenses	1,515	-	1,515	5,191
Training and Conference expenses	429	-	429	1,263
Speakers expenses	449	-	449	597
Branch and Deanery meetings	1,859	-	1,859	1,924
	23,827	3,197	27,024	35,906
Charity management and administration				
Insurance and Hire of Rooms	683	-	683	604
Office costs, bank charges, printing and stationery	1,081	-	1,081	1,286
Professional fees	1,370	-	1,370	1,514
	3,134	-	3,134	3,404
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	29,215	3,197	32,412	40,213

Note 7 : Extraordinary items: 2023:None(2022:None)

Note 8: Funds received as agent

The charity did not administer funds of another entity

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	General Support	Governance function	Total
Note 9: Support and Governance Costs			
	£	£	£
Independent Examiners Fee	-	960	960
General office	1,631	543	2,174

Note 10: Details of certain items of expenditure

Independent examiner's fees £960 (2022:£950)

Note 11: Paid employees

11.1 Staff costs - There were no employees in the year	2023	2022
Employees earning £10-£60,000	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>
Employees earning over £60,000	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>
11.2 Average head count in the year		
Trustees are detailed on the charity information sheet	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others
(excluding trustees)

There were no ex-gratia payments in the year

11.4 Redundancy payments

There were no redundancy payments in the year

Note 12 : Defined contribution pension scheme

Contributions in the year £nil (2022:£nil)

Note 13 : Grant making	Grants to Mothers' Union	Grants to individuals	Total
	£	£	£
Funds sent to Mothers' Union:	<u>3,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,115</u>

Note 14 : Tangible fixed assets

	TOTAL	Non-Depreciating	Depreciating
There are no fixed assets	£-	£-	£-

There are no contractual commitments at the year end

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Note 15: : Intangible assets

There were no intangible assets

Note 16 : Heritage assets

There were no heritage assets

Note 17: Investment assets (see Note 24)

Deposit Accounts only

Note 18 : Stocks

MUE card and stationery stock held at the year end £ 562
(2022: £757)

Note : 19 Debtors and Prepayments	2023	2022
19.1 Analysis of debtors	£	£
Debtors	2,015	1,940
Prepayments	500	417
	<u>2,515</u>	<u>2,357</u>
19.2 Amounts recoverable in more than one year	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

Note 20: Creditors and accruals	2023	2022
20.1 Analysis of creditors	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	14,380	11,831
Subscriptions	420	250
Accruals and deferred income	<u>960</u>	<u>950</u>
	<u>15,760</u>	<u>13,031</u>
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>Nil</u>	<u>nil</u>
20.2 Deferred income		
There was no deferred income	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

Note 21: Provisions for liabilities and charges

There were no provisions at the year end

Note 22: Loans and assets pledged as security

There were no loans or assets pledged at 31.12.23

Note 23: Contingent liabilities or assets

There are no contingent liabilities or assets

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
Note 24 : Cash at bank and in hand	£	£
Santander	54,045	50,940
Lloyds Bank	5,653	5,446
Branch current accounts	5,044	4,672
Deanery current accounts	710	623
Cash in hand	1,998	3,590
	<u>67,450</u>	<u>65,271</u>

Note 25: Fair value of assets and liabilities

The charity's exposure to credit risk is low

Note 26 : Events after the end of the reporting period

The wider issues from the impact of Covid 19 pandemic and the Cost of Living crisis are anticipated to affect the whole of the Mothers' Union movement.

Note 27 : Charity Funds

Analysis of net assets by fund	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	2023
Current Assets	69,642	13,717	83,359
Current Liabilities	(15,760)	(-)	(15,760)
	<u>£ 53,882</u>	<u>£13,717</u>	<u>£67,599</u>

Note 28 : Transactions with trustees and related parties

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustees received remuneration or benefits (2022: None)

28.2 Trustee expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (2022:none)

28.3 Transactions with related parties

The aggregate value of unconditional donations made by trustees to the charity was £300 (2022:£600)

29 Additional disclosures

The Frances Project is classified as a restricted fund in the year.

The 'Away from it all' holidays is classified as a restricted fund in the year.

