

MOTHERS' UNION BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE

England & Wales · Charity number 1065815

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-11-14

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE IT'S WIDER UNDERSTANDING(2) TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH(3) TO MAINTAIN A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS, UNITED IN PRAYER, WORSHIP AND SERVICE(4) TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS IN SOCIETY FAVOURABLE TO STABLE FAMILY LIFE AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN(5) TO HELP THOSE WHOSE FAMILY LIFE HAS MET WITH ADVERSITY

Activities: Mothers Union, Birmingham Diocese, is part of a worldwide Christian organisation specifically committed to strengthening and preserving family life and marriage through prayer and practical action. We are particularly concerned with the care and protection of children and support of those whose family life has met with adversity.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£34,564	£35,294	-	-
2023-12-31	£41,455	£39,827	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,536	£31,130	-	-
2021-12-31	£33,333	£25,567	-	-
2020-12-31	£29,856	£32,044	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alice Machiridza		2025-01-01
Diana Esther Murungu		2021-10-23
Elaine Hilary Diskin		2020-03-07
Elaine Clements		2025-01-01
Louise Margaret Richmond		2025-01-01
Peter Francis Johnson		2019-01-01
Rowena Mary Nicholls		2013-09-23
VALERIE TIMMINS		2021-01-01

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Annual Report for Year ended 31st December 2024

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Trustees: Mrs Deirdre Moll (President) Mrs Rowena Nicholls (Vice President), Mr Peter Johnson (Treasurer), The Revd Colleen Shekerie (until March 2024) Mrs Val Timmins, Mrs Elaine Diskin, Revd Canon Martin Stephenson (Chaplain), Mrs Diana Murungu, Mrs Linda Nugent, Mrs Sandra Jongwe (until September 2024)

Patron and member: The Right Reverend Dr Michael Volland, Bishop of Birmingham became our patron in March 2024 after his installation as Diocesan Bishop.

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Elections were held during the second half of the year for the positions of Diocesan President and for Trustees. These were for the triennium beginning in January 2025 and duly followed the process as laid down in the Constitution and Regulations of the charity. Rowena Nicholls was elected as the Diocesan President for the triennium 2025-2027.

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Prison work. The Mothers Union works in both Birmingham and Swinfen Hall prisons with the charity PACT providing toys for visiting children and cards for visitors at Christmas. Cards are also provided for distribution by Chaplaincy to inmates. We also provide chocolate for prisoners attending Christmas services. Parenting courses were also run at Swinfen prison.

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Souls of our Shoes. This is an exhibition of a collection of shoes with accompanying quotes to speak on behalf of victims of Domestic Violence. It was held at several locations during the year with the first being at St Martin's in the Bullring. Over 2,800 people visited the church during the week the exhibition was held.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by Rowena Nicholls, Chair and Diocesan President.

Rowena Nicholls

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Date 18/10/2025.....

Rowena Nicholls
Diocesan President
Mothers' Union Birmingham

THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Registered Charity No. 1065815)

Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Receipts and Payments Account - General Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
From voluntary sources:		
Subscriptions from members	13,306.00	14,094.00
Donations	4,935.27	9,135.89
Diocesan Events & Activities	506.49	325.89
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,670.22	1,849.34
Fund raising events - branches	7,527.22	8,565.04
- diocese	280.00	806.50
Branch Outings and Visits	0.00	866.50
Sundry Receipts	0.00	27.00
From assets		
Bank and other Interest	889.41	836.20
From charitable trading		
Sale of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,879.81	4,269.68
Turnover Related Grant from MU enterprises Ltd	569.17	678.50
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>34,563.59</u>	<u>41,454.54</u>

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Members' Subscriptions paid to MSH	10,580.00	10,290.00
Branch projects	2,179.07	3,141.02
Diocesan Events & Activities	1,675.64	915.51
Purchase of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,195.95	4,448.52
Donations to other charities	865.00	600.00
	<u>19,495.66</u>	<u>19,395.05</u>
Other Expenditure:		
Secretarial Costs	4,764.84	4,118.40
Administration Expenses	1,114.96	534.64
Diocesan Rent	1,125.00	1,125.00
Conferences & Travel	374.70	176.55
Insurance	449.50	449.50
Branch rent and room hire	1,779.33	1,197.00
Branch running costs	1,224.05	1,258.28
Fund raising costs:- Branches	463.92	894.93
- Diocese	0.00	236.37
Branch Outings & Visits	0.00	981.00
Sundry Payments		-
	<u>11,296.30</u>	<u>10,971.67</u>
Transfers from Branches' General Funds to Other Funds:		
Overseas	531.64	708.21
Relief	200.00	100.00
Literacy & Financial Education Programme	663.51	654.28
MSH Appeals	227.00	407.70
Away-From-It-All (AFIA)	2,880.25	5,690.56
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund to AFIA	0.00	1,900.00
	<u>4,502.40</u>	<u>9,460.75</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>35,294.36</u>	<u>39,827.47</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>(730.77)</u>	<u>1,627.07</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.24</u>	<u>33,737.46</u>	<u>32,110.39</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.24</u>	<u>33,006.69</u>	<u>33,737.46</u>

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	1,457.01	1,548.76
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	162.23	191.04
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	531.64	708.21
Timing Difference: Hamstead 2023	70.00	80.00
Timing Difference Hamstead 2024	(100.00)	(70.00)
Timing Difference Yardley Wood (2024)	(25.00)	0.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2,095.88</u>	<u>2,458.01</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	2,095.88	2,488.01
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2,095.88</u>	<u>2,488.01</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(30.00)</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	0.00	5.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	200.00	100.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	200.00	75.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(30.00)</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	21.00	0.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	65.26	0.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	663.51	654.28
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>749.77</u>	<u>654.28</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	749.77	654.28
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>749.77</u>	<u>654.28</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

5. Receipts and Payments Account - Other MSH Funds

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	148.00	304.30
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	227.00	407.70
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>375.00</u>	<u>712.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally		
by Diocese	375.00	680.00
by branches	0.00	32.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>375.00</u>	<u>712.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>6. Receipts and Payments Account - Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations: PCCs	327.50	1,442.14
Individuals	660.00	2,251.00
Other	0.00	109.70
Members' Donations & Fund Raising Events	289.70	300.30
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	189.75	737.75
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	2,880.25	5,690.56
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund	0.00	1,900.00
Timing Difference: Hamstead 2022	0.00	65.00
Timing Difference : Hamstead 2023	60.00	(60.00)
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>4,407.20</u>	<u>12,436.45</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Assisted holidays and trips	6,088.50	8,848.84
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>6,088.50</u>	<u>8,848.84</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>(1,681.30)</u>	<u>3,587.61</u>
Balance on hand 01.01.24	<u>6,986.78</u>	<u>3,399.17</u>
Balance on hand 31.12.24	<u>5,305.48</u>	<u>6,986.78</u>

7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

MONETARY ASSETS

Bank and cash balances

	Diocese	Branches	Total
	£	£	£
<u>General Funds 31.12.24</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	18,338.63	13,432.42	31,771.05
Cash in hand	0.00	1,235.64	1,235.64
	18,338.63	14,668.06	33,006.69

General Funds 31.12.23

Bank & Building Society Accounts	19,114.92	13,650.05	32,764.97
Cash in hand	0.00	972.49	972.49
	19,114.92	14,622.54	33,737.46

The Diocesan Bank Accounts are earmarked for use as follows

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Visit to Link Dioceses Fund	703.01	703.01
Patricia Law Bequest Fund	273.38	1,457.80
General Purposes	17,362.24	16,954.11
	18,338.63	19,114.92
Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)	5,305.48	6,986.78

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS

MU enterprises Ltd

Stock of goods for sale	788.73	1,036.38
Cash in hand from sale of goods	85.76	610.02
Sundry Debtors from sale of goods	414.55	113.55
	1,289.04	1,759.95

OTHER ASSETS

The charity possesses no other assets of material value.

LIABILITIES

The charity had no material liabilities as at 31.12.24

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39 Four Oaks Road
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25th August 2025

To The Trustees of the Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

Dear Trustees

**Independent Examination of the Consolidated Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2024**

Following my reappointment as Independent Examiner, I have completed my work on the consolidated accounts of the Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

As stated in my report, I am satisfied that adequate accounting records have been kept and that the accounts have been correctly drawn up from the records in all material respects.

I have identified a few minor points which I have discussed with the Treasurer.

Yours faithfully



Rosamund J Douglas

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Birmingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Rosamund J Douglas
39 Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield

August 2025

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Date 14th September 2024

Deirdre Moll
Diocesan President
Mothers' Union Birmingham

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<u>Receipts</u>		
From voluntary sources:		
Subscriptions from members	14,094.00	13,583.00
Donations	9,135.89	4,918.82
Unit & Diocesan Activities	325.89	361.50
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,849.34	1,506.32
Fund raising events - branches	8,565.04	7,143.49
- diocese	806.50	562.50
Branch Outings and Visits	866.50	-
Sundry Receipts	27.00	206.00
From assets		
Bank and other Interest	836.20	202.75
From charitable trading		
Sale of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,269.68	4,462.03
Turnover Related Grant from MU enterprises Ltd	678.50	589.79
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>41,454.54</u>	<u>33,536.20</u>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Members' Subscriptions paid to MSH	10,290.00	10,040.00
Branch projects	3,141.02	1,215.09
Unit & Diocesan activities	915.51	1,236.42
Purchase of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,448.52	4,584.55
Donations to other charities	600.00	620.00
	<u>19,395.05</u>	<u>17,696.06</u>
Other Expenditure:		
Secretarial Costs	4,118.40	4,123.20
Administration Expenses	534.64	358.13
Diocesan rent and room hire	1,125.00	1,500.00
Conferences & Travel	176.55	140.80
Insurance	449.50	0.00
Branch rent and room hire	1,197.00	1,533.00
Branch running costs	1,258.28	1,115.96
Fund raising costs:- Branches	894.93	362.95
- Diocese	236.37	-
Branch Outings & Visits	981.00	200.00
Sundry Payments	-	200.00
Other Expenditure:	-	222.81
	<u>10,971.67</u>	<u>9,756.85</u>
Transfers from Branches' General Funds to Other Funds:		
Overseas	708.21	88.58
Relief	100.00	50.00
Literacy & Financial Education Programme	654.28	130.00
MSH Appeals	407.70	99.00
Away-From-It-All (AFIA)	5,690.56	3,309.13
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund to AFIA	1,900.00	-
	<u>9,460.75</u>	<u>3,676.71</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>39,827.47</u>	<u>31,129.62</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>1,627.07</u>	<u>2,406.58</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.23</u>	<u>32,110.39</u>	<u>29,703.81</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.23</u>	<u>33,737.46</u>	<u>32,110.39</u>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	1,548.76	1,958.64
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	191.04	301.02
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	708.21	88.58
Timing Difference: Hamstead 2022	80.00	(80.00)
Timing Difference Hamstead 2023	(70.00)	-
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2,458.01</u>	<u>2,268.24</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	2,488.01	2,238.59
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2,488.01</u>	<u>2,238.59</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>(30.00)</u>	<u>29.65</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.23</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>0.35</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30.00</u>

3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund

Receipts

Donations & Fund Raising Events	-	-
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	5.00	-
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	100.00	50.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>105.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>

Payments

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	75.00	80.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>

NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR **30.00** **(30.00)**

Balance on hand 01.01.23 **(30.00)** **-**

Balance on hand 31.12.23 **-** **(30.00)**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	-	-
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	-
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	654.28	130.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>654.28</u>	<u>130.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	654.28	130.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>654.28</u>	<u>130.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Receipts and Payments Account - Other MSH Funds

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	304.30	327.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	407.70	99.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>712.00</u>	<u>426.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally		
by Diocese	680.00	195.00
by branches	32.00	231.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>712.00</u>	<u>426.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>6. Receipts and Payments Account - Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations: PCCs	1,442.14	150.00
Individuals	2,251.00	915.00
Other	109.70	-
Members' Donations & Fund Raising Events	300.30	53.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	737.75	172.50
Grant from Mary Sumner House	-	1,000.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	5,690.56	3,309.13
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund	1,900.00	-
Timing Difference: Hamstead 2021	-	200.00
Timing Difference: Hamstead 2022	65.00	(65.00)
Timing Difference : Hamstead 2023	(60.00)	-
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>12,436.45</u>	<u>5,734.63</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Assisted holidays and trips	8,848.84	5,479.43
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>8,848.84</u>	<u>5,479.43</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>3,587.61</u>	<u>255.20</u>
Balance on hand 01.01.23	<u>3,399.17</u>	<u>3,143.97</u>
Balance on hand 31.12.23	<u>6,986.78</u>	<u>3,399.17</u>

7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

MONETARY ASSETS

Bank and cash balances

	Diocese	Branches	Total
	£	£	£
<u>General Funds 31.12.23</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	19,114.92	13,650.05	32,764.97
Cash in hand	-	972.49	972.49
<u>Total Bank and cash</u>	<u>19,114.92</u>	<u>14,622.54</u>	<u>33,737.46</u>

General Funds 31.12.22

Bank & Building Society Accounts	19,441.67	12,148.02	31,589.69
Cash in hand	-	520.70	520.70
	<u>19,441.67</u>	<u>12,668.72</u>	<u>32,110.39</u>
Overseas Fund 31.12.22	30.00	-	30.00
Relief Fund 31.12.22	(30.00)	-	(30.00)
<u>Total Bank and cash</u>	<u>19,441.67</u>	<u>12,668.72</u>	<u>32,110.39</u>

The Diocesan Bank Accounts are earmarked for use as follows

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Visit to Link Dioceses Fund	703.01	703.01
Patricia Law Bequest Fund	1,457.80	2,345.00
General Purposes	16,954.11	16,393.66
Overseas Fund 31.12.22	-	30.00
Relief Fund 31.12.22	-	(30.00)
	<u>19,114.92</u>	<u>19,441.67</u>
Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)	<u>6,986.78</u>	<u>3,399.17</u>

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS

MU Enterprises Ltd

Stock of goods for resale	1,036.38	1,149.29
Cash in hand from sale of goods	610.02	681.07
Sundry Debtors from sale of goods	113.55	0.00
	<u>1,759.95</u>	<u>1,830.36</u>

OTHER ASSETS

The charity possesses no other assets of material value.

LIABILITIES

The charity had no material liabilities as at 31.12.23

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**The Shottery
39 Four Oaks Road
Sutton Coldfield
West Midlands B74 2XU**

4th September 2024

To The Trustees of the Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

Dear Trustees

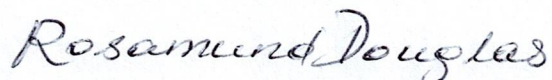
**Independent Examination of the Consolidated Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2023**

Following my reappointment as Independent Examiner, I have completed my work on the consolidated accounts of the Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

As stated in my report, I am satisfied that adequate accounting records have been kept and that the accounts have been correctly drawn up from the records in all material respects.

I have identified a few minor points which I have discussed with the Treasurer.

Yours faithfully



Rosamund J Douglas

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Birmingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

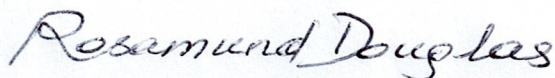
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Rosamund J Douglas
39 Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield

September 2024

MOTHERS' UNION BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE

England & Wales - Charity number 1065815

Accounts



Mothers Union Diocese of Birmingham

Registered Charity: 1065815

Annual Report for Year ended 31st December 2022

MU Diocesan Office
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The Citadel
Birmingham
Tel 0121 643 0938

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Bankers
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West Maling, Kent
ME19 4JQ

CBF Church of England Funds
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London
EC2V 6DZ

Trustees: Mrs Deirdre Moll (President) Mrs Rowena Nicholls (Vice President), Mr Peter Johnson (Treasurer), The Revd Canon Martin Stephenson (Chaplain), Mrs Elaine Diskin, Mrs Diana Murungu, Mrs Anne Pycock (resigned 30th April 2022), The Revd Colleen Shekerie, Mrs Val Timmins

Patron and member: The Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Revd David Urquhart until retirement in October 2022

Chaplain The Revd Canon Martin Stephenson

Mothers' Union is an international Christian membership charity of over four million members living in over eighty-three countries whose vision is to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.

The Aim and purpose of Mothers' Union is to demonstrate Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of families in their many forms.

The Objectives are:

- Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship, and service.

- Promoting conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- Helping those whose family life has met with adversity.
- Promoting and supporting marriage
- Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children.

Mothers' Union, Birmingham has worked to fulfil the Aim and Objectives of the charity by supporting both local projects and the worldwide work through the central global charity Mothers' Union based at Mary Sumner House, London

The Trustees submit their report and financial statements for the Mothers' Union - Birmingham Diocese, for the year ended 31st December 2022. These will be presented to the Members' Meeting on October 21st, 2023.

The Board of Trustees met five times during the year. Three meetings were held virtually by Zoom and two in person in the Diocesan Offices.

There were two Members' Meeting in the year, in March and October. One was held in Sutton Coldfield in the north of the diocese and the second in Northfield in the south. These meetings are open to all members and the locations are chosen to encourage attendance by as many as possible.

The charity is dependent on its members for funding and is staffed by volunteers and one part-time salaried secretary. An annual subscription is levied on members to cover subscriptions to Central Mothers' Union, Birmingham's administrative expenses and to provide funding for Projects and other expenses incurred by the charity in fulfilling its objectives. In 2022 the subscription was £27: £20 being the central charity levy and £7.00 retained by the diocese.

There were 502 members at the end of the year, the majority in active branches attached to parish churches but also including 24 Diocesan members who have no formal attachment to any branch. Some twenty of the members are housebound but remain linked to a branch and are known as Indoor Members. Discussions continue as to how best to promote membership as branches face challenges in finding volunteers to take on some of the necessary administration. Two branches changed into informal Friendship groups with members becoming diocesan members and the branch no longer holding a bank account.

In 2022, the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic began to lessen as members became more comfortable with meeting in groups. Branches generally resumed their pre pandemic pattern with a programme of regular meetings and project work.

The charitable activities were administered through three areas of governance.

- Action & Outreach
- Faith & Policy
- Finance & Administration

Action & Outreach Group

This Group is responsible for the projects in the Diocese and for communicating information about the work overseas. Projects include:

AFIA - Away from It All . This a project that funds holidays for those in great need. In 2022 seven holidays for individual families were arranged and AFIA also part funded the costs of two groups on days out as well as helping two children with funding for school trips The total cost was £5479.

Prison work. The work in the prisons continued. In HMP Birmingham Mothers' Union works closely with Halow, a charity which supervises the Visits Centre, and supplied toys for prisoners' families and cards at Christmas time. Similar provision was made for those in Swinfen Prison.

Women's Aid. Donations of household goods, clothing, baby items and toiletries continued to be made to families affected by domestic violence through our association with Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid.

Craft work Knit and Natter groups exist in many branches which support the production of goods such as premature baby items for local hospitals whilst also providing an opportunity for a social gathering easily inclusive of others who may be lonely or vulnerable. Twiddle muffs and Fiddle pinnies were also made for use by dementia patients in their own homes or in care homes.

Faith & Policy Group

The work of this group is centred on providing opportunities for worship and to raise awareness of social justice issues . In January, MU Birmingham took its part in maintaining the continuous worldwide Wave of Prayer.

The Annual Diocesan Festival Service was held in the Cathedral in April 2022

In June, a very well attended Quiet day was held at Temple Balsall.

The Worldwide Group which is a subcommittee of the Faith and Policy Group, has put much effort into nurturing relationships with our links in Bukedi, (Uganda), Enugu, (Nigeria), The Seychelles (Indian Ocean), Marathwada, (Northern India) and the four dioceses in Malawi. Support was also given to supplying items for the container of goods which is sent annually to Malawi through the Church of England Birmingham Diocesan link.

Finance & Administration Group

Regular meetings were held to insure good governance and proper financial management. A financial statement is given to every routine meeting of the Trustees.

Additional Income is obtained from the sale of cards and goods through Mothers' Union Enterprises, which is based at Mary Sumner House in London. Gift aid is also collected on subscriptions and donations where possible.

The data base continues to be updated regularly.

There were no safeguarding issues reported in 2022. There were no reported breaches of GDPR in 2022. They both remain as standing items on the agenda at Trustee meetings.

Branches are required to comply with Diocesan Child Protection and Safeguarding guidelines These were updated and sent out to all branches who

are required to confirm that they have been implemented. Records of this are kept in the Mothers' Union Office.

In November 2022, it was agreed by the trustees that the Action and Outreach Group should be brought into the Finance and Administration Group. This enlarged group was renamed the Finance, Administration and Project Group.

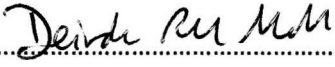
Our Birmingham Mothers' Union Facebook and Twitter feed are proving effective ways to spread news and highlight coming events. A bi-monthly e-newsletter was sent directly to members who have email, with branch leaders being asked to distribute hard copies to those without email.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated with various cream teas and were both good social occasions but also successful in raising funds. Apart from supporting the diocesan needs we were able to send a donation of £2924 to Mary Sumner House for international and other projects.

The consolidated accounts for 2022 have been completed and have been independently Examined by Rosamund Douglas ACA

We have pleasure in commending this report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by Deirdre Moll, Chairman and Diocesan President.


..... Date16th September 2023
Deirdre Moll
Diocesan President
Mothers' Union Birmingham

THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Registered Charity No. 1065815)

Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Receipts and Payments Account - General Fund

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
From voluntary sources:		
Subscriptions from members	13,583.00	16,100.00
Donations	4,918.82	3,076.86
Unit & Diocesan Activities	361.50	30.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,506.32	1,503.83
Fund raising events - branches	7,143.49	4,283.57
- diocese	562.50	-
Branch Outings and Visits	-	-
Legacy received		3,000.00
Sundry Receipts	206.00	81.00
Other Charities		65.00
From assets		
Bank and other Interest	202.75	4.55
From charitable trading		
Sales of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,462.03	4,630.27
Turnover Related Grant from MU enterprises Ltd.	589.79	558.83
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>33,536.20</u>	<u>33,333.91</u>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Members' Subscriptions paid to MSH	10,040.00	11,020.00
Branch projects	1,215.09	1,181.62
Unit & Diocesan activities	1,236.42	158.31
Purchase of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,584.55	3,991.80
Donations to other charities	620.00	287.00
	<u>17,696.06</u>	<u>16,638.73</u>
Other Expenditure:		
Secretarial Costs	4,123.20	3,302.17
Stationery, postages and telephone	358.13	615.52
Diocesan rent and room hire	1,500.00	1,500.00
Travel, accommodation and conferences	140.80	631.75
Insurance		449.50
Branch rent and room hire	1,533.00	292.00
Branch running costs	1,115.96	464.86
Fund raising costs:- Branches	362.95	314.00
- Diocese	-	-
Branch Outings & Visits	200.00	-
Sundry Payments	200.00	237.44
Other Expenditure:	222.81	-
	<u>9,756.85</u>	<u>7,807.24</u>
Transfers from Branches' General Funds to Other Funds:		
Overseas	88.58	340.91
Relief	50.00	130.00
Literacy & Financial Education Programme	130.00	
MSH Appeals	99.00	
Away-From-It-All (AFIA)	3,309.13	500.00
Transfer from Mums in Brum to AFIA	-	150.43
	<u>3,676.71</u>	<u>1,121.34</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>31,129.62</u>	<u>25,567.31</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>2,406.58</u>	<u>7,766.60</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.22</u>	<u>29,703.81</u>	<u>21,937.21</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.22</u>	<u>32,110.39</u>	<u>29,703.81</u>

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
<u>2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations		
Fund raising events	1,958.64	2,586.73
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	301.02	336.03
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	88.58	340.91
Timing Difference: Hamstead	(80.00)	
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2,268.24</u>	<u>3,263.67</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	2,238.59	3,263.32
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2,238.59</u>	<u>3,263.32</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>		
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.22</u>	<u>0.35</u>	
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.22</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>0.35</u>

3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations		
Fund raising events		40.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	50.00	130.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	80.00	170.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>80.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>		
Amount owed by Mary Sumner House	<u>30.00</u>	

4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events		
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	5.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	130.00	-
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>130.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	130.00	5.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>130.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>		

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>5. Receipts and Payments Account - MSH 2020 Emergency Appeal</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events		50.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund		
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>50.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally		50.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>50.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>		

6. Receipts and Payments Account - Other MSH Funds

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	327.00	
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	99.00	
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>426.00</u>	
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally		
by Diocese	195.00	
by branches	231.00	
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>426.00</u>	
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>		

7. Receipts and Payments Account - Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations: PCCs	150.00	
Individuals	915.00	300.00
Members' Donations & Fund Raising Events	53.00	455.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	172.50	87.50
Grant from Mary Sumner House	1,000.00	
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	3,309.13	500.00
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund		150.43
Timing Difference: Hamstead 2021	200.00	(200.00)
Timing Difference: Hamstead 2022	(65.00)	
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>5,734.63</u>	<u>1,292.93</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Assisted holidays and trips	5,479.43	4,829.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>5,479.43</u>	<u>4,829.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>255.20</u>	<u>(3,536.07)</u>
Balance on hand 01.01.22	<u>3,143.97</u>	<u>6,680.04</u>
Balance on hand 31.12.22	<u>3,399.17</u>	<u>3,143.97</u>

8. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022**MONETARY ASSETS****Bank and cash balances**

	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<u>General Funds 31.12.22</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	19,441.67	12,148.02	31,589.69
Cash in hand		520.70	520.70
	19,441.67	12,668.72	32,110.39
Overseas Fund 31.12.22	30.00		30.00
Relief Fund 31.12.22	(30.00)		(30.00)
<u>Total Bank and cash</u>	19,441.67	12,668.72	32,110.39

	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<u>General Funds 31.12.21</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	17,767.96	11,261.20	29,029.16
Cash in hand		674.65	674.65
	17,767.96	11,935.85	29,703.81
<u>Overseas Fund 31.12.21</u>	0.35		0.35
<u>Total Bank and cash</u>	17,768.31	11,935.85	29,704.16

The Diocesan Bank Accounts are earmarked for use as follows

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Visit to Link Dioceses Fund	703.01	703.01
Visit to Diocesan Clergy Conference		200.00
Patricia Law Bequest Fund	2,345.00	2,650.00
General Purposes	16,393.66	14,214.95
Overseas Fund 31.12.22	30.00	0.35
Relief Fund 31.12.22	(30.00)	
	19,441.67	17,768.31
Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)	3,399.17	3,143.97

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS**MU Enterprises Ltd**

Stock of goods for resale	1,149.29	1,164.65
Cash in hand from sale of goods	681.07	400.19
Sundry Debtors from sale of goods		
	1,830.36	1,564.84

OTHER ASSETS

The charity possesses no other assets of material value.

LIABILITIES

The charity had no material liabilities as at 31.12.22

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**The Shottery
39 Four Oaks Road
Sutton Coldfield
West Midlands B74 2XU**

5th September 2023

To The Trustees of the Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

Dear Trustees

**Independent Examination of the Consolidated Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2022**

Following my reappointment as Independent Examiner, I have completed my work on the consolidated accounts of the Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

As stated in my report, I am satisfied that adequate accounting records have been kept and that the accounts have been correctly drawn up from the records in all material respects.

I have identified a few minor points which I have discussed with the Treasurer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosamund Douglas".

Rosamund J Douglas

MOTHERS' UNION BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE

England & Wales - Charity number 1065815

Accounts



Mothers Union Diocese of Birmingham

Registered Charity: 1065815

Annual Report for Year ended 31st December 2021

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Mothers' Union, Birmingham has worked to fulfil the Aim and Objectives of the charity by supporting both local projects and the worldwide work. The charity works closely with the global charity at Mary Sumner House, London

The Trustees submit their report and financial statements for the Mothers' Union - Birmingham Diocese, for the year ended 31st December 2021. This will be presented to the Members' Meeting on October 22nd 2022.

The Board of Trustees met seven times during the year. The first six meetings were held virtually by Zoom following the limitations on meetings imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic. The seventh was in person in the Diocesan offices in Colmore Row.

There were three Members' Meeting in the year. In March and July, they were held virtually by Zoom and in October in person. These are open to all members.

The charity is dependent on its members for funding and is staffed by volunteers and one part-time salaried secretary. An annual subscription is levied on members to cover subscriptions to Central Mothers' Union, Birmingham's administrative expenses and to provide funding for Projects and other expenses incurred by the charity in fulfilling its objectives. In 2021 the subscription was £29.50, £20 being the central charity levy and £9.50 retained by the diocese.

There were 551 members at the end of the year mostly in active branches attached to parish churches but also including 24 Diocesan members who have no formal attachment to any branch. Some twenty of the members are housebound but remain linked to a branch and are known as Indoor Members. Discussions continue as to how best to promote membership as branches face challenges in finding volunteers to take on some of the necessary administration

In 2021 the Covid 19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on everyone. Lockdowns and restrictions on movement and meeting with others remained in place intermittently. Some branch meetings began to cautiously resume in the autumn. Generally, branches remained active by providing pastoral support to their members and in their wider communities.

The charitable activities are administered through three areas of governance

- Action & Outreach
- Faith & Policy
- Finance & Administration

Action & Outreach Group

This Group is responsible for the projects in the Diocese and for communicating information about the work overseas. Projects include:

AFIA - Away from It All . This a project that funds holidays for those in great need. In 2021 six holidays for individual families were arranged and AFIA also part funded the costs of two coaches full of families for a day trip to the seaside. The total cost was £4829. This was almost double that of the year before and reflected the gradual return to normal following the restrictions of the pandemic.

Prison work. The work in the prisons continued. In HMP Birmingham Mothers' Union works closely with Halow, a charity which supervises the Visits Centre, and supplied toys for prisoners' families and cards at Christmas time. Similar provision was made for those in Swinfen Prison.

Women's Aid. Donations of household goods, clothing, baby items and toiletries continued to be made to families affected by domestic violence through our association with Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid.

Craft work Knit and Natter groups exist in many branches which support the production of goods such as premature baby items for local hospitals whilst also providing an opportunity for a social gathering easily inclusive of others who may be lonely or vulnerable. The groups began to meet again over the course of the year but individuals carried on through the pandemic and over 1000 items were received and distributed. Twiddle muffs and Fiddle pinnies were also made for use by dementia patients both in their own homes and in care homes.

Faith & Policy Group

The work of this group is centred on providing opportunities for worship and to raise awareness of social justice issues . In January, MU Birmingham took its part in maintaining the continuous worldwide Wave of Prayer. The Annual Diocesan Festival Service planned in the Cathedral in April 2021 was cancelled due to Covid.

In November, a Quiet day was held by Zoom. This proved a successful format and will be used as thought appropriate in the future.

The Worldwide Group which is a subcommittee of the Faith and Policy Group make efforts to nurture relationships with our links in Bukedi, (Uganda), Enugu, (Nigeria), The Seychelles (Indian Ocean), Marathwada, (Northern India) and the four dioceses in Malawi. They also assist in hospitality to overseas visitors and provide practical support for the container of goods which is sent annually to Malawi through the Church of England Birmingham Diocesan link.

Finance & Administration Group

Regular meetings were held to insure good governance and proper financial management. A financial statement is given to every routine meeting of the Trustees.

Additional Income is obtained from the sale of cards and goods through Mothers' Union Enterprises, which is based at Mary Sumner House in London. Gift aid is also collected on subscriptions and donations where possible. The data base continues to be updated regularly.

There were no safeguarding issues reported in 2021. There were no reported breaches of GDPR in 2021. They both remain as standing items on the agenda at trustee meetings.

Branches are required to comply with Diocesan Child Protection and Safeguarding guidelines. These were updated and sent out to all branches who are required to confirm that they have been implemented. Records of this are kept in the Mothers' Union Office.

Our Birmingham Mothers' Union Facebook and Twitter feed are proving effective ways to spread news and highlight coming events. A bi-monthly e-newsletter was sent directly throughout the year to members who have email, as well as to branch officers who are asked to distribute it to those without email.

The pandemic inevitably had an effect on our branches both on their meetings but also on their ability to raise money for the various causes which we support. Nevertheless our income held up very well and included some fund raising efforts for which we are grateful. Overall income was higher than expected and, as expenditure was well controlled, we ended the year in a satisfactory financial position. This has enabled us to reduce the subscription levied on members in 2022. We were also able to send £3,438 to Mary Sumner House for international and other projects.

During the year we were very grateful to receive a legacy of £3,201 from the estate of Patricia Law a former very active member. This will be used at the discretion of the trustees to support the branches and for other purposes.

The consolidated accounts have been completed and audited by Rosamund Douglas

We have pleasure in commending this report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by Deirdre Moll, Chairman and Diocesan President.


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Date 17th September 2022

Deirdre Moll
Diocesan President
Mothers' Union Birmingham

THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Registered Charity No. 1065815)

Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Receipts and Payments Account - General Fund

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
From voluntary sources:		
Subscriptions from members	16,100.00	14,664.00
Donations	3,076.86	5,546.81
Unit & Diocesan Activities	88.31	-
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,503.83	1,863.32
Fund raising events - branches	4,283.57	3,710.19
- diocese	-	-
Branch Outings and Visits	-	-
Sundry Receipts	3,282.65	-
Other Charities	65.00	-
From assets		
Bank and other Interest	4.55	36.88
From charitable trading		
Sales of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,630.27	3,455.97
Turnover related grant from MU enterprises Ltd	558.83	578.59
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>33,417.25</u>	<u>29,855.76</u>

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Payments		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Members' Subscriptions paid to MSH	11,020.00	8,946.50
Branch projects	1,181.62	1,095.51
Unit & Diocesan activities	40.00	94.74
Purchase of MU enterprises Ltd goods	3,991.80	3,664.41
Donations to other charities	287.00	395.27
	<u>16,520.42</u>	<u>14,196.43</u>
Other Expenditure:		
Secretarial Costs	3,302.17	5,319.24
Stationery, postages and telephone	615.52	529.50
Diocesan rent and room hire	1,500.00	3,210.00
Travel, accommodation and conferences	631.75	406.00
Insurance	449.50	430.00
Branch rent and room hire	292.00	125.20
Branch running costs	464.86	477.84
Fund raising costs:- Branches	314.00	648.48
- Diocese	-	88.70
Branch Outings & Visits	-	-
Sundry Payments	237.44	59.83
	<u>7,807.24</u>	<u>11,294.79</u>
Transfers from Branches' General Funds to Other Funds:		
Overseas	340.91	532.50
Relief	130.00	43.70
Literacy & Financial Education Programme	-	30.00
MSH Emergency Appeal	-	2,016.50
Away-From-It-All (AFIA)	500.00	2,930.00
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund to other Funds		
MSH Emergency Appeal	-	1,000.00
Transfer from Mums-in-Brum Fund to AFIA	150.43	-
Transfer from Patricia Law Bequest Fund to Birmingham Fund	201.65	-
Amount owing to Overseas Fund	0.35	-
	<u>1,322.64</u>	<u>6,552.70</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>25,650.30</u>	<u>32,043.92</u>
NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>7,766.95</u>	<u>(2,188.16)</u>
Balance on hand 01.01.21	<u>21,937.21</u>	<u>24,125.37</u>
Balance on hand 31.12.21	<u>29,704.16</u>	<u>21,937.21</u>

2021 **2020**

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2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund

Receipts

Donations	0.00	74.16
Fund raising events	2,586.93	2,690.50
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	336.03	324.58
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	340.91	532.50
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>3,263.87</u>	<u>3,621.74</u>

Payments

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	3,263.32	3,671.74
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>3,263.32</u>	<u>3,671.74</u>

<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-50.00</u>
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<u>Balance on hand 01.01.21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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<u>Balance on hand 31.12.21</u>	<u>0.35</u>	<u>-</u>
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3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund

Receipts

Donations	-	9.30
Fund raising events	40.00	-
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	2.25
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	130.00	43.70
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>170.00</u>	<u>55.25</u>

Payments

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	170.00	55.25
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>170.00</u>	<u>55.25</u>

<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Donations & Fund Raising Events		20.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	5.00	-
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	-	30.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>

Payments

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	5.00	50.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>

<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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5. Receipts and Payments Account - MSH 2020 Emergency Appeal

Receipts

Donations & Fund Raising Events	50.00	2,813.50
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	0.00	682.50
Transfers from Branches' General Funds		2,016.50
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund	0.00	1,000.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>6,512.50</u>

Payments

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	50.00	6,512.50
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>6,512.50</u>

<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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6. Receipts and Payments Account - Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations: PCCs		550.00
Individuals	300.00	320.00
Members' Donations & Fund Raising Events	455.00	284.20
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	237.93	558.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	500.00	2,930.00
Timing Difference: Hamstead	-200.00	0.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1,292.93</u>	<u>4,642.20</u>

Payments

Assisted holidays and trips	4,829.00	2,207.93
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>4,829.00</u>	<u>2,207.93</u>

<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-3,536.07</u>	<u>2,434.27</u>
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Balance on hand 01.01.21	<u>6,680.04</u>	<u>4,245.77</u>
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Balance on hand 31.12.21	<u>3,143.97</u>	<u>6,680.04</u>
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7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2021

MONETARY ASSETS

Bank and cash balances

	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<u>General Funds 31.12.2021</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	17,768.31	674.65	18,442.96
Cash in hand	-	11,261.20	11,261.20
	17,768.31	11,935.85	29,704.16

	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<u>General Funds 31.12.2020</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	10,505.77	10,514.07	21,019.84
Cash in hand	-	917.37	917.37
	10,505.77	11,431.44	21,937.21

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General Purposes	14,215.30	9,102.33
	17,768.31	10,505.77
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OTHER MONETARY ASSETS

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Stock of goods for resale	909.85	1,469.42
Cash in hand from sale of goods	654.99	408.88
Sundry Debtors from sale of goods	0.00	82.00
	1,564.84	1,960.30
Invoices unpaid as at 31.12.21	-	297.20
	1,564.84	1,562.05

OTHER ASSETS

The charity possesses no other assets of material value.

LIABILITIES

The charity had no material liabilities as at 31.12.21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Birmingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Rosamund Douglas

Rosamund J Douglas
39 Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield

August 2022

MOTHERS' UNION BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE

England & Wales - Charity number 1065815

Accounts



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The Trustees submit their report and financial statements for the Mothers' Union - Birmingham Diocese, for the year ended 31st December 2020 and accepted at the meeting on 18th September 2021

The Board of Trustees met eight times during the year. The meetings in January and March were in person All others were held virtually by Zoom following the limitations on meetings imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic.

There was one Members' Meeting in the year. This was held virtually by Zoom, in October. The meeting was primarily worship followed by a short business meeting

The charity is dependent on its members for funding and is staffed by volunteers and one part-time salaried secretary. An annual subscription is levied on members to cover subscriptions to Central Mothers' Union, Birmingham's administrative expenses and Projects. In 2020 the subscription was £24.00 with £14.50 of that being the central charity levy

There were 617 members at the end of the year mostly in active branches attached to parish churches Some are Diocesan members who have no formal attachment to any branch. Some twenty of the members are housebound but remain linked to a branch and are known as Indoor members. Discussions continue as branches face challenges in finding volunteers to take on some of the necessary administration

In 2020 the Covid 19 pandemic had a significant impact on everyone. Lockdowns or restrictions on movement and meeting with others were imposed by the government. From the middle of March, no group activities took place for the rest of the year. All MU projects which involved meeting with others were unable to continue. No branch meetings took place in person. Generally, branches remained active by providing pastoral support for one another in their local communities.

The central charity was brought to the brink of collapse by the loss of income and an emergency appeal was made for £1 million . This was supported by MU Birmingham by a grant of £1000 from reserves and many branches and individual members from across the diocese made additional contributions. The central charity made radical cuts to its structures and reduced its staffing levels. and has been able to satisfy its auditors that it is a going concern. A balanced budget was agreed for 2021 which was based on increasing the subscription levy for each member to £20. A significant raise from the previous £14.

The charitable activities are grouped into four areas

- Action & Outreach
- Faith & Policy
- Fundraising & Communications
- Finance & Administration

Action & Outreach Group

This Group is responsible for the projects in the Diocese and for communicating information about the work overseas.

AFIA - Away from It All . This a project that funds holidays for those in great need. In 2020 four holidays were arranged at a total cost of £2208. This was a significant reduction from previous years and partly reflects the difficulty of identifying recipients and making arrangements at a time of lockdowns and travel restrictions.

The work in the two prisons was reduced to the minimum. In HMP Birmingham Mothers' Union works closely with Halow, a charity which supervises the Visits Centre, and supplied toys for prisoners' families and cards at Christmas time. Similar provision was made for those in Swinfen Prison.

Donations of household goods, clothing, baby items and toiletries continued to be made to families affected by domestic violence through our association with Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid. .

Knit and Natter groups exist in many branches which support the production of goods such as premature baby items for local hospitals whilst also providing an opportunity for a social gathering easily inclusive of others who may be lonely or vulnerable . The groups could not meet but individuals continued to knit and over 1140 items were received and distributed. Face masks were amongst new items made by members. Some were donated to those in need . Others were sold to raise funds for projects Twiddle muffs and Fiddle pinnies were also made for use by dementia patients both in their own homes and in care homes.

The Birmingham Children's Hospital project was put largely on hold as strict regulations were imposed which meant that only visitors with exceptional reasons were allowed to enter the hospital A small number of members were able to continue to help with the administration of sending cards of condolence to bereaved families

Faith & Policy Group

In January we took our annual part in the continuous worldwide Wave of Prayer. The Worldwide Group nurtures these links by keeping in touch as much as possible with our links in Bukedi, (Uganda), Enugu, (Nigeria), The Seychelles (Indian Ocean), Marathwada, (Northern India) and the four dioceses in Malawi. They also assist in hospitality to overseas visitors and provide practical support for the container of goods which is sent annually to Malawi through the Church of England Birmingham Diocesan link. In 2020 the container was cancelled, and the Lambeth Conference was postponed so there was no opportunity for assisting with any of the planned hospitality.

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Fundraising & Communications Group

The Diocesan magazine, 'Birmingham Link' was distributed twice a year to all members, also to other dioceses in this country and overseas. Both were distributed digitally.

Our Birmingham Mothers' Union Facebook and Twitter feed are proving effective ways to spread news and highlight coming events. A bi-monthly e-newsletter was sent directly to members who have email, as well as to branch officers.

The pandemic inevitably had an effect on our branches both on their meetings but also on their ability to raise money for the various causes which we support. Even so over £3,700 was sent to Mary Sumner House for the ongoing appeals and, impressively, over £6,500 was sent to their Emergency Appeal. This included £1,000 from the Diocese's own Reserves and is on top of a sizeable sum sent directly to Mary Sumner House by members and branches. Finally, AFIA did well and their income of £4,642 was almost 90% of the previous year. So we can be very thankful for an acceptable result in a very difficult year and particularly to the many branches who took money from their Branch Reserves to make these contributions.

We have great pleasure in commending this report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by Deirdre Moll, Chairman and Diocesan President.

Deirdre Moll

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20th September 2021

THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Registered Charity No. 1065815)

Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Receipts and Payments Account - General Fund

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
From voluntary sources:		
Subscriptions from members	14,664.00	16,196.00
Donations	5,546.81	8,928.95
Income towards CDC Costs	-	833.44
Unit & Diocesan Activities	-	193.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,863.32	1,706.83
Fund raising events - branches	3,710.19	8,562.01
- diocese	-	555.31
Branch Outings and Visits	-	2,429.00
Sundry Receipts	-	494.00
From assets		
Bank and other Interest	36.88	76.34
From charitable trading		
Sales of MU enterprises Ltd goods	3,455.97	3,923.10
Turnover related grant from MU enterprises Ltd.	578.59	612.39
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>29,855.76</u>	<u>44,510.37</u>

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Members' Subscriptions paid to MSH	8,946.50	9,898.00
Printing of The Link	-	1,470.00
Branch projects	1,095.51	2,999.68
Unit & Diocesan activities	94.74	934.02
Purchase of MU enterprises Ltd goods	3,664.41	4,249.90
Donations to other charities	395.27	544.89
CDC Costs	-	4,957.08
	<u>14,196.43</u>	<u>25,053.57</u>
Other Expenditure:		
Secretarial Costs	5,319.24	5,385.24
Stationery, postages and telephone	529.50	696.46
Diocesan rent and room hire	3,210.00	3,518.30
Travel, accommodation and conferences	406.00	684.55
Insurance	430.00	990.62
Purchase of new Office equipment	-	893.99
Branch rent and room hire	125.20	1,697.25
Branch running costs	477.84	1,274.66
Fund raising costs:- Branches	648.48	2,458.93
- Diocese	88.70	51.71
Branch Outings & Visits	-	2,462.07
Sundry Payments	59.83	452.00
	<u>11,294.79</u>	<u>20,565.78</u>
Transfers from Branches' General Funds to Other Funds:		
Overseas	532.50	440.12
Relief	43.70	1,151.69
Literacy & Financial Education Programme	30.00	320.00
MSH Emergency Appeal	2,016.50	52.00
Away-From-It-All (AFIA)	2,930.00	2,780.56
Other MSH Appeals	-	-
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund to other Funds		
MSH Emergency Appeal	1,000.00	-
	<u>6,552.70</u>	<u>4,744.37</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>32,043.92</u>	<u>50,363.72</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>(2,188.16)</u>	<u>(5,853.35)</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.20</u>	<u>24,125.37</u>	<u>29,978.72</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.20</u>	<u>21,937.21</u>	<u>24,125.37</u>

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations	74.16	7.00
Fund raising events	2,690.50	3,674.49
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	324.58	238.45
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	532.50	440.12
Transfer to AFIA Fund	-	(25.00)
Timing Difference (2018)	-	419.00
Timing Difference (2019)	50.00	(50.00)
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>3,671.74</u>	<u>4,704.06</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	3,671.74	4,533.06
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>3,671.74</u>	<u>4,533.06</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171.00</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(171.00)</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations	9.30	8.00
Fund raising events	-	228.31
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	2.25	-
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	43.70	1,151.69
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>55.25</u>	<u>1,388.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	55.25	1,559.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>55.25</u>	<u>1,559.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(171.00)</u>
<u>Balance on hand 01.01.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171.00</u>
<u>Balance on hand 31.12.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	20.00	80.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	20.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	30.00	320.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>420.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	50.00	420.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>420.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Receipts and Payments Account - Big Summer Appeal

<u>Receipts</u>		
Fund Raising Events	-	399.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	-	52.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>451.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	-	451.00
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>451.00</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Receipts and Payments Account - MSH 2020 Emergency Appeal

<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events	2,813.50	-
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	682.50	-
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	2,016.50	-
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund	1,000.00	-
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>6,512.50</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	6,512.50	-
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>6,512.50</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Receipts and Payments Account - Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Donations: PCCs	550.00	400.00
Individuals	320.00	902.00
Members' Donations & Fund Raising Events	284.20	906.15
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	558.00	148.85
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	2,930.00	2,780.56
Transfer from Overseas Fund	-	25.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>4,642.20</u>	<u>5,162.56</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Assisted holidays and trips	2,207.93	5,703.93
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2,207.93</u>	<u>5,703.93</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>2,434.27</u>	<u>(541.37)</u>
Balance on hand 01.01.20	<u>4,245.77</u>	<u>4,787.14</u>
Balance on hand 31.12.20	<u>6,680.04</u>	<u>4,245.77</u>

8. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2020**MONETARY ASSETS****Bank and cash balances**

	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<u>General Funds 31.12.2020</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	10,505.77	10,514.07	21,019.84
Cash in hand	-	917.37	917.37
	<u>10,505.77</u>	<u>11,431.44</u>	<u>21,937.21</u>
	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<u>General Funds 31.12.2019</u>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	10,712.32	12,899.66	23,611.98
Cash in hand	-	513.39	513.39
	<u>10,712.32</u>	<u>13,413.05</u>	<u>24,125.37</u>

The Diocesan Bank Accounts are earmarked for use as follows

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Visit to Link Dioceses Fund	703.01	703.01
Visit to Diocesan Clergy Conference	200.00	200.00
Mums in Brum	500.43	800.43
General Purposes	9,102.33	9,008.88
	<u>10,505.77</u>	<u>10,712.32</u>
Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)	<u>6,680.04</u>	<u>4,245.77</u>

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS

MU Enterprises Ltd

Stock of goods for resale	1,469.42	1,636.68
Cash in hand from sale of goods	408.88	184.57
Sundry Debtors from sale of goods	82.00	38.00
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	1,960.30	1,859.25
Invoices unpaid as at 31.12.20	-	297.20
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	1,960.30	1,562.05

OTHER ASSETS

The charity possesses no other assets of material value.

LIABILITIES

The charity had no material liabilities as at 31.12.20

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Birmingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Rosamund J Douglas

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39 Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield

August 2021