



## **Mothers Union Diocese of Birmingham**

Registered Charity: 1065815

### **Annual Report for Year ended 31st December 2022**

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**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

..... Date .....16<sup>th</sup> 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>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
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
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>33,536.20</u></b>	<b><u>33,333.91</u></b>

	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
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>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>31,129.62</u></b>	<b><u>25,567.31</u></b>
<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>2,406.58</u></b>	<b><u>7,766.60</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.22</u></b>	<b><u>29,703.81</u></b>	<b><u>21,937.21</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.22</u></b>	<b><u>32,110.39</u></b>	<b><u>29,703.81</u></b>

**2022**  
**£**

**2021**  
**£**

## **2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund**

### **Receipts**

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)	
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>2,268.24</u></b>	<b><u>3,263.67</u></b>

### **Payments**

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	2,238.59	3,263.32
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>2,238.59</u></b>	<b><u>3,263.32</u></b>

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

<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.22</u></b>	<b><u>0.35</u></b>	
<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.22</u></b>	<b><u>30.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.35</u></b>

## **3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund**

### **Receipts**

Donations		
Fund raising events		40.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	50.00	130.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>	<b><u>170.00</u></b>

### **Payments**

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	80.00	170.00
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>80.00</u></b>	<b><u>170.00</u></b>

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

Amount owed by Mary Sumner House	<b><u>30.00</u></b>	
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## **4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme**

### **Receipts**

Donations & Fund Raising Events		
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	5.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	130.00	-
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>130.00</u></b>	<b><u>5.00</u></b>

### **Payments**

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	130.00	5.00
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>130.00</u></b>	<b><u>5.00</u></b>

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

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

**6. Receipts and Payments Account - Other MSH Funds**

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

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

<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
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)	
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>5,734.63</u></b>	<b><u>1,292.93</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Assisted holidays and trips	5,479.43	4,829.00
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>5,479.43</u></b>	<b><u>4,829.00</u></b>
<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>255.20</u></b>	<b><u>(3,536.07)</u></b>
<b>Balance on hand 01.01.22</b>	<b><u>3,143.97</u></b>	<b><u>6,680.04</u></b>
<b>Balance on hand 31.12.22</b>	<b><u>3,399.17</u></b>	<b><u>3,143.97</u></b>



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

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

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

**The Diocesan Bank Accounts are earmarked for use as follows**

	<b><u>2022</u></b> £	<b><u>2021</u></b> £
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)	
	<b>19,441.67</b>	<b>17,768.31</b>
Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)	<b>3,399.17</b>	<b>3,143.97</b>

**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		
	<b>1,830.36</b>	<b>1,564.84</b>

**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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5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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

Dear Trustees

**Independent Examination of the Consolidated Accounts  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 black ink, reading 'Rosamund Douglas' in a cursive script.

Rosamund J Douglas