

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

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Activities

Objects: TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE ITS WIDER UNDERSTANDING .

Activities: We are involved in a number of projects some local, such as running parenting courses, contact centres, playschemes in a prison, marriage preparation. Supplying holidays for disadvantaged families.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Hampshire
- Portsmouth City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,529	£25,744	-	-
2024-12-31	£31,258	£28,921	-	-
2023-12-31	£39,832	£38,328	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,271	£27,054	-	-
2021-12-31	£26,565	£21,407	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,105	£27,213	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Felicity Keeping	Chair	2022-01-01
Caroline Susan Scull		2022-01-27
Hilary Ann Batchelor		2019-01-01
Sabrina Jane Gwynn		2021-04-24
Sara Felicity Rhondda Bennett		2025-11-14
Susan Jane Marion Williams		2022-01-31
Theresa Janette Bignell		2019-01-01
VALERIE ELIZABETH GRIFFITHS		2025-04-26
Yvette Maxine Dawson		2022-01-21

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Accounts

**The Parish of Blendworth,
Holy Trinity**



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025**

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THE PARISH OF BLENDWORTH, HOLY TRINITY

AGENDA OF THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS MEETING

to be held on Sunday 17th May 2026 at 12pm

Venue: St Michael's Church, Chalton

(as Holy Trinity is currently out of use for roof repair work)

1. Welcome, introduction and prayers.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 11th May 2025
3. Election of Two Churchwardens
To serve from this meeting and sworn in at the
Archdeacon's Visitation
In July 2026.
4. Date of next meeting: to be confirmed.

HOLY TRINITY BLENDWORTH
The Parish of Blendworth, Holy Trinity
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Minutes of the Annual Meeting for the Election of
Churchwardens
held on Sunday 11th May 2025 at Holy Trinity Church,
Blendworth

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Present: 25 people attended the meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received from David and Diana Eaton.

1. Welcome, introduction and prayers

The meeting opened with a prayer and Revd Joy welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and explained the first part of the meeting related to the election of Churchwardens for the next twelve months.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2024

The minutes of last year's meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report prior to the meeting (page five of the report) and Revd Joy stated that if everyone who was present at last year's meeting were in favour that they were a true record of that meeting these could be signed. Proposed by Sue Wilson and

seconded by June Wakeford. All in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

3. Election of Two Churchwardens to serve from this meeting and sworn in at the Archdeacon's visitation in July 2025

Revd Joy advised that the two existing Churchwardens, Gill Hill and Jo Jackson, were willing to stand for a further term and nomination forms had been received for both. Revd Joy expressed her sincere thanks to Gill and Jo for all they had done in the last year, particularly with all the additional duties involved in going through the interregnum.

There were no other nominations for the role of Churchwarden and Gill and Jo were duly elected, proposed by Annie Reeves and seconded by Mike Williams. All in favour. Revd Joy explained that they would be formally sworn in at the Archdeacon's Visitation in July.

4. Date of next meeting

Revd Joy confirmed the date of next year's Annual Meeting would be agreed by the Benefice Standing Committee when they had their meeting in the Autumn to plan the diary for 2026, but it would be along the same time of year as all APCM's have to be held by the 31st May each year. The date would therefore be confirmed later in the year.

There being no other business this meeting closed at 12.20pm.

11th May 2025.

THE PARISH OF BLENDWORTH, HOLY TRINITY
AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
to be held on Sunday 17th May 2025, after the
Election of Churchwardens meeting
Venue: St Michael's Church, Chalton at 11.45am
(as Holy Trinity is currently out of use for roof repair work)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 11th May 2025.
3. Matters Arising *(if any)*
4. Electoral Roll Report.
5. Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC.

6. Treasurers Report.
7. Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2025.
8. Fabric Report.
9. Safeguarding report
10. Deanery Synod Report
11. Diocesan Synod Report
12. Election of new PCC members/Deanery Synod members
13. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
14. Any Other Business - (submitted to the PCC Secretary at least a week before the meeting)
15. Date of next meeting to be confirmed.
16. Closing prayers.

HOLY TRINITY BLENDWORTH

Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Parish of Blendworth, Holy Trinity, held on Sunday 11th May 2025 after the Election of Churchwardens Meeting at Holy Trinity Church Blendworth

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Present: 25 people attended the meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received from David and Diana Eaton

1. Opening prayer

Prayers had been said at the start of the meeting for the Election of Churchwardens. Revd Joy welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

2. Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 28th April 2024

The minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report prior to the meeting and Revd Joy stated that if everyone who was present at last year's meeting were in favour that they were a true record of that meeting these could be signed. Proposed by Val Griffiths and seconded by Veronice Brice. All in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising as all issues were covered under the agenda of today's meeting.

4. Electoral Roll Report

Rebecca Goss, Electoral Roll Officer, advised that the new Electoral Roll had been completed this year; everyone who was on the previous roll was invited to re-join. The number on the old roll stood at 89 and now on the completion of the new Roll the number stood at 64.

Rebecca thanked Janet Laws, PCC Secretary, for her help in getting all the letters and new forms out within the parish in Rebecca's absence on holiday.

Revd Joy stated that we are not alone in a reduced number on the Roll, this is happening in all churches but over the next two/three years it is hoped the number will increase again.

5. Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC.

Janet Laws, as PCC Secretary, reported on the proceedings of the PCC during the last year. Seven meetings had been held, in addition to meetings with the Archdeacon and Area Dean over the appointment of a new priest in charge for the benefice. The preparation of a Parish Profile relating to the appointment was prepared and Gill Hill and Janet Laws were

elected as the representatives from Holy Trinity to serve on the interview panel, along with the Churchwardens from St Michael's Chalton and John Bannell, Churchwarden at St Hubert's and Jackie Butt.

A Benefice Standing Committee was also formed and are meeting twice a year to plan the diary of events across the benefice, to try and avoid a clash of dates, and to deal with parish policies and safeguarding issues initially. The Committee is made up of the Churchwardens of the three parishes, along with Janet Laws as Benefice Secretary, Revd Joy, Dawn Jenkins as Lay Reader and Canon Wendy Kennedy.

At each of the main PCC meetings the ongoing concerns for the Church roof repairs have been discussed and looking at ideas for fundraising, put forward by the Fundraising Committee, the Church Fabric, along with the payment of our annual Parish Share to the Diocese to mention a few of the topics discussed.

The Ecumenical work continued with the other local churches, the regular Prayer Breakfasts with Catherington and Clanfield, St Edmunds and the Baptists. The Prayer Stations for *Thy Kingdom Come* were held in the Church Centre Chapel. Revd Joy regularly updated the PCC about the work she was doing on a Thursday each week with Catherington and Clanfield (separate from her days working for Blendworth). With Joy's appointment as Priest in Charge to the benefice, in addition she would be licensed as Horndean Missioner, to further the work previously taking place with Catherington and Clanfield.

The Grandparents & Toddlers Group continued to be hugely successful, and the work of the Anna Chaplaincy Team was going from strength to strength, but we were reminded that the spiritual growth of the church in the future and how Holy Trinity was kept going needed further discussion.

Blendworth currently has no representative on the Deanery Synod and Jackie Butt, representing Idsworth, has provided the

report for 2024. Annie Reeves continues to represent the parish on Diocesan Synod.

Revd Joy thanked Janet for the report and the members of the PCC for keeping things going during the interregnum.

6. Treasurers Report

7. Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2024

Revd Joy invited the Treasurer, Val Griffiths, to give her report and go through the Annual Accounts.

The accounts have been reviewed by the Student's on the Accountancy course run by the University of Portsmouth. Val Griffiths advised that 2024 was the first full year we have had use of the card machine which had brought in £903, of which £180 came from baptisms. £15.55 was paid in charges for the service.

Val went on to say that as could be seen from the Annual Report, we were unable to pay all the Parish Share in 2024. The Diocese have now completely reviewed the method of calculation of parish share and for 2025, and going forward, it had been cut by 50%. The outstanding amounts from previous years will also be written off in the 2025 Accounts.

Income for the year

The regular income from parishioners and church services is similar to previous years with a slight increase due to parishioners, on the Parish Giving Scheme, having index linked their donations.

We received £3000 from the legacies of Joan Brittain and Anna Cole.

£500 was donated to us from Horndean Voluntary Care Group, who give back to the community excess donations received by them from transporting local residents to appointments etc. This money is to be used for the clothing bank.

£2961 was raised for the roof fund from various fund-raising events of which £1059 was for plant sales by Geoff Hill. This year will be the last time we hold this event as no volunteers came forward to help with the propagation and care of the plants.

The Summer Fete raised £1950 with expenses of £317 and the Christmas market raised £1400.

Val thanked all those who do their shopping through the Easy Fundraising Scheme, this raised £324 for the Church. For those who are not familiar with the scheme, and wish to raise funds, you go to the Easy Fundraising Website or App and click on the shop you want to use, then shop as normal. When you check out the retailer gives a donation. There are over 4000 retailers taking part from groceries, pharmacies, Insurance companies, holidays, clothing retailers etc.

The Church Centre raised the hourly rent for Lettings and received a grant from East Hants District Council of £905 towards setting up the Clothing Bank. It was used to purchase a large shed to store excess equipment so that the small room in the Centre could be used for the Clothes Bank.

Expenditure during the year

Val mentioned the payment of the Parish Share in her opening remarks and only £20k of the sum due of £39722 was paid. The balance is shown as a creditor in the accounts together with the deficit from 2023 of £16330 and as mentioned above, during 2024 the Diocese have been re-assessing the way the Share is apportioned, and we have been given a 50% reduction going forward. The previous deficit will be written off in 2025 accounts.

The church expenditure was in line with that of previous years. We spent £674 on the heating system repairs and are still having problems but we are working on it.

The New Blendworth Centre increased their hourly rate for work in the Church Yard and without the help of the small band of

Rakers & Scrapers who meet once a month, the bill would be much greater.

We are still using piped music for our general services and only hire an organist for special occasions. We do, however, need to keep the organ serviced which is done twice a year.

This year we have taken on the services of an Administrator for four hours a week. We are invoiced by Catherington Church who deal with the Tax and National Insurance liabilities.

In 2024 we resurfaced the Car Park and driveway at the Church Centre at a cost of £20054. Although we are a Charity, we were unable to reclaim the VAT as it is not a heritage building. The Centre accounts had showed an overspend of £6661 due to the cost of repairs.

We are intending to refurbish the Centre by replacing some of windows in 2025. The building is used by the local community and needs to be kept in a good condition. It will assist in making the Centre more environmentally friendly and keep our heating bills down.

In closing her report, Val stated that if any members of the congregation wished to sign up to regular giving, instead of trying to find collection each week, she would be happy to provide a form and assist in completing it. In addition, anyone who, because of the tax threshold not having been increased by the Government, find they must now pay tax to let Val know so she can claim Gift Aid on their donations.

Val thanked everyone who attended the fundraising events during the year and although some of these are repeated each year, it is a good opportunity for socialising but if anyone has any good ideas, even if poached from another group, to let members of the Fundraising Committee know.

Val asked if there were any questions on the Accounts. Marion Williams enquired about a sum of £115 to the Salvation Army which was shown as income, as a donation and Val

explained this related to a fundraising event at the Coffee Shop and the money went into the account and out again.

Revd Joy expressed a vote of thanks to Val who works very hard with all the money transactions on behalf of the parish.

8. Fabric Report.

Gill Hill reported on behalf of the Churchwardens that the PCC had kept up with the minor maintenance programme with the help of the Rakers and Scrapers who meet on the third Saturday of the month. The group has, however, decreased in number and the average attendance is six per month and as well as keeping the churchyard tidy, some repairs have been made to the church wall which was crumbling in places. The main concern is still the church roof, but this work cannot commence until the funds are in place and the netting remains inside the church and will need to stay in place until the external work is completed.

The Church Architect, Julian Livingstone has now retired and after contacting other architects the services of Ross Aylward have been secured - he is a recent addition to the Diocese approved list. He has now visited Holy Trinity several times and is concerned about the roof deteriorating and is keen to help us progress to obtain grants for the repairs.

All annual inspections have taken place to the lightning conductor, fire extinguishers, the clock and the automatic door release.

Gill Hill also confirmed that a new organ specialist has been appointed as the previous specialist was unable to attend at short notice and was only interested in the annual service. Some remedial repairs have been undertaken, and the organ is sounding much better.

There have been problems with the church electrics. When the Electricity Board last changed the main fuse, they replaced it with one that had lower voltage and this caused the system to

keep tripping fuses, especially when the heating was required. It did take some weeks for the Electricity Board to complete the work of replacing the correct voltage fuse, which meant that at the beginning of the year only pews in half of the church had heating. A new electrician has now been appointed who is re-balancing the heating system and will undertake other work once the Electricity Board work was completed.

Revd Joy thanked Gill for her report and asked if there were any questions.

Carol Legg requested that when the Rakers & Scrapers were pruning the trees in the churchyard they were not too enthusiastic as much of the greenery is used by the flower ladies.

Mike Williams asked if in future when lights needed replacing, was he right in thinking they would be replaced by LED lights which was confirmed.

Geoff Legg enquired about the piece of land on the corner of the road, opposite the church gate, as clearly there has been a lot of cutting back of hedges but the greenery had just been dumped on the corner. Revd Joy advised this would be down to Hampshire Highways.

There was also a query over the noticeboard which stands outside the main gate on land which belongs to the Old School House. Mike Williams confirmed that approval had been given in 2020 by Hampshire Highways for the board to be moved to another position and Revd Joy confirmed that she would be meeting with Julian House in the Old School House to arrange this in the coming months.

9. Safeguarding report

Janet Laws, as Parish Safeguarding Officer, provided the report on Safeguarding.

Safeguarding continues to be a huge topic in the Church of England, it is very much in the forefront in the Diocese of Portsmouth and in all our parishes.

Janet advised that for anyone holding an office within the church, a DBS check and Safeguarding training now must be undertaken and is non-negotiable. During 2025 the Diocese is to undertake an audit, and this could also involve many of the parishes within the diocese. In the past those serving on the PCCs across the benefice have been DBS checked and undertaken the relevant training but moving forward we are now getting everyone to undertake a check and training if they hold any office from those making the coffee, those on the welcoming team, chalice assistants and the whole team who assist with the grandparents and toddler group.

The national church has produced Five Standards as detailed on the poster displayed on the notice board at the back of the church, along with a copy of the new Safeguarding Poster, "Promoting a Safer Church". Janet further advised that the benefice Policy Statement is also displayed on the notice board, recently updated by the PCC's. Safeguarding has always been important within the parish and the benefice but with an excellent diocesan team now supporting parishes across the diocese and the support of Revd Joy we are determined that moving forward if Holy Trinity/the benefice should have to participate in an audit we have covered all criteria.

Jo Lougher enquired whether one check was required if a number of roles were being undertaken - she was responsible for the Coffee Shop on a Thursday in the hall and was also a Chalice Assistant and Sidesman and it was confirmed that one check and safeguarding training would cover all the roles.

10. Deanery Synod Report

Revd Joy advised that as we do not currently have a Deanery Synod Representative from Holy Trinity, the report on Deanery Synod affairs had been written by Jackie Butt at Idsworth who represented the whole benefice, along with Revd Joy at Deanery meetings. Revd Joy said if there was anyone willing to take on the role going forward, she would be very pleased. There were three Deanery meetings a year and it required a

report to PCC meetings. The report which Jackie Butt had provided was on page 15 of the Annual Report. Annie Reeves, by virtue of being on Diocesan Synod, could attend Deanery Synod when she was able, and Annie had produced a report on the workings of Diocesan Synod which appeared in the Annual Report.

11. Election of new PCC members/Deanery Synod members

Revd Joy advised that Rebecca Goss had completed her three-year term on the PCC but was willing to stand again for a further period and a completed nomination form was held, proposed by Janet Laws and seconded by Gill Hill.

Revd Joy stated that there was still one further vacancy on the PCC as the position had not been filled the previous year and asked if there was anyone else willing to stand. Sheila Chainey put her name forward and was proposed by Jo Lougher and seconded by Marion Williams. All in favour.

Mike Williams offered himself as the Deanery Synod Representative for the parish, proposed by David Lougher and seconded by June Wakeford. All in favour. By virtue of this role, Mike automatically becomes a member of the PCC and will report to the PCC meetings following Deanery Synod meetings.

12. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Revd Joy advised that Portsmouth University had acted as the Independent Financial Examiner for a few years now but needed to be re-appointed each year. She went on to say how thorough they were with the checking of the Accounts and would like to see them confirmed for a further year. Proposed by Veronica Brice and seconded by Jo Jackson. All in favour.

13. Any Other Business

Any matters for discussion were required to be with the PCC Secretary at least a week prior to the APCM and the PCC Secretary advised that no matters had been raised.

14. Date of next meeting to be confirmed

Revd Joy confirmed the date of next year's Annual Meeting would be agreed by the Benefice Standing Committee when they had their meeting in the Autumn to plan the diary for 2026, but it would be along the same time of year as all APCM's have to be held by the 31st May each year. The date would therefore be confirmed later in the year.

15. Closing prayers

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.55pm with the Grace.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
BLENDWORTH, HOLY TRINITY
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER
2025**

1. Administrative Information

Full Parochial Name: Blendworth, Holy Trinity.

Benefice: Blendworth with Chalton with Idsworth

Diocese: Portsmouth

Location: Blendworth Lane, Blendworth, Hants, PO8 0AB

Benefice Office: The Church Centre, Blendworth Lane,
Horndean,
Hants, PO8 0AA

2. Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

**Standing Committee members*

During the year 2025 the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest-in Charge: The Revd Joy Windsor

Licensed Lay Minister

& Anna Chaplain Mrs Dawn Jenkins

Church Wardens:

*Mrs. Gill Hill Church Warden (*Chair of PCC meetings*)

*Mrs. Jo Jackson Church Warden

Elected Members:

*Miss Janet Laws, PCC Secretary (Holy Trinity) &

Benefice Secretary (Blendworth, Chalton & Idsworth) & Parish Safeguarding Officer

Representative Mrs. Annie Reeves Diocesan Synod
Mrs. Veronica Brice PCC Member
Miss Rebecca Goss PCC member
*Mrs. Val Griffiths Treasurer/PCC Member
Mrs. Sue Wilson PCC member
Mrs. Helen Orsmond PCC member

Electoral Roll Officer: Miss Rebecca Goss

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules as published online by the Church of England General Synod

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/church-representation-rules/church-representation-rules-online>).

All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Roll was renewed 2025, prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The PCC is the body of Trustees for the Parish.

4. Charitable Status

The PCC is a Charity and is registered with the Charity Commission.

5. Safeguarding

Safeguarding continues to be a huge topic in the Church of England, it is very much in the forefront in the Diocese of Portsmouth and in all our parishes, and in the Diocesan Synod report provided by Annie Reeves you will have read of the report given to Synod by our Head of Safeguarding on the recent safeguarding report by Consultancy INEQE. The Diocese has made huge positive changes over the last year in its safeguarding culture and outlook.

An excellent Safeguarding Conference was held in September for Parish Safeguarding Officers and Clergy on the theme of Trauma with some wonderful speakers; at these events we not only learn much from the speakers themselves but also from sharing with one another in other parishes.

We continue to work across the Benefice in getting new and renewal DBS checks undertaken, along with safeguarding training. This is an enormous job which I must admit I find a real battle to deal with on some occasions and it does not help when DBS clearances take so long to come back but we continue day by day always remembering the importance of this work and giving thanks that we do have such a supportive team behind us in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team,

Janet Laws
Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officer

6. Review of activities 2025

We had a number of events during 2025 starting with our Shrove Tuesday event which was well attended. We had a meal of lasagne with garlic bread followed by pancakes. A very interesting quiz was presented by Jeff & Carol Legg which well received.

Later in March we had a band concert by the Langstone Big Band.

Our annual plant sale was in mid-May with all the money going towards the roof fund.

In June Emily Martine performed for us. Ticket sales were disappointing, but an enjoyable evening was had by those who attended.

The Summer Fete was held on 26th July in the grounds of Blendworth House. The weather was perfect and we had several stalls with games & refreshments and some private sellers. The Showstopper Dancers did a display, and we also had a Dog Show.

At the end of September, we had our annual Proms Night performed by the Blendworth Brass Band. They performed several Abba tunes plus the traditional Proms Night favourites. This was well attended and people commented it was probably the best concert they had played for us over the years.

At the start of October, we had a Clothes Bank sale to reduce the amount of stock we were holding.

Our Christmas Fair was held a week earlier than normal as we felt it might encourage more people to attend. This proved to be the case and the fair was busy. Nearly all the raffle tickets were sold for this event - many in advanced sales.

*Gill Hill and Jo Jackson
Church Wardens*

7. Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

In 2025, Holy Trinity was able to offer baptisms, weddings as well as funerals and burials. During the year we had four baptisms, two weddings, and five funerals together with interment of ashes.

8. Review of the Year - PCC

The PCC met on seven occasions during the year and with all the problems with the church roof, a lot of time at our meetings have been spent on discussing this and also how we might raise the funds to undertake the work.

The Benefice Standing Committee which was formed two years ago, meets two or three times a year, planning the diary of events across the benefice, to try and avoid a clash of dates, and to deal with parish policies and safeguarding issues initially. The Committee is made up of the Churchwardens of the three parishes, along with Janet Laws as Benefice Secretary, Revd Joy, Dawn Jenkins as Lay Reader and Canon Wendy Kennedy.

We were delighted that we were able to pay the Parish Share in full for 2025 and to receive a letter of thanks from the Diocese for doing so, although the sum for 2025 was lower than in the past as our number in the congregation, attending weekly services is not as high as in previous years.

The Ecumenical work continued with the other local churches, the regular Prayer Breakfasts with Catherington and Clanfield, St Edmunds and the Baptists. The Prayer Stations for *Thy Kingdom Come* were held in the Church Centre Chapel.

Revd Joy regularly updated the PCC about the work connected with the Horndean Missioner part of her role and one of the highlights of the church calendar is now the Christmas Tree Festival held in early December and brings together representatives from across Horndean and beyond; the church was full of trees last December and more people attended than the previous year and we hope to increase this again this year. The Festival ended with the Christingle Service which was well attended and more oranges had to be purchased at the last minute as most of the children who had visited the Festival had made a Christingle, even if they could not attend the service on the Sunday afternoon.

The Grandparents & Toddlers Group continued to be hugely successful, and the work of the Anna Chaplaincy Team was going from strength to strength, but we were reminded that the spiritual growth of the church in the future and how Holy Trinity was kept going needs regular discussion. At each of our PCC meetings now we speak about attracting more young people through Sowing Seeds or the informal service on the second

Sunday of the month and during each meeting we have specific prayers for the young people.

Mike Williams kindly took over the role of representing the parish on Deanery Synod and Annie Reeves has continued to represent the parish on Diocesan Synod although he is now standing down from this role which she has undertaken for very many years.

It is a real privilege to undertake the role of PCC Secretary at Blendworth, and as Benefice Secretary being able to work more closely with Chalton and Idsworth and to be able to support Joy in her ministry. We do need new members to serve on the PCC as two or three of our number are stepping down this year so if you have some time to spare, please do consider putting your name forward for election (which is subject to a DBS check and Safeguarding training).

Janet Laws
PCC Secretary

9. Church Centre

The Church Centre continues to be popular with its regular hirers and several private parties. During the daytime there is still availability for other hirers should any come forward, but all weekday evenings and Saturdays are fully booked.

During 2025 the Centre paid to have trees cut back in the car park and installed new double-glazed windows and a new fire exit door in the main hall. The old windows were single glazed so there should be a benefit from this installation as far as the gas bill is concerned.

We continue to rent six parking spaces in the car park to local businesses during working hours at a cost of £100 per vehicle per year. In addition, a campervan owner pays to park as she lives in the Gales building in the village and is unable to park her vehicle there.

The hall has hosted several fund-raising events for the Church and Church Roof Fund, including band concerts, plant sale, singers, Christmas fair & Shrove Tuesday meal.

As we keep costs to a minimum at the Centre (with some work being done voluntarily) we were able to pay £10,000 to the church towards the roof replacement.

Geoff Hill
Centre Manager

10. Fabric Report

During 2025 we have kept up with the minor maintenance required at HTB with the help of the Rakers & Scrapers. Rakers & Scrapers meet on the third Saturday of the month. Unfortunately, the group has decreased, and our average attendance is six people each month.

As well as keeping the churchyard tidy, we have also made repairs to the church wall which was crumbling in places. We have also had to top up some graves with soil where they have sunk over the years.

Our main concern continued to be the church roof, as our new architect Ross Aylward was extremely concerned that any delay in starting work was causing further deterioration to the church. The netting remains in place inside the church and will do so until the external & internal work is completed.

Several of our events in 2025 at the church centre & summer fete raised funds towards the roof repairs, together with funds from successful grant applications. A decision was made by the PCC to subdivide the roof repair so that the work could commence more quickly. This would allow more time for fund raising and responses from further grant applications. Work is planned to commence in April 2026.

All annual inspections have taken place ie lightning conductor, fire extinguishers, clock, automatic door release, organ tuning etc.

We continued to have problems with the church electrics where the fuses kept tripping. With the help of one of our parishioners, we eventually managed to get the heating system working in the main body of the church. Once the roof repairs are completed, we will check that the heating/electrics are working effectively.

*Gill Hill & Jo Jackson
Churchwardens*

11. Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod takes place three times per year in March, June and November varying the venues across churches within the Havant Deanery. The Havant Deanery covers 25 active churches under the Portsmouth Diocese and is led by the Area Dean Revd Canon Emma Racklyett ably assisted by the Assistant Area Dean Jonathan Jeffrey. These meetings are led by the Deanery Lay Chair Kathy Dunn and start with short acts of worship and an introduction from the incumbent of the hosting venue on their interaction with their parishioners.

In June 2025 the Synod met at All Saints Church, Denmead. The main theme of that Synod was to look at the continuing work of what was IDWAL and now called The Ghana Portsmouth Link. The presentation was given by Angela Herring on the Havant link with the Koforidua diocese emphasising the desire to be self-sufficient in fundraising with the sale of 500ml water sachets for children and families packed into units of 30 costing about 60p. Project has been running from 2018 with the building of infrastructure. Sales started in 2022 with profits from the first years at £9k (140k GhCedi - local currency). Current project is for a Maternity Clinic based on a donated house and former clinic and named PAT Memorial Maternity Clinic with 4 beds and an operating theatre. The local

fundraising has so far reached £25K with no requests from the UK. Further project at Kwabeng is a piggery with 8 sows and 2 boars producing 14 piglets by the end of May! During the Covid shutdown it was realised that stipends and other salary payments may have ceased in Ghana. Ghana Link sent £3k to enable wages to be paid.

The June synod also had the opportunity to learn about local deanery church initiatives including Bubble Church at St Nicholas Church Bedhampton aimed at Young Children and families based on stories, 'the sorry song' and 'thank yous'. Tea and Prayers at Hartplain: Monthly at 3pm on a Sunday. Aimed at the older generation who found getting to earlier Sunday services difficult but wanted to meet and enjoy traditional hymns. Wild Church in Emsworth: Sunday Pm outside with activities (option inside if wet) into a church. Once per month and family friendly. Anna Cafe Church: Part of Anna Chaplaincy initiative. Soup and cake after short service. Dementia friendly. Lunch Group in West Leigh: Tuesday friendship group meeting in a local pub for lunch and a chat. Attendees paid for meals and drink with organisers just facilitating.

The November 2025 Synod was held at St James, Emsworth. Meeting chaired by Kathy Gunn the Deanery Lay Chair in the absence through illness of Revd Emma Racklyett (Area Dean) and Revd Jonathan Jeffrey (Assistant Area Dean). Synod was introduced to St James and the more traditional church of St Thomas a Becket, the mother church at Warblington by the Rector The Revd Andrew Sheard. St James is a very proactive community using all its opportunities of its situation off North Street in Emsworth to link with the local parish. Two services that have proved attractive are the Breakfast Service which can accommodate up to one hundred people, and the 5pm service which ends with pizza! Talk by Heather Powney the Diocesan Children, Youth and Families Ministry (CYF) lead.

Strategy based on National Churches 'Rejuvenate' guidance. 'Revive', 'Revitalise', 'Renew'.

Community - Jesus centred, Kingdom seeking disciples. Key responsibilities: Support advocacy, training /resources, strategy, culture change. Pray for children outside church. Access to resources for 'Open the Book', 'Godly Play', 'Messy Church', 'Bubble Church' and 'Kitchen Table Project'.

30K Project: National initiative within CYF to create 3000 paid CYF workers and 27000 volunteer CYF workers by 2030. 'Recognise Week'- a particular week in the year recognising CYF workers planned for 7-13 July 2026.

Growing Faith (see website): School/home/church connecting circles. Relationships. Helping parents to talk faith to their children. Chatting Faith- children's book stories and many more.

Diocesan Synod and Finance Discussions Update given to the November 2025 meeting.

Carbon net zero supporting solar panels. Need the currently sixteen churches using oil fired heating (not HTB) to change as a matter of priority.

Diocesan Budget

Parish Share will increase by 3% in 2026 based on 88 % collection of Parish Share from around the Diocese. Collection was 97% which went down to 77% during Covid and now up to 88 %. Clergy stipends will increase by 8%.

Pressures include reduced rental income. Government policy on tenants and letting make recovering properties for primary clergy use has been difficult. Therefore, during interregnums clergy houses will not be made available for outside rental. Our Diocese can claim grants from The Church Commissioners' whereas some 'well off' dioceses will no longer be able to claim grants.

This Deficit Budget of £1.2 million has been agreed by the Diocesan Synod based on the 88% collection so if more can be achieved then that will reduce. Diocese can cope with a deficit for 3 years but may not manage 6 years!

Mike Williams

12. Diocesan Synod

A Diocese is led by a bishop but governed by a democratic body called the 'Diocesan Synod'. Synods were introduced by the Church of England in 1970 to increase the participation of lay people (non-clergy) in decision-making. The national body is called the General Synod and there are also synods at diocesan and deanery level. Our Diocesan Synod meets three times a year.

Bishop Luke Irvine-Capel was welcomed. He will assist Bishop Jonathan within the Diocese. David Isaac was also welcomed as the Diocesan Retired Clergy Officer.

Head of Safeguarding Emily Hassan updated Synod members on recent developments, including the recent safeguarding report by consultancy INEQE. Staff from INEQE had done an online survey in the spring and carried out an in-person visit at the start of June. To give an idea of the scale of the audit, Emily reported that the safeguarding team had provided the auditors with 366 documents, containing more than 19,000 words. There were also 642 individuals who responded to the online survey and 115 people were interviewed by the audit team. 130 interviews have been carried out as part of the audit and we welcomed most of the recommendations. Safeguarding Officers are to be commended for all their work.

The Diocese of Portsmouth has undergone a substantial and positive transformation in its safeguarding culture, establishing a firmly embedded and robust framework

Bishop Jonathan recognized that the budget has been very difficult. The increase in NI contributions and clergy stipends rising by 8%. We have 73 stipendiary priests (10% vacancies). The 8.8% increase will be funded by the Diocese. Housing costs have increased with fewer lettings and work carried out on housing. Parish share will increase by 3%. The Diocese faces a large deficit during the next triennium and although the budget was approved there are many decisions to be made

during the next three years. There is some transitional funding available to help dioceses to cope with these changes, but we are still budgeting for a £1.2m deficit for 2026.

Annie Reeves

Diocesan Synod Representative

13. Anna Chaplaincy

The Anna Chaplaincy service within the Horndean area has still been growing over the last year.

We now visit each month:

Acacia House

Pear Tree Court

Wisteria lodge

Beregrove

Whitehaven

Rosecott

Blendworth Hills - is still in early stages, but we are planning to hold Messy Vintage Easter there at Easter 2026 and invite residents from the other homes.

Some of the homes we are visiting twice a month as residents have requested Holy Communion which Joy takes in as a separate service. Added to this we are also doing home visits which are also very much appreciated. Over Christmas we also held Carol Services in the homes and were blessed with the Choir to swell our voices which was very much enjoyed by the residents.

Without our visits very little spiritual support is given to these elderly residents who sometimes have been moved to homes to be closer to family so have few visitors and no church connection.

This work cannot be done without a faithful team of helpers, so Joy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Annie, Veronica, Jo, Joanne for all their help and support each week, Sheila has also been very much working alongside us and we

hope to be able to present her with her lanyard and commission her very soon. Also, thanks to Janet for printing off our service sheets. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the work we do, with a view to joining the team please do ask me for more information.

In the meantime everyone can help by praying for our work and the work of the staff and residence in the homes we visit.

*Dawn Jenkins
Anna Chaplain*

14. Treasurers Report

Many of the congregation of Blendworth Church use the Parish Giving Scheme for their Regular Giving. This is a great help in that many have agreed to index link their giving, so that each year the amount given is in line with the rate of inflation, and the work to collect the Gift Aid is done by the administrator of the scheme saving much of the Treasurer's time. We also have a machine available for use by the congregation who increasingly do not carry cash for the collection.

The work we do in the Community helps to raise the awareness of the Church and also (although not for profit activities) contribute a small amount to funds. We have a Grandparent and Toddler Group £300, Table Tennis group £272, Coffee Shop £990.

During the year we were raising funds mainly for the roof repair. However, we were still able to contribute to support other charities by holding Lent Lunches for the Bishop Lent Appeal and three services where the collection was given to the charity the service was concerning. Also, the Coffee Shop held a raffle for the Salvation Army.

The Church Centre have been working hard to promote the hire of the hall, the venue looking much more appealing since the repair of the car park. We replaced the windows in the hall to double glazing which has meant a reduction in the heating

costs and trimmed a lot of the trees to allow more light into the area. We have also installed broadband into the Centre which gives our hirers full internet access. All this has resulted in a surplus of funds of £10,000 which has been allocated to the roof repair.

Thank you to all who contribute to the prizes for the raffles that are held at many of our events. The money raised goes towards the upkeep of the church and roof repairs. The raffle at the Christmas Market raised £910 which also went towards the roof.

We received a grant of £1000 from Horndean Parish Council towards the cost of the upkeep of the graveyard.

Unfortunately, our Shares went down in 2025 by £613.

Like the rest of the Country the expenditure increased this year due to inflation, and we had to repair the heating in the church. We are grateful to parishioners who contribute to the cost of consumables and flowers. We must maintain the organ in good repair even though we don't have a permanent organist.

Thank you to all who continue to support our church. We raised a total of £6,291, this year, towards the cost of the roof repairs and are applying for grants. Unfortunately, we will have to use all our reserves to pay for the roof which will start Stage 1 in April 2026.

Valerie Griffiths
Treasurer

15. Accounts - Will be sent separately

16. The Future

- To pray for growth and renewal at Holy Trinity and the benefice too.
and particularly to welcome the young people
- Continuing to fundraise for the church building.
- To work together with Catherington and Clanfield to bring the church into Horndean through the Horndean Missioner role.



Charity Name Mothers Union Portsmouth Diocese	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donors	16,985	250	-	17,235	16,668
Other Voluntary Resources	-	1,640	-	1,640	500
Operating Activities	4,944	-	-	4,944	5,431
Fund Raising	17	3,828	-	3,845	7,656
Investments	606	259	-	865	1,003
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,552	5,977	-	28,529	31,258
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,552	5,977	-	28,529	31,258
A3 Payments					
Projects	-	4,634	-	4,634	6,701
Activities	16,085	-	-	16,085	17,840
Management	5,025	-	-	5,025	4,380
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,110	4,634	-	25,744	28,921
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,110	4,634	-	25,744	28,921
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,442	1,343	-	2,785	2,337
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,613	14,679	-	35,292	32,955
Cash funds this year end	22,055	16,022	-	38,077	35,292

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deposit Account	12,941	-	-
	Current	9,114	4,350	
	Afia Fund	-	5,692	-
	Afia Deposit	-	5,980	-
	Total cash funds	22,055	16,022	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Mothers' Union Portsmouth Diocese

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2025

Charity no (if any)

1067369

Set out on pages

1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed on page 2) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

C. Lodge

Date:

21/04/2026

Name:

Gill Lodge

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

FCCA

Address:

University of Portsmouth

Richmond Building

Portland Street

Portsmouth

PO1 3DE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

<p>Report to the trustees members of</p>	
<p>On accounts for the year ended</p>	<p>31st December 2025</p>
<p>Set out on pages</p>	<p>1 & 2</p>
<p>Responsibilities and basis of report</p>	
<p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).</p>	
<p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 442 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 143(2)(b) of the Act.</p>	
<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed on page 2) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 100 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records. 	
<p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters which require the attention to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>	
<p>Signed:</p>	<p>Gill Lodge</p>
<p>Name:</p>	<p>Gill Lodge</p>
<p>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</p>	<p>FCCA</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>University of Portsmouth Richmond Building Portsmouth Street Portsmouth PO1 3DE</p>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1067369

Accounts

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Portsmouth

CHARITY NUMBER 1067369

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2024**

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2024

Mothers' Union in the Portsmouth Diocese, is registered with the Charity Commission (no 1067369). The Bishop of Portsmouth is our patron.

Mothers' Union Aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. To carry out its aim its objectives are:

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

Our Mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide. We do this by helping nature strong relationships at all levels, promoting peace and reconciliation nationally and globally.

Our Vision

Our vision is a world where everyone prospers. We actively purpose this vision through prayer and action, helping to build confident people and resilient communities. Our movement challenges prejudice and advocates change.

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do

Our prayer and worship are central to our work. We believe that prayer can be transformational and can make a huge difference to the lives of individuals and communities.

Here in the Diocese of Portsmouth we believe in praying with our feet moving and our prayer, with purpose, underpins all of our activities.

The Trustee Board as of 1st January 2024

Felicity Keeping
Yvette Dawson
Valerie Griffiths
Vacant

Diocesan President & Chair of Trustees
Diocesan Secretary (Ex-officio)
Diocesan Treasurer (Ex-officio)
Diocesan Chaplain (Ex-officio)

Sue Williams
Caroline Scull
Sabrina Gwyn
Sue Hamilton
Vivien Gowlett

Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Isle of Wight
Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Mainland
Deanery Co-ordinator Bishops Waltham
Deanery Co-ordinator Fareham and Gosport
Deanery Co-ordinator Havant and Portsmouth

Vacant
Vacant

Unit Co-ordinator Training
Unit Co-ordinator Diocesan Members

Other Trustees:

Hilary Batchelor
Theresa Bignall
Chris Long

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide.

We are working with people of all faiths and none in 83 countries to promote stable marriage, family life and the protection of children through praying, enabling and campaigning.

Our aims and objectives are:

- To promote and support married life
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Mission Statement

The Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation which promotes the wellbeing of families world-wide.

We achieve this by:

Developing prayer and spiritual growth in families

Studying and reflecting on family life and marriage and their place in society.

Resourcing our members to take practical action to improve conditions for families, both nationally and internationally and in the communities in which they live

The Mothers' Union was established in 1876. Its purpose was to encourage parents in caring for their children, not just physically and mentally but also spiritually. From the outset it recognised that strong relationships and the role of the family, however defined, are critical in building healthy communication.

Our vision

While the ways in which we operate to fulfil that need may be different from that of the world of the 19th century, our vision today is still of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is still the essence of our work.

Our mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We try to do this through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children. **This is our mission.** It is what we aim to achieve.

Our values

There are more than four million members of the Mothers' Union today in 83 countries around the world. Each member subscribes to the same values; the moral and ethical codes that are central to the ways in which we operate.

Firstly, we are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration.

Secondly, our governance, leadership and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide.

Thirdly, we work with people of all faiths and none.

The Diocese of Portsmouth

The Mother's Union in the Portsmouth Diocese extends from Petersfield to the North, Bishops Waltham and Fareham in the West, Emsworth to the East, and all of the south including the Isle of Wight.

We currently have approximately 433 members in 22 branches.

Members of Mothers' Union in the Portsmouth Diocese elect the Trustees every three years. 2024 is the end of our current triennium.

The charity owns 1 laptop, 1 colour printer, large advertising banner, and display boards and a roll-down banner for the Wedding Fayres.

The board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility to identify, assess and manage risks. This is undertaken on an ongoing basis regarding all activities undertaken by the Portsmouth Mother's Union. Dynamic risk assessments are undertaken for all activities and formal documented risk assessments are carried out where any larger event for example those events involving a variety of activities and the general public.

Each Member organising an activity is responsible for the initial dynamic assessment and judge whether the activity requires a documented risk assessment. Formal risk assessment documents are available on request from the Board of Trustees and the completed forms are sent to the Trustees for approval.

During 2024

The 2024 theme is 'Transformation Now'. This and is what Mothers' Union has been undertaking during the last one hundred and fortyeight years that is how we shall present our report. Transforming the lives of people we meet who need our help.

Transformation Now



We all need to rebuild hope and confidence following the Covid pandemic which has affected so many people in many ways. We need to help our members regain the confidence to start enjoying their local branches again in person and to meet with other branches. We need to follow in Mary Sumner's footsteps in rebuilding this hope and confidence.

Pray

Prayer is at the heart of Mothers' Union life and all we undertake is upheld by it.

- Each month on the third Wednesday at mid-day members gather in the Cathedral for Holy Communion celebrated by a member of the Cathedral staff or a member of the retired clergy in the absence of a MU diocesan chaplain assisted by members from the deaneries in rotation who read the lessons and lead the intercessions.

- The 430 + members in the diocese each receive a copy of Connected which encourages and enables daily prayer for families throughout the world. It provides information about MU projects and our link dioceses and their leaders to aid prayer and understanding. Members are encouraged to pray at mid-day each day. We also produce a Diocesan magazine 'Contact' which is delivered to all members in the Portsmouth Diocese to keep them up to date in events in the Diocese.
- Wave of Prayer – From June 15th to 17th the branches in the archdeaconry were allocated different times to meet for the Wave of Prayer services. We prayed for the work of MU and specially for our link dioceses abroad, which are New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea, Gboko in Benue State Nigeria, Bukavu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nyahururu in Kenya.
- Prayer Chain – The prayer chain is made up of a representative from each deanery. They undertake to pray regularly for those who are sick or who have asked for prayer.
- Every year on Lady Day, March 25th, Havant and Portsmouth Deanery hold a Lady Day Service. A service on Mary Sumner Day, August 9th, was held in the Havant and Portsmouth Deanery.
- Council and Trustee meetings begin with prayer usually led by the Diocesan President in the absence of the Mothers' Union Chaplain and also at mid-day. There are two Council meetings a year, one of which includes the AGM and four Trustee meetings a year.
- During the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence, some of our branches meet to pray for people suffering from the effects of gender based violence. We also held a Zoom service for Gender Violence instead of meeting in a centralised church.
- Members of Portsmouth Mothers' Union volunteer help at the Roberts Child Contact Centre. 'The Child Contact Centre is a place where children living with one parent can meet the parent they do not live with in a safe comfortable environment. Research tells us that children have better outcomes when they have contact with their non-resident parent. The Child Contact Centre is run by a team of trained staff and volunteers whose primary role is to help parents make sure their child's contact experience is positive.'

- We have two projects supporting Queen Alexandra Hospital. MGN Support Project (Maternity, Gynaecological and Neo-Natal Support) we supply tiny baby-grows for the neo-natal unit and knitted matinee jackets and blankets. The knitted hats have to be knitted to a special pattern to allow tube to go through the hat. We also provide black-out quilts to go on top of the incubators. Many members also sew gowns for still-born babies, they always make two of each garment so that the bereaved parents can keep one in their memory box. If any of the knitted garments are unsuitable for the hospital, too big, too small, wrong colour etc., the finished garments are taken to the Roberts Centre for use with the families.

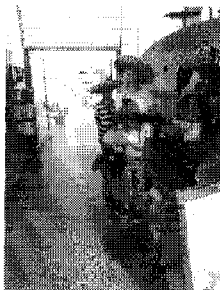
- The Fareham and Gosport deanery provide twiddle-muffs for people suffering from dementia. These go to a local nursing home and a local Memory Clinic.



- Members in the Isle of Wight support the Seafarers' Mission by knitting hats and mittens. They also knit for the neonatal unit at St Mary's Hospital and collect toiletries for those admitted unexpectedly to St Mary's Hospital.

- We provide recipe cards for all the Food Banks in the Portsmouth Diocese. These are suitable recipes to be made with the food given by the banks.

- Throughout the year members raised funds for us to provide a week's holiday or days away for families who are unable to fund a holiday themselves.



We provide holidays or breaks for vulnerable families who are recommended to us by the clergy or other organizations such as schools. We offer days out or short-break holidays. We also provide an annual AFIA day at Lee on Solent for families from the local Women's refuges.

This year we gave 15 families a break at the seaside. Unfortunately, it was very cold and windy but this did not prevent the families from having fun in a nearby water park. We had a fish and chip lunch followed by tea on our return from the beach and games in the hall and garden. We are supported by a faithful group of volunteers who join in the fun with the families.

We sent a mother and her children to a play park in Gosport for the day so that they could spend some 'quality time' together.

We also sent a lady who was caring for her disabled husband for a cream tea at a local garden centre. As the centre was accessible, the couple were able to go together and have a good time.

We sent seven families away to local holiday parks for a short break of three or four nights. We usually use parks at Selsey and Bognor Regis.

We also provide a £50 voucher to help cover the cost of food. Families are very appreciative that they can give their children a well-needed break.

- Four of our members look after the MUE (Mothers' Union enterprises) stall. They sell cards, badges, gifts etc., that are ordered from Mary Sumner House. The proceeds go to help the running of Central Mothers Union and a percentage is received back annually.
- The members from different branches run Mothers & Baby groups. With the "cost of living" crisis, more families are now turning to Grandparents to look after their children during the day whilst they work. We now provide Grandparent and Toddler groups which give the Grandparents support and enable them to socialize, to combat isolation. The friendship they make at the groups often continue when the grandchildren move on to school.
- Many branches also provide 'bags of love' to parents whose children are starting reception class at a local school. The bags include a tea-bag, a pouch of tissues, a bar of chocolate and a prayer. These gifts are welcomed by the parents.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Felicity Keeping

Portsmouth Diocesan President



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Mothers Union Portsmouth Diocese

No (if any)
1057369

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from: 01/01/2024 To: 31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donors	16,668	-	-	16,668	16,583
Legacy	500	-	-	500	80
Operating Activities	5,431	-	-	5,431	5,311
Fund Raising	810	6,846	-	7,656	17,213
Investments	624	379	-	1,003	645
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,033	7,225	-	31,258	39,832
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,033	7,225	-	31,258	39,832
A3 Payments					
Projects	1,333	5,368	-	6,701	5,227
Activities	17,840	-	-	17,840	16,793
Management	4,380	-	-	4,380	16,308
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,553	5,368	-	28,921	38,328
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,553	5,368	-	28,921	38,328
Net of receipts/(payments)	480	1,857	-	2,337	1,504
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,133	12,822	-	32,955	-
Cash funds this year end	20,613	14,679	-	35,292	1,504

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deposit Account	12,381	-	-
	Current Account	6,486	2,751	-
	Business Account	1,747	-	-
	Afia Fund	-	6,207	-
	Afia Deposit	-	5,721	-
	Total cash funds	20,614	14,679	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		06/02/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Mothers' Union Portsmouth Diocese

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1067369

Set out on pages

1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed on page 2) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

C Lodge

Date:

11/04/2025

Name:

Gill Lodge

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The trustees' annual report was not available at the time of the independent examination.

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

England & Wales - Charity number 1067369

Accounts



CHARITY NUMBER 1067369

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2023

Mothers' Union in the Portsmouth Diocese, is registered with the Charity Commission (no 1067369). The Bishop of Portsmouth is our patron.

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- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
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The Trustee Board as of 1st January 2023

Felicity Keeping
Yvette Dawson
Valerie Griffiths
Vacant

Diocesan President & Chair of Trustees
Diocesan Secretary (Ex-officio)
Diocesan Treasurer (Ex-officio)
Diocesan Chaplain (Ex-officio)

Sue Williams
Caroline Scull
Vacant
Sue Hamilton
Vivien Gowlett

Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Isle of Wight
Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Mainland
Deanery Co-ordinator Bishops Waltham
Deanery Co-ordinator Fareham and Gosport
Deanery Co-ordinator Havant and Portsmouth

Vacant
Paula Turner

Unit Co-ordinator Training
Unit Co-ordinator Diocesan Members

Other Trustees:

Hilary Batchelor

Theresa Bignall

Chris Long

Sabrina Gwynn

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide.

We are working with people of all faiths and none in 83 countries to promote stable marriage, family life and the protection of children through praying, enabling and campaigning.

Our aims and objectives are:

- To promote and support married life
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Mission Statement

The Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation which promotes the wellbeing of families world-wide.

We achieve this by:

Developing prayer and spiritual growth in families

Studying and reflecting on family life and marriage and their place in society.

Resourcing our members to take practical action to improve conditions for families, both nationally and internationally and in the communities in which they live

The Mothers' Union was established in 1876. Its purpose was to encourage parents in caring for their children, not just physically and mentally but also spiritually. From the outset it recognised that strong relationships and the role of the family, however defined, are critical in building healthy communication.

Our vision

While the ways in which we operate to fulfil that need may be different from that of the world of the 19th century, our vision today is still of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is still the essence of our work.

Our mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We try to do this through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children. **This is our mission.** It is what we aim to achieve.

Our values

There are more than four million members of the Mothers' Union today in 83 countries around the world. Each member subscribes to the same values; the moral and ethical codes that are central to the ways in which we operate.

Firstly, we are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration.

Secondly, our governance, leadership and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide.

Thirdly, we work with people of all faith and none.

The Diocese of Portsmouth

The Mother's Union in the Portsmouth Diocese extends from Petersfield to the North, Bishops Waltham and Fareham in the West, Emsworth to the East, and all of the south including the Isle of Wight.

We currently have approximately 450 members in 22 branches.

Members of Mothers' Union In the Portsmouth Diocese elect the Trustees every three years, 2024 is the end of our current triennium. The charity owns 1 laptop, 1 colour printer, large advertising banner, and display boards and a roll-down banner for the Wedding Fayres.

The board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility to identify, assess and manage risks. This is undertaken on an ongoing basis regarding all activities undertaken by the Portsmouth Mother's Union. Dynamic risk assessments are undertaken for all activities and formal documented risk assessments are carried out where any larger event for example those events involving a variety of activities and the general public.

Each Member organising an activity is responsible for the initial dynamic assessment and judge whether the activity requires a documented risk assessment. Formal risk assessment documents are available on request from the Board of Trustees and the completed forms are sent to the Trustees for approval.

During 2023

The 2023 theme is 'Transformation Now'. This and is what Mothers' Union has been undertaking during the last one hundred and forty years that is how we shall present our report. Transforming the lives of people we meet who need our help.

Transformation Now



We all need to rebuild hope and confidence following the Covid pandemic which has affected so many people in many ways. We need to help our members regain the confidence to start enjoying their local branches again, in person and to meet with other branches. We need to follow in Mary Sumner's footsteps in rebuilding this hope and confidence.

Pray

Prayer is at the heart of Mothers' Union life and all we undertake is upheld by it.

- Each month on the third Wednesday at mid-day members gather in the Cathedral for Holy Communion celebrated by a member of the Cathedral staff or a member of the retired clergy in the absence of a MU diocesan chaplain assisted by members from the deaneries in rotation who read the lessons and lead the intercessions.
- The 450+ members in the diocese each receive a copy of Connected, which encourages and enables daily prayer for families throughout the world. It provides information about MU projects and our link dioceses and their leaders to aid prayer and understanding. Members are encouraged to pray at mid-day each day. We also produce a Diocesan magazine 'Contact' which is delivered to all members in the Portsmouth Diocese to keep them up to date in events in the Diocese.

- Wave of Prayer – the branches in the 3 archdeaconries, from June 15th to 17th were allocated different times to meet for the Wave of Prayer services during which we prayed for the work of MU and specially for our link dioceses abroad, these are New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea, Gboko in Benue State Nigeria, Bukavu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nyahururu in Kenya.
- Prayer Chain – The prayer chain is made up of a representative from each deanery. They undertake to pray regularly for those who are sick or who have asked for prayer.
- Every year on Lady Day, March 25th, Havant and Portsmouth Deanery holds a Lady Day Service. A service on Mary Sumner Day, August 9th, was held in the Havant and Portsmouth Deanery.
- Council and Trustee meetings begin with prayer usually led by the Diocesan President, in the absence of the Mothers' Union Chaplain, and also at mid-day. There are two Council meetings a year, one of which includes the AGM. In addition, there are five Trustee meetings a year.
- During the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence some of our branches meet to pray for people suffering from the effects of Gender violence. We also held a Zoom service for Gender Violence instead of meeting in a centralised church.
- Members of Portsmouth Mothers' Union volunteer to help at the Roberts Centre Child Contact building. 'The Contact Centre is a place where children living with one parent can meet the parent they do not live with in a safe comfortable environment. Research tells us that children have better outcomes when they have contact with their non-resident parent. The Child Contact Centre is run by a team of trained staff and volunteers whose primary role is to help parents make sure their child's contact experience is positive.'
- We have two projects supporting Queen Alexandra Hospital. MGN Support Project (Maternity, Gynaecological and Neo-Natal Support) with supplies tiny baby-grows for the neo-natal unit and knitted matinee jackets and blankets. The knitted hats have to be made to a special pattern to allow tubes to go through the hat. We also provide black-out quilts to go on the top of the incubators. Many members sew gowns for still-born babies, they always make two of each garment so

that the bereaved parents can keep one in their memory box. If any of the knitted garments are unsuitable for the hospital, too big, too small, wrong colour etc., the finished garments are taken to the Roberts Centre for use by underprivileged families.

- The Fareham and Gosport Deanery provide twiddle-muffs for people suffering from dementia. These go to a local nursing home and a local Memory Clinic.



- Members in the Isle of Wight knit hats and mittens to support the Seafarers' Mission. They also knit for the neonatal unit at St Mary's Hospital and collect toiletries for those admitted unexpectedly to St Mary's Hospital.

- We provide recipe cards for all the Food Banks in the Portsmouth Diocese. These are suitable recipes to be made with the food given by the banks.

- Throughout the year members raised funds so that we can provide a week's holiday or days away for families who are unable to fund a holiday themselves.



We provide holidays or breaks for vulnerable families who are recommended to us by the clergy or other organizations such as schools. We offer days out or short-break holidays. We also provide an annual AFIA day at Leigh on Solent for families from the local Women's refuges.

This year we gave 23 families a break at the seaside. Unfortunately, rain prohibited us from going to the actual seaside, but we maintained the quality of the day by organizing games in the local Church Hall in the morning and visiting an Ice rink in the afternoon. We had a fish and chip lunch followed by tea on our return from the Ice rink. We are supported by a faithful group of volunteers who join in the fun with the families.

We sent a single mother and her daughter to the Isle of Wight for the day so that they could spend some 'quality time' together.

We sent five families away to local holiday parks for a short break of three or four nights. We usually use parks at Selsey and Bognor Regis but we did venture into Dorset for a family who really enjoyed their break.

- Two of our members look after the MUE (Mothers' Union enterprises) stall. They sell cards, badges, gifts etc., that are ordered from Mary Sumner House. The proceeds go to help the running of Central Mothers Union and a percentage is received back annually.
- Members from different branches run Mothers & Baby groups. With the 'cost of living' crisis, more families are now turning to Grandparents to look after their children during the day whilst they work. We now provide Grandparent and Toddler groups which give the Grandparents support and enables them to socialize and combat isolation. The friendship they make at the groups often continues when the grandchildren move on to school.
- Many branches also provide 'bags of love' to parents whose children are starting reception class at a local school. These bags include a tea-bag, a pouch of tissues, a bar of chocolate and a prayer. These gifts are welcomed by the parents.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees: **Felicity Keeping**
Portsmouth Diocesan President



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Mothers' Union Portsmouth Diocese	No (if any) 1067369
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
From Donors	16,583	-	-	16,583	15,361
Other Voluntary Resources	80	-	-	80	288
Operating Activities	5,311	-	-	5,311	5,264
Fund Raising	12,783	4,430	-	17,213	4,118
Investments	417	228	-	645	240
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	35,174	4,658	-	39,832	25,271
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,174	4,658	-	39,832	25,271
A3 Payments					
Projects	-	5,227	-	5,227	7,371
Activities relating to MU	16,743	50	-	16,793	15,400
Management & Admin	16,308	-	-	16,308	4,263
	-	-	-	-	20
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,051	5,277	-	38,328	27,054
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,051	5,277	-	38,328	27,054
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,123	- 619	-	1,504	- 1,783
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,010	13,441	-	31,451	33,234
Cash funds this year end	20,133	12,822	-	32,955	31,451

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deposit Account	11,757	-	-
	Current Account	6,279	2,829	
	Business Account	2,097		
	Afia Fund		2,651	-
	Afia Fund Deposit	-	7,342	-
	Total cash funds		20,133	12,822
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		17/09/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Mothers' Union Portsmouth Diocese

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1067369

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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**Independent
examiner's statement**

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Signed:

C Lodge

Date:

17/04/2024

Name:

Gill Lodge

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MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

England & Wales - Charity number 1067369

Accounts



CHARITY NUMBER 1067369

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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The Trustee Board as of 1st January 2021

Elizabeth Groves
Alison Mills
Valerie Griffiths
Vacant Trevor

Diocesan President & Chair of Trustees
Diocesan Secretary (Ex-officio)
Diocesan Treasurer (Ex-officio)
Diocesan Chaplain (Ex-officio)

Sylvia Beardsmore
Felicity Keeping

Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Isle of Wight
Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Mainland

vacant
Valerie Edmonds
Sheila King
Sue Williams
Vacant
Susan Hamilton
Ann Bebbington

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Deanery Co-ordinator Fareham and Gosport
Deanery Co-ordinator Havant and Portsmouth
Deanery Co-ordinator Isle of Wight
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Unit Co-ordinator Diocesan Members
Co-opted – (April 2016)

Other Trustees:

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Caroline Scull
Yvette Dawson
Sabrina Gwynn
Chris Long

The members of Mothers' Union Council elect the Trustees every three years, 2021 is the last year of a triennium

The charity owns 1 laptop, 1 colour printer, large advertising banner, and display boards and a roll-down banner for the Wedding Fayres.

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- Our teams of volunteers have attended Wedding Fayres in the past to promote marriage in church. We provided resource packs for the couples and many individual conversations revealed how many do not know that they may be married in church. Members provided two wedding cakes for held and each venue. One is cut and a piece offered to people as they look at the stall, the other is a prize in a competition. Unfortunately this was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid restrictions.

- Throughout the year members raised funds for us to provide a week's holiday or days away for families who are unable to fund a holiday themselves. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we were unable to send any families away in 2021. We are hoping to resume the holidays and away days in 2022.



- Two of our members look after the MUE (Mothers' Union enterprises) stall. They sell cards, badges, gifts etc., that are ordered from Mary Sumner House.

The proceeds go to help the running of Central Mothers Union and a percentage is received back annually.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees: **Elizabeth Groves**
Portsmouth Diocesan President



Portsmouth Diocese

Annual Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2021

**MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ending 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Totals Funds
			2021	2020
INCOMING RESOURCES				
A1 From Donors	17666.31	10.00	17676.31	18072.31
A2 Other Voluntary Resources	50.00	963.45	1013.45	0.00
A3 Income from Operating Activities	4910.02	0.00	4910.02	4817.35
A4 Income From Fund Raising	0.00	2956.25	2956.25	4124.92
A5 Income From Investments	5.85	3.66	9.51	90.44
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	22632.18	3933.36	26565.54	27105.02
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
B1 Projects	0.00	1734.45	1734.45	10826.09
B2 Activities relating to Mu	18026.19	0.00	18026.19	12633.88
B3 MU Management & Admin	1626.65	0.00	1626.65	3733.97
B4 Costs of Generating Funds	20.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	19672.84	1734.45	21407.29	27213.94
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	2959.34	2198.91	5158.25	-108.92
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD				
AT 1ST JANUARY 2021	13672.79	14403.22	28076.01	28184.93
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	16632.13	16602.13	33234.26	28076.01

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Deposit A/c	11243.88	11238.03
Current A/c	7614.91	2706.32
Santander	569.46	2599.94 (mue a/c)
AFIA A/c	6948.17	4761.72
Afia Deposit A/c	7021.66	7018.00
Prepay Ins	375.38	
	<u>33773.46</u>	<u>28324.01</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors Newsletter		
Insurance	409.50	
Over payment subs	29.50	
P Wale	1.20	
Advanced subs 2021	99.00	248.00
	<u>539.20</u>	<u>248.00</u>
ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	<u>33234.26</u>	<u>28076.01</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

signed on its behalf by:

Felicity Keeping (President)

V Griffiths (Treasurer)

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
A1 From Donors				
Subscriptions	15358.00		15358.00	13926.00
Postal Membership	113.00		113.00	211.50
Income Tax Recovered	1434.16		1434.16	2844.81
Open Plate Services			0.00	0.00
Donations	656.15		656.15	984.50
Action & Outreach	35.00		35.00	60.00
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Indoor Members Prayer Circle	70.00		70.00	35.50
Wedding Fair		10.00	10.00	10.00
	<u>17666.31</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>17676.31</u>	<u>18072.31</u>
A2 Other Voluntary Resources				
Grants				
Legacies	50.00	475.00	525.00	0.00
Sponsorships		488.45	488.45	0.00
	<u>50.00</u>	<u>963.45</u>	<u>1013.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>
A3 Income from Operating Activities				
MU Enterprise Sales	4409.12		4409.12	4255.00
Profit Related Grant	500.90		500.90	562.35
	<u>4910.02</u>		<u>4910.02</u>	<u>4817.35</u>
A4 Income From Fund Raising				
Draw			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous			0.00	0.00
Projects				
Away From It All Holidays		1433.00	1433.00	2300.63
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Britain & Ireland Fund		15.00	15.00	55.00
Disaster Relief		675.00	675.00	236.75
MSH Fund		600.00	600.00	1370.00
Overseas Fund		233.25	233.25	162.54
Overseas Travel Fund			0.00	0.00
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
AGM Memorabilia			0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2956.25</u>	<u>2956.25</u>	<u>4124.92</u>
A5 Income From Investments				
Interest	5.85	3.66	9.51	90.44
	<u>5.85</u>	<u>3.66</u>	<u>9.51</u>	<u>90.44</u>
TOTAL OF INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>22632.18</u>	<u>3933.36</u>	<u>26565.54</u>	<u>27105.02</u>

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31. December 2021

Resources Expended	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
B1 Projects				
Away from it all Holidays		210.00	210.00	2000.00
Britain & Ireland		15.00	15.00	55.00
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Disaster		675.00	675.00	236.75
MSH		600.00	600.00	8370.00
Overseas		233.25	233.25	162.54
Overseas Travel			0.00	0.00
Wedding Fairs		1.20	1.20	1.80
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
	0.00	1734.45	1734.45	10826.09
B2 Activities relating to Mu				
Subscriptions	10600.00		10600.00	8468.00
Purchase Stock	4316.37		4316.37	3459.68
Expenses				
Presidents	445.55		445.55	110.10
Vice-Presidents			0.00	88.80
Secretary	1200.00		1200.00	0.00
Treasurer	535.20		535.20	18.83
Training			0.00	0.00
Chaplain			0.00	0.00
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Admin & Finance			0.00	0.00
Action & Outreach	285.63		285.63	98.60
Speakers	62.00		62.00	0.00
Dio. Mem. Sec.	146.13		146.13	157.61
Mue Sales	208.86		208.86	87.10
IMPC rep	145.37		145.37	110.96
Trustees	81.08		81.08	34.20
Facilitator Training			0.00	0.00
	18026.19		18026.19	12633.88
B3 MU Management & Admin				
Printing, Postage & Stationery	92.89		92.89	0.00
Computer & Internet Exp	71.99		71.99	308.67
General Meeting			0.00	0.00
Festival Service			0.00	0.00
Insurance	34.12		34.12	430.00
Staff Costs			0.00	1720.00
Conferences	353.00		353.00	153.00
Newsletter	1074.65		1074.65	1122.30
Publicity			0.00	0.00
	1626.65	0.00	1626.65	3733.97
B4 Costs of Generating Funds				
Fetes Bazaars & other fundraising even	20.00		20.00	20.00
	20.00		20.00	20.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	19672.84	1734.45	21407.29	27213.94

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31. December 2021

C1 FUND DETAILS

which are deemed to be restricted, which must be spent on the specified purposes within a reasonable time.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Away From It All	13969.83	11779.72
Britain & Ireland		
Disaster Relief		
MSH General Fund		
Overseas		
Overseas Travel	1238.45	1238.45
Wedding Fairs	1393.35	1384.55
Total	<u>16601.63</u>	<u>14,402.72</u>

C2 STOCK

Value of cards etc. held for resale at the year end

	2021	2020
	£	£
	1775.96	2049.39

no. held

Books & Pens @£3.34	38	126.92
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**Independent examiner's report to
the Trustees of the Mothers' Union, Portsmouth Diocese**

I report on the accounts of the Mothers' Union, Portsmouth Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the accompanying pages. [The annual report for 2021 was not available during the period of the independent examination.]

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

G. Lodge

Gillian Lodge
Portsmouth Business School, Richmond Building, Portland St., Portsmouth. PO1 3DE
Date: 31/03/2022

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

England & Wales - Charity number 1067369

Accounts

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Portsmouth

CHARITY NUMBER 1067369

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2020

Mothers' Union in the Portsmouth Diocese, is registered with the Charity Commission (no 1067369). The Bishop of Portsmouth is our patron.

Mothers' Union Aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. To carry out its aim its objectives are:

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

The Trustee Board as of 1st January 2019

Elizabeth Groves	Diocesan President & Chair of Trustees
Alison Mills	Diocesan Secretary (Ex-officio)
Valerie Griffiths	Diocesan Treasurer (Ex-officio)
Vacant	Diocesan Chaplain (Ex-officio)
Sylvia Beardsmore	Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Isle of Wight
Felicity Keeping	Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Portsdown
Vacant	Deanery Co-ordinator Bishops Waltham
Valerie Edmonds	Deanery Co-ordinator Fareham and Gosport
Sheila King	Deanery Co-ordinator Havant and Portsmouth
Sue Williams	Deanery Co-ordinator Isle of Wight
Christine Long	Unit Co-ordinator Action and Outreach
Val Franks	Unit Co-ordinator Faith and Policy
Vacant	Unit Co-ordinator Finance and Administration
Vacant	Unit Co-ordinator Fundraising & Communications
Vacant	Unit Co-ordinator Training
Susan Hamilton	Unit Co-ordinator Diocesan Members
Ann Bebbington	
Caroline Scull	
Hillary Batchelor	
Theresa Bignell	'Contact' Editor
Sabrina Gwynn	Co-opted as Modern Day Slavery Co-ordinator

The members of Mothers' Union Council elect the Trustees every three years, 2020 is the second year of a triennium

In 2020 Mothers' Union in Portsmouth had twenty-six branches. Overall there were 627 members, sixty-seven had either left or died through 2019 and there were sixty two additional members.

The board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility to identify, assess and manage risks. This is undertaken on an ongoing basis regarding all activities undertaken by the Portsmouth Mother's Union. Dynamic risk assessments are undertaken for all activities and formal documented risk assessments are carried out where any larger event for example those events involving a variety of activities and the general public.

Each Member organising an activity is responsible for the initial dynamic assessment and judge whether the activity requires a documented risk assessment. Formal risk assessment documents are available on request from the Board of Trustees and the completed forms are sent to the Trustees for approval.

We continue to be led by Portsmouth Diocese's theme of 'Live Pray Serve' and as that is what Mothers Union has been undertaking during the last one hundred and forty five years that is how we shall present our report.

Live



The theme for Mothers' Union 2020 is to Building Hope and Confidence

2020 Started the year with Midday Prayer at the Cathedral in January followed by a trustee meeting. We managed to continue with the Cathedral Midday Prayer in February and March, then by the end of March we were in Lockdown when all meeting together ended. This led to Lady Day Service in Havant and Portsmouth and the Quiet Day on the Isle of Wight during Holy Week being cancelled. However, most of us have learnt new technology and have been communicating via Zoom. Many of

our members are elderly and Branch leaders and members have endeavoured to keep everyone in communication.

Pray

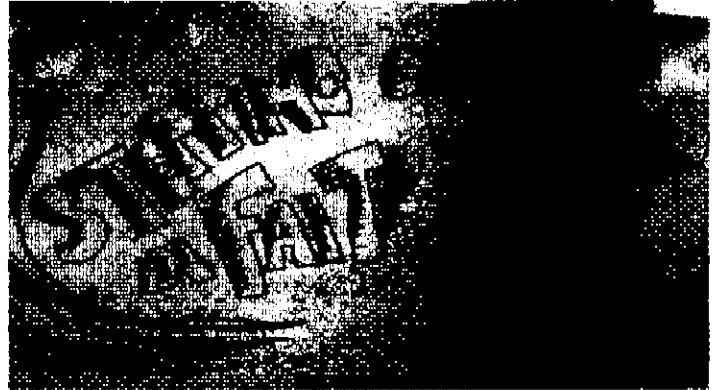
Prayer is at the heart of Mothers' Union life and all we undertake is upheld by it.

- Each month on the third Wednesday at mid-day members gather in the Cathedral for Holy Communion celebrated by MU diocesan chaplain assisted by members from the deaneries in rotation.
- The 577 members in the diocese each receive a copy of Families Worldwide which encourages and enables daily prayer for families throughout the world. It provides information about MU projects and our link dioceses and their leaders to aid prayer and understanding. Members are encouraged to pray at mid-day each day.
- Wave of Prayer – the three archdeaconries each from June 15th to 17th when the branches in the archdeaconry were allocated different times to meet for the Wave of Prayer services during which we prayed for the work of MU and specially for our link dioceses abroad, these are New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea, Gboko in Benue State Nigeria, Bukavu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nyahururu in Kenya.
- Prayer Chain – The prayer chain is made up of a representative from each deanery. They undertake to pray regularly for those who are sick or who have asked for prayer.
- A quiet day was held at Carisbrooke Priory on the Isle of Wight during Holy Week.
- Every year on Lady Day, March 25th, Havant and Portsmouth deanery holds a Lady Day Service
- Council and Trustee meetings begin with prayer usually led by Mothers' Union Chaplain and also at mid-day.



Serve

- Last year Mary Sumner House (Head Quarters of Mothers' Union) invited us to take part as a pilot diocese in 'Metamorphosis' a project which followed on from MULOA but was parish based. This was an exciting project which needed the backing of the diocese and the parish priest. We centred this in Gosport a town with deprivation in many areas. This project was to help the church to reach out to the community and engage with it in areas of need. It used art and drama and the bible to aid. Three of six sessions were undertaken last year and three this year finishing just before lockdown. We continued the Holiday Hunger project started in the Christmas holidays at half term and joined in the Council's 'Open Door' project which provided accommodation for the homeless of Gosport during January and February. We have continued to support the families who joined the Holiday Hunger project.



- During the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence some of our branches met to pray for people suffering from the effects of gender violence.
- Bags Of Love. Some branches have sent 'bags of love' to parents taking the YR children to school for the first time and at Christmas 'bags of love' were given to Care Workers in a Care Home.

- Normally, Members of Portsmouth Mothers' Union volunteer help at the Roberts Child Contact Centre. There were very few days this year when this was able to happen except in the first few months.

The Child Contact Centre is a place where children living with one parent can meet the parent they do not live with in a safe comfortable environment. Research tells us that children have better outcomes when they have contact with their non-resident parent. The Child Contact Centre is run by a team of trained staff and volunteers whose primary role is to help parents make sure their child's contact experience is positive.'

- We have two projects supporting Queen Alexandra Hospital. MGN Support Project (Maternity, Gynaecological and Neo-Natal Support) we provided gowns for still-born babies, tiny baby-grows for the neo-natal unit and knitted matinee jackets and blankets. In the second project members provided toiletry items in a bag for those people who are taken to hospital in an emergency. During the year the members who support these projects have continued to provide articles for QA Hospital.

Members in the Isle of Wight knit hats to support the Seafarers' Mission, they also knit for the neonatal unit at St Mary's Hospital and collect toiletries for those admitted unexpectedly to St Mary's Hospital.

- Our teams of volunteers have not attended Wedding Fayres through 2020 to promote marriage in church.
- Throughout the year members raised funds for us to provide a week's holiday or days away for families who are unable to fund a holiday, however, this year we have been unable to send any family away due to the prevailing circumstances.
- Two of our members look after the MUE (Mothers' Union enterprises) stall. They sell cards, badges, gifts etc., that are ordered from Mary Sumner House. The proceeds go to help the running of Central Mothers Union and a percentage is received back annually.

We hope and pray that 2021 sees us able to return to our branches and projects with renewed energy.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Elizabeth Groves

Portsmouth Diocesan President

**MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ending 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Totals Funds 2019
INCOMING RESOURCES				
A1 From Donors	17551.93	520.38	18072.31	16620.01
A2 Other Voluntary Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	4284.35
A3 Income from Operating Activities	4817.35	0.00	4817.35	5412.35
A4 Income From Fund Raising	0.00	4124.92	4124.92	13135.48
A5 Income From Investments	47.52	42.92	90.44	140.48
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	22416.80	4688.22	27105.02	39592.67
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
B1 Projects	7000.00	3826.09	10826.09	10128.59
B2 Activities relating to Mu	12633.88	0.00	12633.88	18599.71
B3 MU Management & Admin	3703.97	30.00	3733.97	6779.53
B4 Costs of Generating Funds	20.00	0.00	20.00	3508.80
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	23357.85	3856.09	27213.94	39016.63
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	-941.05	832.13	-108.92	576.04
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1ST JANUARY 2020	14613.84	13571.09	28184.93	27608.89
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	13672.79	14403.22	28076.01	28184.93

**MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Deposit A/c	11238.03	11190.51
Current A/c	2706.32	5119.78
Santander	2599.94	1258.98 (mue a/c)
AFIA A/c	4761.72	3893.21
Afia Deposit A/c	7018.00	7000.00
Afia Cash		62.58
	<u>28324.01</u>	<u>28525.06</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Newsletter		
Insurance		
Over payment subs		9.50
Gift		205.00
Advanced subs 2021	248.00	90.00
Afia Donations		35.63
	<u>248.00</u>	<u>340.13</u>
ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	<u>28076.01</u>	<u>28184.93</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

signed on its behalf by:

Revd E Groves (President)

V Griffiths (Treasurer)

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2020

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
A1 From Donors				
Subscriptions	13926.00		13926.00	14130.00
Postal Membership	211.50		211.50	213.00
Income Tax Recovered	2334.43	510.38	2844.81	1459.01
Open Plate Services			0.00	0.00
Donations	984.50		984.50	400.00
Action & Outreach	60.00		60.00	290.00
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Indoor Members Prayer Circle	35.50		35.50	48.00
Wedding Fair		10.00	10.00	80.00
	<u>17551.93</u>	<u>520.38</u>	<u>18072.31</u>	<u>16620.01</u>
A2 Other Voluntary Resources				
Grants				
Legacies			0.00	250.00
AGM 2019			0.00	4034.35
Familles First			0.00	0.00
			<u>0.00</u>	<u>4284.35</u>
A3 Income from Operating Activities				
MU Enterprise Sales	4255.00		4255.00	4791.72
Profit Related Grant	562.35		562.35	620.63
			<u>4817.35</u>	<u>5412.35</u>
A4 Income From Fund Raising				
Draw			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous			0.00	7.30
Projects				
Away From It All Holidays		2300.63	2300.63	6486.95
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Britain & Ireland Fund		55.00	55.00	250.00
Disaster Relief		236.75	236.75	1149.55
MSH Fund		1370.00	1370.00	475.00
Overseas Fund		162.54	162.54	1206.08
Overseas Travel Fund			0.00	0.00
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
AGM Memorabilia			0.00	3560.60
		<u>4124.92</u>	<u>4124.92</u>	<u>13135.48</u>
A5 Income From Investments				
Interest	47.52	42.92	90.44	140.48
	<u>47.52</u>	<u>42.92</u>	<u>90.44</u>	<u>140.48</u>
TOTAL OF INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>22416.80</u>	<u>4688.22</u>	<u>27105.02</u>	<u>39592.67</u>

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Stements for year ended 31. December 2020

Resources Expended	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
B1 Projects				
Away from it all Holidays		2000.00	2000.00	6903.55
Britain & Ireland		55.00	55.00	250.00
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Disaster		236.75	236.75	1149.55
MSH	7000.00	1370.00	8370.00	475.00
Overseas		162.54	162.54	1206.08
Overseas Travel			0.00	25.00
Wedding Fairs		1.80	1.80	119.41
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
	7000.00	3826.09	10826.09	10128.59
B2 Activities relating to Mu				
Subscriptions	8468.00		8468.00	8553.00
Purchase Stock	3459.68		3459.68	4894.72
Expenses				
Presidents	110.10		110.10	734.75
Vice-Presidents	88.80		88.80	303.60
Secretary			0.00	0.00
Treasurer	18.83		18.83	296.71
Training			0.00	248.29
Chaplain			0.00	482.85
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Admin & Finance			0.00	0.00
Action & Outreach	98.60		98.60	157.89
Speakers			0.00	283.77
Dio. Mem. Sec.	157.61		157.61	235.65
Mue Sales	87.10		87.10	320.09
IMPC rep	110.96		110.96	137.49
Trustees	34.20		34.20	328.70
Facilltator Training			0.00	1622.20
	12633.88		12633.88	18599.71
B3 MU Management & Admin				
Printing, Postage & Statloney			0.00	209.14
Computer & Internet Exp	308.67		308.67	1.25
General Meeting			0.00	2407.68
Festival Service			0.00	0.00
Insurance	400.00	30.00	430.00	495.31
Staff Costs	1720.00		1720.00	1720.00
Conferences	153.00		153.00	282.80
Newsletter	1122.30		1122.30	1656.16
Publicity			0.00	7.19
	3703.97	30.00	3733.97	6779.53
B4 Costs of Generating Funds				
Fetes Bazaars & other fundraising even	20.00		20.00	3508.80
	20.00		20.00	3508.80
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	23357.85	3856.09	27213.94	39016.63

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31. December 2020

C1 FUND DETAILS

which are deemed to be restricted, which must be spent on the specified purposes within a reasonable time.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Away From It All	11779.72	10955.79
Britain & Ireland		
Disaster Relief		
MSH General Fund		
Overseas		
Overseas Travel	1238.45	1238.45
Wedding Fairs	1384.55	1376.35
Total	<u>14402.72</u>	<u>13,570.59</u>

C2 STOCK

Value of cards etc. held for resale at the year end

		2020	2019	
		£	£	
		2049.39	2650	
	no. held			
Aprons @ £6.52	3	19.56	364	no. held
Books & Pens @£3.34	72	240.48	150	no. held



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MOTHERS UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1067369

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

E. J. Symonds

Date:

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