



DIOCESE of MONMOUTH MOTHERS' UNION.

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

CHARITY NUMBER 1073782

Diocese of Monmouth Mothers' Union Annual Report 2024

Legal and Administrative Information

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The Bishop of Monmouth, the Right Revd. Cherry Vann

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The Trustees are elected triennially by Council Members after nomination.

This the second year of the Triennium.

The Monmouth Diocese Mothers' Union is registered as a charity and its registered number is 1073782.

Report of The Trustees for The Year Ending 31st. December 2024

The Diocese of Monmouth Mothers' Union is an autonomous member of the Mothers' Union subscribing to the Central Mothers Union Constitution but with its own constitution. Members pay a subscription to The Mothers' Union and to the Diocese. For the year 2024 the Diocesan Subscription was £23:50 (£23:00 to Mary Sumner House and £0:50 to the Diocese).

At the beginning of the year there were 346 subscribing members in 20 branches, with 50 non-subscribing Indoor Members.

The Trustee Board is made up of the Diocesan President, 7 General Trustees, Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Treasurer and the Chaplain.

There are four units with specific areas of responsibility.

Finance and Central Services looks after administration including Finance, Gift Aid and Database. Members are the President (Co-ordinator), Secretary, Treasurer, MU enterprise representative, Gift Aid Secretary and Database Controller.

There are 5 members of this committee.

Faith Support concerns itself with Faith, Social policy, Indoor Members, organising Services and Retreats. Members are the Co-ordinator, Retreat Organiser, Indoor Members Representatives, Prison representative.

There are 5 members of this committee.

Action and Outreach are responsible for Overseas Links, AFIA (Away from it All Holidays) and MU Projects.

Members are the Co-ordinator, World Wide Links Correspondent, AFIA Representative and Hospital Representative (Vacant) and Contact Centre Representative.

There are 4 members of this committee.

Fundraising and Communication organise overseas, publicity and events.

Members are the Co-ordinator, New Members representative, Diocesan Members Representative, Publicity Officer and Speakers Representative.

There are 4 members of this committee.

Mission and Values

- Wherever Mothers' Union exists in the world we will express our Christian faith in the transformation of families and communities worldwide.
- We will achieve this by promoting the importance of marriage, supporting families and nurturing faith; with members sensitively spreading the news of a God who loves and cares for us all.
- Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organisation working with people of all faiths and none. We are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration.
- Our governance, leadership, and activities are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide.

Risk Assessment.

The Trustees are satisfied that risks have been identified and a system is in place to manage and mitigate them.

Review of Diocesan Activities 2024.

The start of 2024 began with an optimistic and upbeat outlook with the Mothers' Union theme of "Transformation- Now!".

The Trustee Board consists of The President, 7 General Trustees, Secretary, Treasurer and the Chaplain. The required 4 meetings per year were held, being positive and constructive with all working as a team for the benefit of all members.

The diary of events for 2024 was agreed with dates, times and venues set for the 6 Deanery Festivals, Council Meetings, Lady Day and Mary Sumner Day Services, with a program for the 16 Days of Activism on Gender Based Violence, provided by both Mary Sumner House and the Faith Support Unit.

The Annual Gathering held in York was discussed with the possibility of extending this to include a holiday- this however proved to be too costly. It was at this Gathering that the "Rise up" campaign against domestic abuse was launched.

Our work with local hospitals continues by providing, Toilet packs, Angel Pockets- sadly always needed, premature baby items including blankets and nappies, this year members donated goods to help furniture a room for relatives to stay while a family member is hospitalised.

Our work with care homes continues with visits from members with particular care to keep in contact with our Indoor Members who continue to receive Birthday & Christmas cards.. Our work for patients suffering with Dementia is also ongoing and we continue to produce the much needed and appreciated Fiddle Pinnies and Twiddle Muffs to enhance and encourage patients' stimulation.

The support for the Abergavenny Child Contact Centre- regulated and registered with the National Association of Child Contact Centres continues to be very vibrant. Two of our members are registered and certified Co-ordinators by the National Association, alongside the volunteers; many being MU Members. Our Diocese continues to help fundraising for the purchase of toys, financial support for some of the families and if needed help with the costs of running the centre.

Away From It All holidays- there is still a lack of uptake for this wonderful project but one family did enjoy the use of the Llandaff MU caravan at Porthcawl.

The Prison Project continues to be well supported by members attending their services on a rota bases, where prisoners who attend services are given Easter Cards, Christmas Cards along with gifts for both themselves and their children.

There was not an Annual retreat organised although some branches organised their own Day Retreats at Llangasty.

A quiet Day was held later in the year which was well supported.

Spring and Winter Council were held; breakfast was provided at Spring Council while Winter Council concluded with a soup lunch.

Lady Day services were held in all the Deaneries, along with Deanery Festivals.

Mary Sumner Day was celebrated with a Dioecian Lunch, with over 100 members attending.

The Summer of Hope appeal by Mary Sumner House was again well supported by members with many ingenious ways of fundraising.

Bishop Cherry, our Monmouth Diocesan Patron, invited the Mothers Union to have a stand at the Diocesan Conference, 150 packs of "Who We Are" were compiled; which included information leaflets regarding the work of the Mothers Union worldwide and our own projects were handed out to all the attending delegates.

The 3 monthly issue of the Newsletter provided free of charge to all our members continues to keep members updated, especially of what happens in other branches is very well received.

Provincial meetings for all 6 Diocesan Presidents were held

Plans for 2025.

The continued theme of 'Transformation- Now!' is to encourage members to become proactive in both their Branches and Communities to encourage contact with other Organisations and the General Public, to help raise awareness of the Mothers' Union's work with the hope of encouraging new members.

Projects for the Hospitals continues as in 2023 and is much needed. Our work with Dementia patients is still ongoing and we continue to produce the much needed and appreciated Fiddle Pinnies and Twiddle Muffs to help with their care.

Other Projects.

We continue to support along with the local Hospitals, Prisons, The Child Contact Centre, AFIA, Overseas links, Retreats and providing support and help to local Foodbanks.

The '16 Days of Activism' is extended to 365 days and with the Mothers' Union becoming involved with issues of Domestic Abuse, with the Province becoming associated with the work of Women's Aid Wales.

Plans are in place to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union this will be ongoing throughout 2025.

Council Meetings are planned along with a Diocesan Lunch.

Although the fear of Covid has diminished there remains concerns by members; ensuring both Health & Safety and Safeguarding Rules are followed the Mothers' Union in Monmouth Diocese will continue to thrive.

2025 will be the start of a new triennium.

Pat Jarrett. Diocesan President.

Diocese of Monmouth

Mothers Union

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year Ended 31st December 2024

Receipts as per schedule (1)	£ 34611.14	Payments as per schedule (2)	£30371.31
Attached		Attached	
Interest.			
COIF Deposit	1332.11		
Excess of receipts over payments			5571.94

Total	£ <u>35943.25</u>	£ <u>35943.25</u>
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General Fund:

Accumulated Balance as at 1 st January 2024	37586.31
Add Excess of receipts over payments -as above	5571.94
Accumulated balance as at 31 st December 2024	Total
	<u>43158.25</u>

Represented by:

Bank Account	9036.97	
COIF Share Account	29,500.00	
COIF Deposit Account	4621.28	
	Total	£ <u>43158.25</u>

I certify the above to be in accordance with the books of accounts, receipts and documents produced and explanations provided. I have examined the bank accounts and certify that the balances are correct.



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Schedule 1

RECEIPTS

Members Subscriptions.		13842.00
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Insurance		908.00
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Donations:

Overseas	1294.87	
MSH General Fund	235.10	
B&I	30.00	1559.97

Appeals:

Summer of Hope	1262.50	
Lent Appeal	190.00	
Mothering Sunday	426.70	1879.20

Projects

Indoor Members	325.00	
AFIA.	278.00	
Prisons	420.00	
Homeless	159.00	
Contact Centre	436.00	
Behind Closed Doors	75.00	1693.00

Diocesan.

Diocese	2734.56	
Speakers	120.00	
Bassaleg Deanery	59.00	2913.56

Special Events.

Diocesan Lunch	2691.00	
Trustees Lunch	389.50	
Retreat	2670.00	
Collection for DP.	240.00	5990.50

Sales:

MUE Grant	350.31	
MUE	3054.82	
Prison Project	2419.78	5824.91

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MONMOUTH DIOCESE
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Schedule 2

PAYMENTS

Subscriptions: MSH Subscriptions		8004.00
Insurance.		449.50
Units:		
Finance & Central Services	Printing: 2631.66. Stationary 794.33: Expenses. 63.90: Badges 42.54:	3532.43
Finance & Communications		78.50
A&O	Caravan 375: Screen tec 165.	540.00
Indoor Members.		242.63
Appeal;		
Overseas	991.25	
Fabric Appeal MSH.	185.10	
Mothering Sunday	461.70	
Summer of Hope	1500.00	
Lent Appeal	140.00	3278.05
Sales:		
MUE	3203.90	
MUe Prisons	1540.00	4743.90
Projects:		
Prisons	514.55	
Contact Centre	412.00	
Hospital	150.00	
Foodbanks.	1400.00	
Homeless	500.00	
Behind Closed Doors	250.00	
Banner	192.00	3418.55
EVENTS:		
Retreat	2610.00	
Trustee Lunch	569.05	
Diocesan Lunch.	2511.40	
Gift to President	200.00	5890.45
Miscellaneous:		
Returned Cheque	46.00	
RUMP Deanery	25.00	
Bank Charges	122.30.	193.30

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