

MOTHERS' UNION (CHESTER DIOCESE)

England & Wales · Charity number 221214

Details

Other names	MOTHERS' UNION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-07-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THE SPHERE OF MARRIAGE AND CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE. THE IS EXPRESSED IN THE PURPOSE; TO BE SPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH ALL THAT STRENGTHENS AND PRESERVES MARRIAGE AND CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE.

Activities: Christian care for families worldwide.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF CHESTER.
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£48,930	£49,570	-	-
2023-12-31	£43,000	£45,762	-	-
2022-12-31	£38,267	£50,375	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,890	£36,474	-	-
2020-12-31	£35,704	£38,124	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Peach		2022-01-01
DIANA BANCROFT		2013-07-22
Di Waller		2016-01-01
Heather Anne Pardoe		2022-01-01
Linda Mary Fayers-Hallin		2025-01-01
Rosemary Elizabeth Earp		2022-01-01
Vivien Joan Ley		2025-01-01

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Diocesan members

Members who may not have a local group nearby or who do not feel able to attend regular meetings choose Diocesan Membership. Please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office for further details. Members meet occasionally in groups, and are kept in touch with Diocesan and Central affairs by post and email.

DEANERY LEADERS

Although we were unable to formally elect Deanery Leaders for this Triennium we are very grateful to those who have remained in post.

Chester Archdeaconry		Macclesfield Archdeaconry	
Birkenhead	Vacant	Bowdon	Joan Tanner*
Chester	Linda Schofield *	Chadkirk	Jenny Fairbanks*
Frodsham	Jo Ayliffe	Cheadle	Jill Fairhurst
Great Budworth	Derek Buckthorpe	Congleton	Grace Lowe
Malpas	Ann Welby	Knutsford	Sheila Rayner
Middlewich	Diana Bancroft	Macclesfield	Di Waller
Wallasey	Vacant	Mottram	Vacant
Wirral North	Vacant	Nantwich	Diane Turner*
Wirral South	Ann Elliott*	Stockport	Florence Barlow

(* Deanery Contact)

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Transformation Now

Annual Review

2024

Registered Charity No. 221214

Diocesan Officers

The election process to appoint Diocesan Officers for this triennium was abandoned in 2021 due to the failure to hold a successful election following the re-election of the Diocesan President. Amendments to our constitution were passed by Diocesan Council to allow a Board of Trustees to be elected at our Diocesan Council meeting in November 2021.

Due to the closure of the Units by MSH in recent years no officers were elected this triennium. At their meeting in March 2022 the Board of Trustees agreed to the following Diocesan responsibilities for the General Trustees.

AFIA (Away from it All Holidays) - Rosemary Earp

Prison Ministry—Di Waller

HR—Derek Buckthorpe/Wendy Sykes

Speaker Training—Ann Peach

Safeguarding—Heather Pardoe

Following Mary Spracklings retirement in 2022 we no longer have any Enterprise Reps and it was agreed by Diocesan Council that branches would order directly from the MU enterprise website or via Alan Palmer who continues to help with enterprise on behalf of his late wife Barbara.

Alison Neale who was the website editor handed this role back to the Trustees following her move to Cheltenham Diocese

Judith Dewdney remains the editor of MU Matters magazine.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese for the year ended 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts do not accord with those records; or

the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Lucy Brooks

Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

20 Henley Road

Neston

Cheshire

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MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CHESTER

DESCRIPTION

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organization working through grassroots membership to support families and communities around the world and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1926.

VISION (the essence of our work)

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving respectful and flourishing relationships.

AIM & PURPOSE (what we want to achieve)

To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of family in its many forms.

MISSION (how we go about achieving our vision)

- Supporting and promoting marriage
- Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- Promoting conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children
- Helping those whose family life has met with adversity

PATRON

THE LORD BISHOP OF CHESTER

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

Mrs June Houghton

EX-OFFICIO VICE PRESIDENTS

Mrs R Sinclair

Mrs S Bishop

DIOCESAN PRESIDENT

Mrs Wendy Sykes

Mrs J Gilbertson

PAST PRESIDENT

Mrs Viv Ley

DIOCESAN CHAPLAIN

Vacant

DIOCESAN SECRETARY and TREASURER

Mrs Dawn Colwell

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CHESTER

TRUSTEES - 2022

Wendy Sykes—Diocesan President

Derek Buckthorpe

Ann Peach

Gillian Edwards

Diana Bancroft

Heather Pardoe

Di Waller

Rosemary Earp

At The Diocesan Council meeting on 20th November 2021 the members of the Diocesan Council agreed to four amendments to our constitution. Under these amendments elections were held at that meeting to appoint a Trustee Board. The amendments were made as a direct response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the failure to run a successful election for any of the remaining roles after Wendy had been elected as Diocesan President. Also in accordance with the agreed amendments all Trustees would hold the role of General Trustee for this triennium.

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESAN OFFICE

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MEMBERSHIP

Members 990

Branches 50

BANKERS

Natwest Bank, 33 Eastgate Street, Chester CH1 1LG

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Lucy Brooks FCCA

20 Henley Road, Neston, Cheshire CH64 0SG

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. Basis of Accounting The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities—Statement of Recommended Practice' (revised 2005) and the Charities Act on an accrual basis under the historical Cost convention.
2. Fixed Assets Office and Computer Equipment have been fully written off as in previous years.
3. Reserves Policy The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Society. This review considered the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with our commitments and the nature of the reserves. In particular, the Trustees have considered the Society's role supporting the international Mothers' Union to which it is affiliated. The review concluded that unrestricted reserves should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least eighteen months diocesan expenditure (diocesan expenditure being the total running costs of the diocesan office, all deaneries and branches). Unrestricted reserves in excess of this level will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees to enable decisions to be made as to how these reserves can be spent most effectively. Any reduction in excess unrestricted reserves will be undertaken on a gradual basis over the medium to long term.

4. Disclosure of Trustee and staff remuneration, related party and other transactions

4.1 None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with Mothers' Union or a related entity.

4.2 Eight of the trustees have claimed and had their expenses met by Mothers' Union during the year ended 31st December 2024. The total amount paid to trustees was £ 747.83 in total made up of:-

£241.88 for conference accommodation, travel and refreshments

£ 355.95 MU enterprise, gifts and flowers

£150.00 safeguarding training and support through thirty one eight

4.3 During the financial period there have been no related party transactions

4.4 Mothers' Union Chester Diocese employs one part time member of staff the total staff costs for the financial period are :-

Salary for year ended 31/12/2024 £13,239.99

Tax and National Insurance £ 610.93

Contribution to Nest Pension £ 489.50

Expenses – mileage £ 54.65

Total £ 14,395.07

4.5 There are no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
Current assets		
Bank account	20,408	18,908
CBF general account	57,480	55,315
Petty cash	104	503
Enterprise stock	70	70
Deanery bank accounts	1,751	1,537
Branch bank accounts	16,919	17,457
Accounts receivable	-	-
Total current assets	96,735	93,792
Liabilities		
Agency Collections	4,936	7,919
Total liabilities	4,936	7,919
Net asset surplus/(deficit)	91,799	85,873
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted	42,051	46,514
Designated	23,846	27,313
Restricted	25,900	12,044
Total	91,799	85,873

THE ORGANISATION



Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is organised into eighteen Deaneries within the two Archdeaconries of Chester and Macclesfield. Each Deanery is divided into Branches, which coincide, in most instances, with church parishes. Branches generally hold meetings monthly and events are also held at Deanery and Diocesan level.

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is governed by a Trustee Board, which meets 4 times per year. There are two Council Meetings annually, which all members are eligible to attend. One is preceded by a General Meeting, as required by the Charity Commission, at which the Annual Review and Summary of Accounts are presented.

Elections for new officers, which are held triennially, took place in 2021, when the Diocesan President was re-elected for a further term of 3 year term and 7 General Trustees were elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for a 3 year term

Due to the changes made by Central Mothers' Union to the four units we previously modelled and the failure of our election process in 2021 there were no officers elected for this triennium.

The Trustees' Report and the Summary of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 are included in this document.

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR MOTHER'S UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF

CHESTER 2024

1. Objectives and Activities

In 2024, Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester continued its mission of demonstrating the Christian faith through practical action, promoting stable family life and the protection of children. Activities were driven by both diocesan-led initiatives and grassroots efforts within individual branches.



The AFIA (Away From It All) Holiday Scheme provided much-needed respite to nine families living with difficult circumstances. These families were given a four-night stay at Presthaven Sands, along with Tesco vouchers to help with food and necessities. The joy and gratitude expressed by both adults and children, many of whom had never had a holiday together as a family before, highlighted the deep personal impact of this initiative.

The Prison Ministry continued its support with the distribution of over 900 Christmas cards and chocolates to inmates at HMP Styal and Thorn Cross. Birthing bags, containing essentials for new mothers, were updated to reflect the needs identified through close consultation with prison staff. Mothers' Union also supported parenting courses within the prisons, providing tailored workbooks to promote family connections and development.



A new partnership with KidsBank Chester led to the overwhelmingly successful collection of baby items at our Diocesan Council meeting in November. Members from across the diocese collected and donated enough baby supplies to fill two vans, offering tangible help to families in crisis and showcasing the power of collective action.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	
			2024	2023
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds	10,878	-	10,878	13,496
Voluntary income	14,496	-	14,496	17,563
Activities for generating funds	423	21,769	22,192	1,540
Investment income	2,165	-	2,165	2,530
Incoming resource from charitable activities	4,605		4,605	6,845
Other incoming resources	405	-	405	1,025
Total incoming resources	32,974	21,769	54,744	43,000
Resources Used				
Cost of generating funds		-		
Costs of generating voluntary income	11,202	-	11,202	15,192
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	6,044		6,044	3,251
Charitable activities	4,163	7,912	12,076	5,355
Governance costs	19,494	-	19,494	21,849
Total resources used	40,904	7,912	48,817	45,649
Net income/(expenditure) before transfer	(7,930)	13,856	5,926	(2,648)
Gross Transfers between Funds:				
In	944		944	1,066
Out	(944)		(944)	(1,066)
Total Funds Brought Forward	73,828	12,044	85,873	88,521
Total Funds Carried Forward	65,898	25,900	91,799	85,873

There are no Endowed Funds in this financial year

Note:- These Financial statements are abbreviated for purposes of the Annual Review. If anyone wishes to see a fully detailed copy then please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office in Chester (Tel: 07513127607)

Annual Review Report 2024

Our consolidated accounts for 2024 were completed and presented to the Trustees in May 2025. I am very grateful to those branches and deaneries who sent in their completed finance forms by the deadline of 1st March, unfortunately just under 40% of our branches missed this deadline. The delay in receiving information makes my job significantly harder when the timeframe for completing the accounts is already tight.

Membership renewals for 2024 were 990 members in total. This was made up of 960 branch members and 30 diocesan members. Out of the 50 branches that remained open in 2025 only 48 of them were active. Inactive branches were contacted for an update on their membership and the Trustees continue to work with branches that are struggling to remain open.

The total amount of fundraising for the year was £11,340 split over the following funds – the central Mothers’ Union funds we support received £408 for the Britain and Ireland fund; £1,155 for the Literacy fund; £4,219 for the four MSH appeals during the year; £563 for the Worldwide fund and £561 for the Relief fund. Our projects here in Chester were supported by the receipt of £1,769 for the AFIA (Away from it All holidays) Fund; £1,765 for our prison ministry and £900 for our Future projects and partnerships fund which currently supports our work providing Bags of Education. The AFIA Fund was also the beneficiary of a £20,000 bequest from the estate of Brenda Evans a member at Norbury branch.

Our Enterprise Sales Grant was £757 being 10% of our previous year’s total sales from within this Diocese. Interest on our balances held with the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities fund amounted to £2,165.

Diocesan expenses were again kept on budget as approved by Trustees, with cost control except where not possible. Money held in designated funds that were no longer required was moved back into the general fund to help meet the budget. Trustees continue to monitor the budget and decline in income due to the decrease in membership renewals and make adjustments as necessary.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the efficient running of the branches, deaneries, and the Diocesan Office.

Dawn

Dawn Colwell, Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer



Once again Mothers’ Union ran the baby changing facilities at the Cheshire Show this year. Despite the threat of rain they managed to stay dry for the two-day event and welcomed over 300 families to the tent.



Branches continued to support their local communities by participating in the Wave of Prayer and Thy Kingdom Come initiatives, hosting events, and engaging in national campaigns such as the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and the Rise Up Campaign.

In Congleton Deanery, members redirected funds from the discontinued Virtual Baby project to purchase £2,000 worth of sensory equipment for Ruby’s SEND Centre, enhancing support for children with additional needs.



These activities demonstrate how the Diocese actively lives out its charitable objectives, making a real difference in family life, both spiritually and materially, while planning ahead for the 150th anniversary celebrations in 2026.

2. Achievements and Performance

The outcomes of 2024’s activities have made a significant difference across the Diocese. Not only through our diocesan initiatives already outlined but also through the work of the members in each of our branches.

Branches of Mothers' Union across the Diocese have contributed to a wide range of activities in 2024, reflecting the diverse ways in which they serve their communities and uphold our shared values.

Faith

In the category of *Nurturing Faith*, members supported spiritual growth and connection by offering baptism gifts, sharing holding crosses, and distributing prayer resources within their parishes.

Love

Through *Offering Gifts of Love*, branches reached out with generosity and care by donating selection boxes to families in need, assembling seasonal care packages, and delivering essential items to local support centres.

Service

Under *Offering Service*, practical support was demonstrated by visiting housebound members, assisting at church and community events, and volunteering time to sustain parish life and outreach.

Craft

In *Crafting*, members used their skills to produce handmade baby blankets, knitted toys, and other comforting items which were donated to hospitals, prisons, and family support projects—tangible signs of compassion and creativity.

These varied acts of service taken from the MU Live reports illustrate the vibrancy and commitment of our branches, whose efforts continue to transform lives across the Diocese. Despite national membership declines, Chester Diocese retained a strong presence with 990 members and 48 active branches.

Branch participation in campaigns such as the Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse, and the awarding of Bronze certificates to local branches, exemplify the Diocese's wider impact. These public engagements help to raise awareness and contribute to societal change.

In closing the triennium, the Trustees express gratitude to the outgoing Diocesan President for her faithful leadership. The organisation enters its next chapter with renewed commitment, ready to grow in faith and service.

The Board of Trustees of Mothers' Union, Chester Diocese

MOTHERS' UNION FUNDS

OVERSEAS FUND

Supporting 300 Community Development Co-ordinators working at grassroots across different cultures in 83 countries. They enable long term development of all kinds: economic, relational and personal in order to strengthen family life. They train local people to teach skills and build support networks in their communities – thus enabling people to help themselves.

LITERACY FUND

Mothers' Union is committed to doing all it can to reduce illiteracy. £59 will fund one person to attend a literacy circle and savings group in Burundi helping them to learn lifesaving literacy and financial skills.



RELIEF FUND

One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union members to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world.

When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities. Grants are sent quickly to equip the local Mothers' Union to respond as fast as possible to meet these needs, using local resources. By equipping our members to respond right at the heart of the affected region, we are often one of the first agencies to deliver effective relief.

BRITAIN AND IRELAND FUND

Provides funds for the work of Mothers' Union in Britain and Ireland. It includes Parenting programmes, Loving for Life - training facilitators to help with Marriage preparation and follow up, supporting Dioceses with Development Workers, Prison work and other special projects.

AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS

Enabling families recovering from a time of stress, bereavement or family breakdown to have a holiday to rebuild relationships.

Referrals are received from clergy, doctors, social workers and refugees



Mothers' Union Chester Diocese

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2024

Charity No 221214

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	10,878	—	—	10,878	13,496
Voluntary income	14,496	—	—	14,496	17,563
Activities for generating funds	423	21,769	—	22,192	1,540
Investment income	2,165	—	—	2,165	2,530
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4,605	—	—	4,605	6,845
Other incoming resources	405	—	—	405	1,025
Total income	32,974	21,769	—	54,744	43,000
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Costs of generating voluntary income	11,202	—	—	11,202	15,192
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	6,044	—	—	6,044	3,251
Charitable activities	4,163	7,912	—	12,076	5,355
Governance costs	19,494	—	—	19,494	21,849
Total expenditure	40,904	7,912	—	48,817	45,649
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(7,930)	13,856	—	5,926	(2,648)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	994	—	—	994	1,066
Gross transfers between funds - out	(994)	—	—	(994)	(1,066)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(7,930)	13,856	—	5,926	(2,648)
Total funds brought forward	73,828	12,044	—	85,873	88,521
Total funds carried forward	65,898	25,900	—	91,799	85,873
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	42,051	—	—	42,051	46,514
Designated					
Branch Closure Moneys held for two years	2,472	—	—	2,472	2,066
Cheshire Show	592	—	—	592	169
Development Worker	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens	9,292	—	—	9,292	10,286
Fundraising and Communication	—	—	—	—	—
Future projects and partnerships	4,566	—	—	4,566	4,129
Juliet Hannam Memorial	682	—	—	682	799
MU Enterprises	1,995	—	—	1,995	4,567
Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—
Prison Ministry	3,065	—	—	3,065	2,482
Wedding Fairs	—	—	—	—	—
Wirral Virtual Baby Fund	1,179	—	—	1,179	2,812
Restricted					
Britain & Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Educational Bursary	—	441	—	441	441
Holiday Fund	—	24,872	—	24,872	9,781
Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—
MU AIDS/HIV Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—

Parenting Fund	—	587	—	587	1,821
Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
3001	Equipment	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	—	—
Current assets			
3101	Bk current 00806617	20,408	18,908
3103	CBF General a/c	57,480	55,315
3104	Bk sp current 00847143	—	—
3110	Petty Cash	104	503
3111	Enterprise Stock	70	70
3113	Deanery Bank Account	1,751	1,537
3114	Branch Bank Accounts	16,919	17,457
Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	96,735	93,792
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	4,936	7,919
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	4,936	7,919
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	91,799	85,873
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	5,926	(2,648)
Z01	Starting balances	85,873	88,521
	Total Reserves	91,799	85,873
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	42,051	46,514
	Designated	23,846	27,313
	Restricted	25,900	12,044
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	91,799	85,873

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Equipment -	4,221	(4,221)	—	—	—	—
Totals	4,221	(4,221)	—	—	—	—
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bk current 00806617 -	(30,736)	20,849	30,294	—	20,408	18,908
CBF General a/c -	56,480	500	500	—	57,480	55,315
Petty Cash -	503	(440)	42	—	104	503
Deanery Bank Account -	1,751	—	—	—	1,751	1,537
Branch Bank Accounts -	16,919	—	—	—	16,919	17,457
Totals	44,918	20,909	30,837	—	96,664	93,722
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	174	(174)	—	—	—	—
Totals	174	(174)	—	—	—	—

Current assets - Stocks and work in progress							
Enterprise Stock -		(1,414)	1,484	—	—	70	70
Totals		(1,414)	1,484	—	—	70	70
Liabilities - Agency accounts							
Agency collections -		—	—	4,936	—	4,936	7,919
Totals		—	—	4,936	—	4,936	7,919
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Accounts Payable -		5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—
Totals		5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—
Grand total		42,251	23,646	25,900	—	91,799	85,873

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
AFIA - Holiday Fund							
Restricted	9,781	21,769	6,678	—	—	—	24,872
Sub-total for AFIA	9,781	21,769	6,678	—	—	—	24,872
AIDSfund - MU AIDS/HIV Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for AIDSfund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BClosure - Branch Closure Money							
Designated	2,066	405	—	—	—	—	2,472
Sub-total for BClosure	2,066	405	—	—	—	—	2,472
BritandIrl - Britain & Ireland Fu							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BritandIrl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ChesShow - Cheshire Show							
Designated	169	423	—	—	—	—	592
Sub-total for ChesShow	169	423	—	—	—	—	592
Devworker - Development Worker							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Devworker	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton - Eaton Estate Charity							
Designated	10,286	—	—	(994)	—	—	9,292
Sub-total for Eaton	10,286	—	—	(994)	—	—	9,292
Educburs - Educational Bursary							
Restricted	441	—	—	—	—	—	441
Sub-total for Educburs	441	—	—	—	—	—	441
Enterprise - MU Enterprises							
Designated	4,567	1,182	3,754	—	—	—	1,995
Sub-total for Enterprise	4,567	1,182	3,754	—	—	—	1,995
FunComm - Fundraising and Comm							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for FunComm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FuturePP - Future projects and							
Designated	4,129	900	463	—	—	—	4,566
Sub-total for FuturePP	4,129	900	463	—	—	—	4,566
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	46,514	28,297	33,755	994	—	—	42,051
Sub-total for General	46,514	28,297	33,755	994	—	—	42,051
JMemorial - Juliet Hannam Memori							
Designated	799	—	116	—	—	—	682
Sub-total for JMemorial	799	—	116	—	—	—	682

Literacy - Literacy Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Literacy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas - Overseas Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Overseas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parenting - Parenting Fund							
Restricted	1,821	—	1,234	—	—	—	587
Sub-total for Parenting	1,821	—	1,234	—	—	—	587
PerPov - Period Poverty Proje							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PerPov	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prison - Prison Ministry							
Designated	2,482	1,765	1,181	—	—	—	3,065
Sub-total for Prison	2,482	1,765	1,181	—	—	—	3,065
Relief - Relief Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Relief	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virtual - Wirral Virtual Baby							
Designated	2,812	—	1,633	—	—	—	1,179
Sub-total for Virtual	2,812	—	1,633	—	—	—	1,179
Weddings - Wedding Fairs							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Weddings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	85,873	54,744	48,817	—	—	—	91,799

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds

1450 - CBF Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1511 - Branches extra income	10,524	—	—	—	10,524	13,198
1512 - Deanery extra income	353	—	—	—	353	297
Total	10,878	—	—	—	10,878	13,496

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

1010 - Subs Branch Members	12,682	—	—	—	12,682	15,541
1011 - Subs Diocesan members	306	—	—	—	306	540
1012 - MSH Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
1013 - Collections	557	—	—	—	557	32
1014 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1015 - Gift Aid Tax Rebates	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Donations & Legacies	951	—	—	—	951	1,449
1021 - Donations to IM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1025 - Virtual Gift Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - B collections at meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - Collctns at Meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1505 - B & D Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
1510 - Deanery Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	14,496	—	—	—	14,496	17,563

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

1001 - Britain and Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1002 - MSH Fabric Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 - Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1007 - Wheels Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1009 - Juliet Memorial Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1017 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1022 - Sponsored Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
1023 - Central Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1024 - Quizes	—	—	—	—	—	—
1041 - Africa Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
1100 - Action & Outreach Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - AFIA Holiday Fund	—	—	21,769	—	21,769	1,540
1103 - Cheshire Show	—	423	—	—	423	—
1104 - Wirral Virtual Babies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1105 - MU Soup	—	—	—	—	—	—
1106 - Soup Kitchens in S Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
1107 - Affiliate Support Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
1305 - Theatre Ticket Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1306 - Concert Sponsorship & adverts	—	—	—	—	—	—
1410 - Chester Marathon	—	—	—	—	—	—
1411 - Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
1413 - Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens Event	—	—	—	—	—	—
1417 - Ticket Sales for Saltmine production Cho	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - B & D Fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	423	21,769	—	22,192	1,540

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

1075 - Interest	2,165	—	—	—	2,165	2,530
Total	2,165	—	—	—	2,165	2,530

Incoming resources from charitable activities

1016 - MU Enterprise Grant	757	—	—	—	757	904
1040 - Sales Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
1044 - Sales cards & badges office	—	47	—	—	47	35
1046 - Sales Handbks & Constitutns	—	—	—	—	—	16
1047 - Sales Dioc Annual Reports	—	—	—	—	—	—
1048 - Enterprise Sales	—	1,134	—	—	1,134	2,110
1049 - Sale of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
1200 - Finance & Central Svc Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1207 - Postage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
1211 - AGM accomm/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	—
1212 - Contib to Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
1213 - Contrib to Parenting	—	—	—	—	—	—
1214 - Contrib from MSH for travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
1300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1301 - Income for MUM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Wedding Fairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1400 - Faith & Policy Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester 2011	—	—	—	—	—	—
1402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	—
1404 - Pilgrimage to Rydale Hall 2015	—	—	—	—	—	—
1407 - Pilgrimage to Cardiff 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
1408 - General Hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	—

1415 - Prison Ministry	—	1,765	—	—	1,765	1,979
1416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1418 - Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—	—
1420 - Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	—	—	—	—	—	—
1425 - Future Projects and Partnerships	—	900	—	—	900	1,799
1503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1503 - B Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1508 - B & D Postbox Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	757	3,848	—	—	4,605	6,845
Other incoming resources						
1045 - Sales Lead & Treas handbooks	—	—	—	—	—	—
1216 - Bank charges and payroll refunds	—	—	—	—	—	12
1409 - Branch closures money held for two years	—	405	—	—	405	1,013
Total	—	405	—	—	405	1,025
INCOME TOTAL	28,297	4,676	21,769	—	54,744	43,000

EXPENDITURE

Costs of generating funds

2408 - Costs of general hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	—
2411 - Cost of Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
2417 - Costs of Saltmine Production of Chosen	—	—	—	—	—	—
2450 - Funds to CBF Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Costs of generating funds - Costs of generating voluntary income

2100 - Cost of Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2103 - Cost of Cheshire Show	—	—	—	—	—	87
2300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit Expe	—	—	—	—	—	—
2304 - Other Marketing Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2305 - Concert Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2502 - B & D Cost of Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2511 - Branches Expenditure	11,062	—	—	—	11,062	14,847
2512 - Deanery Expenditure	139	—	—	—	139	257
Total	11,202	—	—	—	11,202	15,192

Costs of generating funds - Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs

2040 - Cost of Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
2044 - Cost of cards & badges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2048 - Enterprise Costs	—	3,754	—	—	3,754	992
2049 - Cost of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Cost of cards & Cals	—	—	—	—	—	—
2208 - Cost of Handbks & Ann Report	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Cost of MU Matters	2,289	—	—	—	2,289	2,258
2508 - B & D Postbox Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,289	3,754	—	—	6,044	3,251

Charitable activities

2001 - Britain Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2002 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
2003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2004 - Overseas Exp Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2007 - Wheels appeal to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2009 - Juliet Memorial expenses	—	116	—	—	116	—
2010 - Subs to MSH	13	—	—	—	13	46
2011 - Special Collections	545	—	—	—	545	—
2012 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2023 - Central Fundraising Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2024 - Quiz expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2025 - Virtual Gift Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2041 - Cost of Family Fun Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cost of AFIA (Holiday Fund)	—	—	6,678	—	6,678	3,718
2104 - Costs Wirral Virtual babies	—	1,633	—	—	1,633	—
2105 - Other Action & Outreach exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2106 - Payments to South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
2107 - Affiliate Support Groups expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
2211 - AGM accommodation/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	—
2213 - Parenting Costs	—	—	1,234	—	1,234	—
2215 - WWP & PP Visits	210	—	—	—	210	—
2302 - Wedding Fair exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2400 - Faith & Policy Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester	—	—	—	—	—	—
2402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	—
2404 - Rydal Hall Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2405 - IM expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2406 - Worldwide Links Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2407 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Cardiff 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
2413 - Expenses for Eaton Estate Open Gardens 2	—	—	—	—	—	—
2415 - Costs of prison ministry	—	1,181	—	—	1,181	1,361
2416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2418 - Costs of Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—	—
2420 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	—	—	—	—	—	—
2425 - Costs of Future Projects and Partnership	—	463	—	—	463	230
2500 - B & D Speakers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2500 - B & D Speakers expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - B & D Donations & Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
2507 - Refreshments non fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	768	3,395	7,912	—	12,076	5,355

Governance costs

2046 - Costs of Diocesan Handbooks	—	—	—	—	—	—
2047 - Costs of annual review	216	—	—	—	216	—
2200 - Dioc Presidents Expenses	567	—	—	—	567	80
2201 - Trustees & Officers Expend	180	—	—	—	180	237
2202 - Secretary's Salary & Expense	14,395	—	—	—	14,395	13,743
2203 - Office rent & rates nt	—	—	—	—	—	4,370
2204 - Insurance	449	—	—	—	449	598
2205 - Office/computer equipment	309	—	—	—	309	269

2206 - Printing & Stationary	659	—	—	—	659	382
2207 - Postage telephone & Internet	1,705	—	—	—	1,705	567
2209 - Room Hire for meet/Council	256	—	—	—	256	280
2212 - Cost of Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
2216 - Bank and payroll charges	548	—	—	—	548	587
2217 - Miscellaneous expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2218 - F&CS Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	32
2219 - DM & MUC expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2412 - Cathedral and Church Hire for Diocesan S	—	—	—	—	—	—
2419 - Office, Kitchen and Cleaning supplies fo	—	—	—	—	—	389
2430 - Office Utilities	207	—	—	—	207	310
2504 - B & D Administration	—	—	—	—	—	—
2505 - B & D Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
2506 - B & D Officers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2509 - B & D Flowers & Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	19,494	—	—	—	19,494	21,849
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	33,755	7,149	7,912	—	48,817	45,649
GRAND TOTAL	(5,457)	(2,473)	13,856	—	5,926	(2,648)

Signed..... *Dianna Waller*

Dated..... *17th November 2025*

Mrs Di Waller
 Diocesan President
 Mothers' Union Chester Diocese

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese.
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese for the year ended 31st December 2024
Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect: accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed..... *h Brooks* 18/11/25

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MOTHERS' UNION (CHESTER DIOCESE)

England & Wales - Charity number 221214

Accounts

Diocesan members

Members who may not have a local group nearby or who do not feel able to attend regular meetings choose Diocesan Membership. Please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office for further details. Members meet occasionally in groups, and are kept in touch with Diocesan and Central affairs by post and email.

DEANERY LEADERS

Although we were unable to formally elect Deanery Leaders for this Triennium we are very grateful to those who have remained in post.

Chester Archdeaconry		Macclesfield Archdeaconry	
Birkenhead	Vacant	Bowdon	Joan Tanner*
Chester	Linda Schofield *	Chadkirk	Jenny Fairbanks*
Frodsham	Jo Ayliffe	Cheadle	Jill Fairhurst
Great Budworth	Derek Buckthorpe	Congleton	Grace Lowe
Malpas	Ann Welby	Knutsford	Sheila Rayner
Middlewich	Diana Bancroft	Macclesfield	Di Waller
Wallasey	Vacant	Mottram	Vacant
Wirral North	Vacant	Nantwich	Diane Turner*
Wirral South	Ann Elliott*	Stockport	Florence Barlow

(* Deanery Contact)

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Diocese of Chester



Transformation Now

Annual Review

2023

Registered Charity No. 221214

Diocesan Officers

The election process to appoint Diocesan Officers for this triennium was abandoned in 2021 due to the failure to hold a successful election following the re-election of the Diocesan President. Amendments to our constitution were passed by Diocesan Council to allow a Board of Trustees to be elected at our Diocesan Council meeting in November 2021.

Due to the closure of the Units by MSH in recent years no officers were elected this triennium. At their meeting in March 2022 the Board of Trustees agreed to the following Diocesan responsibilities for the General Trustees.

AFIA (Away from it All Holidays) - Rosemary Earp

Prison Ministry—Di Waller

HR—Derek Buckthorpe/Wendy Sykes

Speaker Training—Ann Peach

Safeguarding—Heather Pardoe

Following Mary Spracklings retirement in 2022 we no longer have any Enterprise Reps and it was agreed by Diocesan Council that branches would order directly from the MU enterprise website or via Alan Palmer who continues to help with enterprise on behalf of his late wife Barbara.

Alison Neale who was the website editor handed this role back to the Trustees following her move to Cheltenham Diocese

Judith Dewdney remains the editor of MU Matters magazine.

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MOTHERS’ UNION DIOCESE OF CHESTER

DESCRIPTION

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organization working through grassroots membership to support families and communities around the world and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1926.

VISION (the essence of our work)

Our vision is of a world where God’s love is shown through loving respectful and flourishing relationships.

AIM & PURPOSE (what we want to achieve)

To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of family in its many forms.

MISSION (how we go about achieving our vision)

- Supporting and promoting marriage
- Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- Promoting conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children
- Helping those whose family life has met with adversity

PATRON

THE LORD BISHOP OF CHESTER

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

Mrs June Houghton

EX-OFFICIO VICE PRESIDENTS

Mrs R Sinclair

Mrs S Bishop

DIOCESAN PRESIDENT

Mrs Wendy Sykes

Mrs J Gilbertson

PAST PRESIDENT

Mrs Viv Ley

DIOCESAN CHAPLAIN

Vacant

DIOCESAN SECRETARY and TREASURER

Mrs Dawn Colwell

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CHESTER

TRUSTEES - 2022

Wendy Sykes—Diocesan President

Ann Peach

Diana Bancroft

Di Waller

Derek Buckthorpe

Gillian Edwards

Heather Pardoe

Rosemary Earp

At The Diocesan Council meeting on 20th November 2021 the members of the Diocesan Council agreed to four amendments to our constitution. Under these amendments elections were held at that meeting to appoint a Trustee Board. The amendments were made as a direct response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the failure to run a successful election for any of the remaining roles after Wendy had been elected as Diocesan President. Also in accordance with the agreed amendments all Trustees would hold the role of General Trustee for this triennium.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. Basis of Accounting The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities—Statement of Recommended Practice' (revised 2005) and the Charities Act on an accrual basis under the historical Cost convention.
2. Fixed Assets Office and Computer Equipment have been fully written off as in previous years.
3. Reserves Policy The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Society. This review considered the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with our commitments and the nature of the reserves. In particular, the Trustees have considered the Society's role supporting the international Mothers' Union to which it is affiliated. The review concluded that unrestricted reserves should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least eighteen months diocesan expenditure (diocesan expenditure being the total running costs of the diocesan office, all deaneries and branches). Unrestricted reserves in excess of this level will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees to enable decisions to be made as to how these reserves can be spent most effectively. Any reduction in excess unrestricted reserves will be undertaken on a gradual basis over the medium to long term.

4. Disclosure of Trustee and staff remuneration, related party and other transactions

4.1 None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with Mothers' Union or a related entity.

4.2 Eight of the trustees have claimed and had their expenses met by Mothers' Union during the year ended 31st December 2023. The total amount paid to trustees was £ 317.92 to cover accommodation and refreshment costs.

4.3 During the financial period there have been no related party transactions

4.4 Mothers' Union Chester Diocese employs one part time member of staff the total staff costs for the financial period are :-

Salary for year ended 31/12/2023	£12,530.13
Tax and National Insurance	£ 615.21
Contribution to Nest Pension	£ 480.44
Expenses – mileage	<u>£ 117.60</u>
Total	£ 13,743.38

4.5 There are no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
Current assets		
Bank account	18,796	12,728
CBF general account	55,315	62,785
Petty cash	503	421
Enterprise stock	70	1,011
Deanery bank accounts	1537	1497
Branch bank accounts	17,457	19,105
Accounts receivable	-	-
Total current assets	93,680	97,550
Liabilities		
Agency Collections	7,919	9,028
Total liabilities	7,919	9,028
Net asset surplus/(deficit)	85,760	88,521
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted	46,402	51,126
Designated	27,313	23,172
Restricted	12,044	14,222
Total	85,760	88,521



THE ORGANISATION

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is organised into eighteen Deaneries within the two Archdeaconries of Chester and Macclesfield. Each Deanery is divided into Branches, which coincide, in most instances, with church parishes. Branches generally hold meetings monthly and events are also held at Deanery and Diocesan level.

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is governed by a Trustee Board, which meets 4 times per year. There are two Council Meetings annually, which all members are eligible to attend. One is preceded by a General Meeting, as required by the Charity Commission, at which the Annual Review and Summary of Accounts are presented.

Elections for new officers, which are held triennially, took place in 2021, when the Diocesan President was re-elected for a further term of 3 year term and 7 General Trustees were elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for a 3 year term

Due to the changes made by Central Mothers' Union to the four units we previously modelled and the failure of our election process in 2021 there were no officers elected for this triennium.

The Trustees' Report and the Summary of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022 are included in this document.

TRUSTEES REPORT

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FOR MOTHER'S UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF CHESTER 2023

At the end of 2022, I had a fall that resulted in a fractured leg which required surgery and a long period of rehabilitation at the same time my wonderful husband John began his cancer treatment. The start of 2023 was a difficult time for us both and meant that I was unable to carry out much of my role as Diocesan President. During this time, I was surrounded by the love and support of the Mothers' Union members both here in Chester Diocese and York Province and with the help of our Diocesan Secretary and my fellow Trustees the work of Mothers' Union continued.

Our focus during the first quarter of the year was as always membership renewals and we were delighted that so many members continued to support the work of Mothers' Union Chester by renewing their membership for another year. Although there was a slight decrease in numbers, we remained above 1000 members and 57 open branches. The Diocesan Council engaged in a vote to decide upon the future of our Diocesan events and the results of that vote were published in Spring of 2023. The decisions made were that we would continue to hold our two Diocesan Council meetings at St John's Hartford and that there was no need for an MUEnterprise stall at those meetings. Members were encouraged to continue to purchase items from MUEnterprise either via Alan Palmer or using the online shop. Whilst the Council decided to continue to hold an annual Diocesan service the Trustees agreed that this would only be possible once we had a Diocesan Chaplain in post and that no services would be planned until a new Chaplain had been appointed. We continue to work with the Bishops office in this matter and pray that a suitable chaplain will be appointed soon.



Members across the diocese took part in our three-day Wave of Prayer during May and we prayed for our members here in Chester and for the valuable work they do in their communities and Parishes to support family life.

Our members take an active role in the life and work of their church, and many branches provide prayer books and bibles to couples getting married and to families who bring their children to be baptised.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	
			2023	2022
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds	13,496	-	13,496	15,170
Voluntary income	17,563	-	17,563	9,320
Activities for generating funds		1,540	1,540	2,488
Investment income	2,530	-	2,530	815
Incoming resource from charitable activities	6,845		6,845	9,346
Other incoming resources	1,025	-	1,025	1,127
Total incoming resources	41,460	1,540	43,000	38,267
Resources Used				
Cost of generating funds		-		
Costs of generating voluntary income	15,192	-	15,192	16,063
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	3,251		3,251	2,864
Charitable activities	1,750	3,718	5,468	9,157
Governance costs	21,849	-	21,849	22,289
Total resources used	42,043	3,718	45,762	50,375
Net income/(expenditure) before transfer	(582)	(2,178)	(2,761)	(12,107)
Gross Transfers between Funds:				
In	1,066		1,066	
Out	(1,066)		(1,066)	
Total Funds Brought Forward	74,299	14,222	88,521	100,629
Total Funds Carried Forward	73,716	12,044	85,760	88,521

There are no Endowed Funds in this financial year

Note:- These Financial statements are abbreviated for purposes of the Annual Review. If anyone wishes to see a fully detailed copy then please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office in Chester (Tel: 07513127607)

Annual Review Report 2023

Our consolidated accounts for 2023 were completed and presented to the Trustees in May 2024. I am very grateful to those branches and deaneries who sent in their completed finance forms by the deadline of 1st March, unfortunately just under 40% of our branches missed this deadline. The delay in receiving information makes my job significantly harder when the timeframe for completing the accounts is already tight.

Membership renewals were impacted by the £10 increase that was agreed upon at Diocesan Council in November 2022, although we had absorbed the recent rises in subscription rates from central Mothers' Union, we were no longer in a position to continue to do this and the membership renewals were therefore increased for this year. Although our membership remained above 1000 members across the diocese we suffered a 15% loss in membership renewals from the previous year. Three branches closed at the end of 2022 with a further 5 branches closing during 2023.

The total amount of fundraising for the year was £13,344.17 split over the following funds – the central Mothers' Union funds we support received £150.00 for the Britain and Ireland fund; £1,310.18 for the Literacy fund; £4,239.70 for the four MSH appeals during the year; £945.38 for the Worldwide fund and £1,380.00 for the Relief fund. Our projects here in Chester were supported by the receipt of £1,540.00 for the AFIA (Away from it All holidays) Fund; £1,979.85 for our prison ministry and £1,799.06 for our Future projects and partnerships fund which currently supports our work providing Bags of Education.

Our Enterprise Sales Grant was £904.17 being 10% of our previous year's total sales – either goods purchased from our Enterprise team or online and we received £39.79 from Amazon Smile. The Amazon Smile scheme was closed by Amazon in 2023 and we will not receive any more income from this. Interest on our balances held with the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities fund amounted to £2,530.11.

Diocesan expenses were again kept on budget as approved by Trustees, with cost control except where not possible. Money held in designated funds that were no longer required was moved back into the general fund to help meet the budget. Trustees continue to monitor the budget and decline in income due to the decrease in membership renewals and make adjustments as necessary. The Diocesan Office closed in August 2023 to save money going forward and to reduce our Diocesan expenditure.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the efficient running of the branches, deaneries, and the Diocesan Office.

Dawn

Dawn Colwell, Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer

Branches also celebrated the coronation of King Charles III with tea parties and one branch held a poetry competition to mark the occasion. Our branches continue to welcome new members and celebrate the service given by awarding long service certificates.



Our Diocesan Council meetings were both well attended this year and I am very grateful to the branch officers who represent their members on the Diocesan Council as well as to the Board of Trustees who run these meetings so well.



Our theme for the summer meeting was 'A Heart for Giving' and we shared fellowship and ideas on how as members we can serve our communities and our diocese. We held our AGM in November and the theme for the Diocesan Council was 'A Year of MU' looking at themes throughout the year that we can use to fulfill our aims and objectives.



Three Diocesan Projects are continuing to run here in Chester Diocese, and they were all well supported by our members this year. Our 'Away From It All Holiday scheme' provided holidays for six families at Presthaven Sands in North Wales. The Prison Ministry project provided 10 birthing bags to Styal Baby Unit as well as Easter gifts for the babies currently in the unit. At our November Diocesan Council meeting Christmas Cards were signed ready to be distributed to the inmates at both Styal and Thorn Cross

prisons. As well as the cards small Christmas gifts were donated to each prison. We work closely with both chaplaincy teams to provide the items they need. The partnership with Door to Hope continued this year with 46 Bags of Education purchased and filled with educational supplies by our members.

At the end of August 2023, we moved out of our office at 4 Abbey Square, Chester, and our secretary now works from home as she had done during the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision to close our office was agreed upon at the Diocesan Council in November 2022 as the expense of running the office was no longer justified. By giving up the office we have made an annual saving of just under £6,000. We remain grateful to the Cathedral Estate for providing us with office space in Abbey Square up until 2018 and for then renting No 4 to us at a preferential rate.

During the final quarter of 2023, my beloved John lost his battle with cancer, and I was once again surrounded by the prayers, love and support of my MU family. As well as it being a tremendously difficult year for me personally, across the diocese our branches and members were struggling to remain motivated and there was a general feeling of apathy regarding Mothers' Union and our future. The Diocesan Council agreed to hold a vote on whether Mothers' Union in Chester should continue as a charity following the end of our triennium in 2024. At the time of writing this report, I am delighted to say that the vote to continue was carried and we head into the coming year with renewed enthusiasm to carry on the much-needed work of Mothers' Union within the Diocese of Chester.

We pray that the coming year will see a transformation in Mothers' Union.

Wendy

On behalf of the Board of Trustees.



MOTHERS' UNION FUNDS

OVERSEAS FUND

Supporting 300 Community Development Co-ordinators working at grassroots across different cultures in 83 countries. They enable long term development of all kinds: economic, relational and personal in order to strengthen family life. They train local people to teach skills and build support networks in their communities – thus enabling people to help themselves.

LITERACY FUND

Mothers' Union is committed to doing all it can to reduce illiteracy. £59 will fund one person to attend a literacy circle and savings group in Burundi helping them to learn lifesaving literacy and financial skills.



RELIEF FUND

One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union members to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world.

When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities. Grants are sent quickly to equip the local Mothers' Union to respond as fast as possible to meet these needs, using local resources. By equipping our members to respond right at the heart of the affected region, we are often one of the first agencies to deliver effective relief.

BRITAIN AND IRELAND FUND

Provides funds for the work of Mothers' Union in Britain and Ireland. It includes Parenting programmes, Loving for Life - training facilitators to help with Marriage preparation and follow up, supporting Dioceses with Development Workers, Prison work and other special projects.

AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS

Enabling families recovering from a time of stress, bereavement or family breakdown to have a holiday to rebuild relationships.

Referrals are received from clergy, doctors, social workers and refugees



Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2023

Charity No 221214

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	13,496	—	—	13,496	15,170
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Other incoming resources	1,025	—	—	1,025	1,127
Total income	41,460	1,540	—	43,000	38,267
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Costs of generating voluntary income	15,192	—	—	15,192	16,063
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Governance costs	21,849	—	—	21,849	22,289
Total expenditure	42,043	3,718	—	45,762	50,375
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(582)	(2,178)	—	(2,761)	(12,107)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,066	—	—	1,066	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,066)	—	—	(1,066)	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(582)	(2,178)	—	(2,761)	(12,107)
Total funds brought forward	74,299	14,222	—	88,521	100,629
Total funds carried forward	73,716	12,044	—	85,760	88,521
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	46,402	—	—	46,402	51,126
Designated					
Branch Closure Moneys held for two years	2,066	—	—	2,066	2,087
Cheshire Show	169	—	—	169	256
Development Worker	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens	10,286	—	—	10,286	10,286
Fundraising and Communication	—	—	—	—	14
Future projects and partnerships	4,129	—	—	4,129	2,560
Juliet Hannam Memorial	799	—	—	799	799
MU Enterprises	4,567	—	—	4,567	2,473
Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	0
Prison Ministry	2,482	—	—	2,482	1,863
Wedding Fairs	—	—	—	—	17
Wirral Virtual Baby Fund	2,812	—	—	2,812	2,812
Restricted					
Britain & Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Educational Bursary	—	441	—	441	441
Holiday Fund	—	9,781	—	9,781	11,959
Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—
MU AIDS/HIV Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—

Parenting Fund	—	1,821	—	1,821	1,821
Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
3001	Equipment	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	—	—
Current assets			
3101	Bk current 00806617	18,796	12,728
3103	CBF General a/c	55,315	62,785
3104	Bk sp current 00847143	—	—
3110	Petty Cash	503	421
3111	Enterprise Stock	70	1,011
3113	Deanery Bank Account	1,537	1,497
3114	Branch Bank Accounts	17,457	19,105
Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	93,680	97,550
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	7,919	9,028
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	7,919	9,028
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	85,760	88,521
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,761)	(12,107)
Z01	Starting balances	88,521	100,629
	Total Reserves	85,760	88,521
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	46,402	51,126
	Designated	27,313	23,172
	Restricted	12,044	14,222
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	85,760	88,521

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Equipment -	3,227	(3,227)	—	—	—	—
Totals	3,227	(3,227)	—	—	—	—
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bk current 00806617 -	(23,948)	23,322	19,421	—	18,796	12,728
CBF General a/c -	54,315	500	500	—	55,315	62,785
Petty Cash -	901	(440)	42	—	503	421
Deanery Bank Account -	1,537	—	—	—	1,537	1,497
Branch Bank Accounts -	17,457	—	—	—	17,457	19,105
Totals	50,263	23,382	19,964	—	93,609	96,538
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	174	(174)	—	—	—	—
Totals	174	(174)	—	—	—	—

Current assets - Stocks and work in progress							
Enterprise Stock -	(1,414)	1,484	—	—	70	1,011	
Totals	(1,414)	1,484	—	—	70	1,011	
Liabilities - Agency accounts							
Agency collections -	—	—	7,919	—	7,919	9,028	
Totals	—	—	7,919	—	7,919	9,028	
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Accounts Payable -	5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—	
Totals	5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—	
Grand total	46,602	27,113	12,044	—	85,760	88,521	

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
AFIA - Holiday Fund							
Restricted	11,959	1,540	3,718	—	—	—	9,781
Sub-total for AFIA	11,959	1,540	3,718	—	—	—	9,781
AIDSfund - MU AIDS/HIV Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for AIDSfund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BClosure - Branch Closure Money							
Designated	2,087	1,013	—	(1,034)	—	—	2,066
Sub-total for BClosure	2,087	1,013	—	(1,034)	—	—	2,066
BritandIrl - Britain & Ireland Fu							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BritandIrl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ChesShow - Cheshire Show							
Designated	256	—	87	—	—	—	169
Sub-total for ChesShow	256	—	87	—	—	—	169
Devworker - Development Worker							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Devworker	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton - Eaton Estate Charity							
Designated	10,286	—	—	—	—	—	10,286
Sub-total for Eaton	10,286	—	—	—	—	—	10,286
Educburs - Educational Bursary							
Restricted	441	—	—	—	—	—	441
Sub-total for Educburs	441	—	—	—	—	—	441
Enterprise - MU Enterprises							
Designated	2,473	2,146	52	—	—	—	4,567
Sub-total for Enterprise	2,473	2,146	52	—	—	—	4,567
FunComm - Fundraising and Comm							
Designated	14	—	—	(14)	—	—	—
Sub-total for FunComm	14	—	—	(14)	—	—	—
FuturePP - Future projects and							
Designated	2,560	1,799	230	—	—	—	4,129
Sub-total for FuturePP	2,560	1,799	230	—	—	—	4,129
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	51,126	34,522	40,312	1,066	—	—	46,402
Sub-total for General	51,126	34,522	40,312	1,066	—	—	46,402
JMemorial - Juliet Hannam Memori							
Designated	799	—	—	—	—	—	799
Sub-total for JMemorial	799	—	—	—	—	—	799

Literacy - Literacy Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Literacy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas - Overseas Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Overseas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parenting - Parenting Fund							
Restricted	1,821	—	—	—	—	—	1,821
Sub-total for Parenting	1,821	—	—	—	—	—	1,821
PerPov - Period Poverty Proje							
Designated	0	—	—	0	—	—	—
Sub-total for PerPov	0	—	—	0	—	—	—
Prison - Prison Ministry							
Designated	1,863	1,979	1,361	—	—	—	2,482
Sub-total for Prison	1,863	1,979	1,361	—	—	—	2,482
Relief - Relief Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Relief	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virtual - Wirral Virtual Baby							
Designated	2,812	—	—	—	—	—	2,812
Sub-total for Virtual	2,812	—	—	—	—	—	2,812
Weddings - Wedding Fairs							
Designated	17	—	—	(17)	—	—	—
Sub-total for Weddings	17	—	—	(17)	—	—	—
Grand total	88,521	43,000	45,762	—	—	—	85,760

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Total Last year</u>
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds

1450 - CBF Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1511 - Branches extra income	13,198	—	—	—	13,198	14,884
1512 - Deanery extra income	297	—	—	—	297	286
Total	13,496	—	—	—	13,496	15,170

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

1010 - Subs Branch Members	15,541	—	—	—	15,541	6,347
1011 - Subs Diocesan members	540	—	—	—	540	288
1012 - MSH Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
1013 - Collections	32	—	—	—	32	420
1014 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1015 - Gift Aid Tax Rebates	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Donations & Legacies	1,449	—	—	—	1,449	2,264
1021 - Donations to IM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1025 - Virtual Gift Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - B collections at meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - Collctns at Meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1505 - B & D Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
1510 - Deanery Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	17,563	—	—	—	17,563	9,320

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

1001 - Britain and Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1002 - MSH Fabric Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 - Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1007 - Wheels Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1009 - Juliet Memorial Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1017 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1022 - Sponsored Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
1023 - Central Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1024 - Quizes	—	—	—	—	—	—
1041 - Africa Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
1100 - Action & Outreach Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - AFIA Holiday Fund	—	—	1,540	—	1,540	2,488
1103 - Cheshire Show	—	—	—	—	—	—
1104 - Wirral Virtual Babies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1105 - MU Soup	—	—	—	—	—	—
1106 - Soup Kitchens in S Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
1107 - Affiliate Support Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
1305 - Theatre Ticket Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1306 - Concert Sponsorship & adverts	—	—	—	—	—	—
1410 - Chester Marathon	—	—	—	—	—	—
1411 - Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
1413 - Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens Event	—	—	—	—	—	—
1417 - Ticket Sales for Saltmine production Cho	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - B & D Fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	1,540	—	1,540	2,488

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

1075 - Interest	2,530	—	—	—	2,530	815
Total	2,530	—	—	—	2,530	815

Incoming resources from charitable activities

1016 - MU Enterprise Grant	904	—	—	—	904	723
1040 - Sales Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
1044 - Sales cards & badges office	—	35	—	—	35	49
1046 - Sales Handbks & Constitutns	16	—	—	—	16	224
1047 - Sales Dioc Annual Reports	—	—	—	—	—	1
1048 - Enterprise Sales	—	2,110	—	—	2,110	2,159
1049 - Sale of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
1200 - Finance & Central Svc Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1207 - Postage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
1211 - AGM accomm/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	—
1212 - Contib to Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
1213 - Contrib to Parenting	—	—	—	—	—	—
1214 - Contrib from MSH for travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
1300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1301 - Income for MUM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Wedding Fairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1400 - Faith & Policy Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester 2011	—	—	—	—	—	—
1402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	—
1404 - Pilgrimage to Rydale Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
2015	—	—	—	—	—	—

1407 - Pilgrimage to Cardiff 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
1408 - General Hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	—
1415 - Prison Ministry	—	1,979	—	—	1,979	2,538
1416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1418 - Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—	—
1420 - Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	—	—	—	—	—	—
1425 - Future Projects and Partnerships	—	1,799	—	—	1,799	3,650
1503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1503 - B Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1508 - B & D Postbox Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	920	5,925	—	—	6,845	9,346
Other incoming resources						
1045 - Sales Lead & Treas handbooks	—	—	—	—	—	—
1216 - Bank charges and payroll refunds	12	—	—	—	12	75
1409 - Branch closures money held for two years	—	1,013	—	—	1,013	1,052
Total	12	1,013	—	—	1,025	1,127
INCOME TOTAL	34,522	6,938	1,540	—	43,000	38,267

EXPENDITURE

Costs of generating funds

2408 - Costs of general hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	—
2411 - Cost of Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
2417 - Costs of Saltmine Production of Chosen	—	—	—	—	—	—
2450 - Funds to CBF Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Costs of generating funds - Costs of generating voluntary income

2100 - Cost of Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2103 - Cost of Cheshire Show	—	87	—	—	87	—
2300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit Expe	—	—	—	—	—	—
2304 - Other Marketing Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2305 - Concert Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2502 - B & D Cost of Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2511 - Branches Expenditure	14,847	—	—	—	14,847	15,286
2512 - Deanery Expenditure	257	—	—	—	257	776
Total	15,104	87	—	—	15,192	16,063

Costs of generating funds - Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs

2040 - Cost of Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
2044 - Cost of cards & badges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2048 - Enterprise Costs	940	52	—	—	992	—
2049 - Cost of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Cost of cards & Cals	—	—	—	—	—	—
2208 - Cost of Handbks & Ann Report	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Cost of MU Matters	2,258	—	—	—	2,258	2,864
2508 - B & D Postbox Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3,199	52	—	—	3,251	2,864

Charitable activities

2001 - Britain Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2002 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
2003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2004 - Overseas Exp Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2007 - Wheels appeal to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2009 - Juliet Memorial expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2010 - Subs to MSH	46	—	—	—	46	—
2011 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
2012 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2023 - Central Fundraising Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2024 - Quiz expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2025 - Virtual Gift Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2041 - Cost of Family Fun Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cost of AFIA (Holiday Fund)	—	—	3,718	—	3,718	5,435
2104 - Costs Wirral Virtual babies	—	—	—	—	—	39
2105 - Other Action & Outreach exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2106 - Payments to South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
2107 - Affiliate Support Groups expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
2211 - AGM accommodation/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	—
2213 - Parenting Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2215 - WWP & PP Visits	112	—	—	—	112	131
2302 - Wedding Fair exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2400 - Faith & Policy Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester	—	—	—	—	—	—
2402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	—
2404 - Rydal Hall Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2405 - IM expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2406 - Worldwide Links Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2407 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Cardiff	—	—	—	—	—	—
2017						
2413 - Expenses for Eaton Estate Open Gardens 2	—	—	—	—	—	—
2415 - Costs of prison ministry	—	1,361	—	—	1,361	2,461
2416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2418 - Costs of Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—	—
2420 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	—	—	—	—	—	—
2425 - Costs of Future Projects and Partnership	—	230	—	—	230	1,090
2500 - B & D Speakers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2500 - B & D Speakers expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - B & D Donations & Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
2507 - Refreshments non fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	158	1,591	3,718	—	5,468	9,157

Governance costs

2046 - Costs of Diocesan Handbooks	—	—	—	—	—	349
2047 - Costs of annual review	—	—	—	—	—	261
2200 - Dioc Presidents Expenses	80	—	—	—	80	90
2201 - Trustees & Officers Expend	237	—	—	—	237	285
2202 - Secretary's Salary & Expense	13,743	—	—	—	13,743	12,113
2203 - Office rent & rates nt	4,370	—	—	—	4,370	4,999
2204 - Insurance	598	—	—	—	598	597
2205 - Office/computer equipment	269	—	—	—	269	589

2206 - Printing & Stationary	382	—	—	—	382	646
2207 - Postage telephone & Internet	567	—	—	—	567	851
2209 - Room Hire for meet/Council	280	—	—	—	280	371
2212 - Cost of Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
2216 - Bank and payroll charges	587	—	—	—	587	662
2217 - Miscellaneous expenses	—	—	—	—	—	5
2218 - F&CS Expenses	32	—	—	—	32	—
2219 - DM & MUC expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2412 - Cathedral and Church Hire for Diocesan S	—	—	—	—	—	185
2419 - Office, Kitchen and Cleaning supplies fo	389	—	—	—	389	—
2430 - Office Utilities	310	—	—	—	310	278
2504 - B & D Administration	—	—	—	—	—	—
2505 - B & D Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
2506 - B & D Officers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2509 - B & D Flowers & Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	21,849	—	—	—	21,849	22,289
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	39,732	1,731	3,718	—	45,182	50,375
GRAND TOTAL	(6,127)	5,207	(2,178)	—	(3,098)	(12,107)

Signature... *Wendy m Sykes*

Mrs Wendy Sykes
 Diocesan President
 Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese

Date... *16.5.24*

MOTHERS' UNION (CHESTER DIOCESE)

England & Wales - Charity number 221214

Accounts

Diocesan members

Members who may not have a local group nearby or who do not feel able to attend regular meetings choose Diocesan Membership. Please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office for further details. Members meet occasionally in groups, and are kept in touch with Diocesan and Central affairs by post and email.

DEANERY LEADERS

Although we were unable to formally elect Deanery Leaders for this triennium we are very grateful to those who have remained in post.

Chester Archdeaconry		Macclesfield Archdeaconry	
Birkenhead	Vacant	Bowdon	Joan Tanner*
Chester	Linda Schofield *	Chadkirk	Jenny Fairbanks*
Frodsham	Jo Ayliffe	Cheadle	Jill Fairhurst
Great Bud-	Derek Buckthorpe	Congleton	Grace Lowe
Malpas	Ann Welby	Knutsford	Sheila Rayner
Middlewich	Diana Bancroft	Maccles-	Di Waller
Wallasey	Vacant	Mottram	Vacant
Wirral North	Vacant	Nantwich	Diane Turner*
Wirral South	Ann Elliott*	Stockport	Florence Barlow

(* Deanery Contact)

Mothers' UNION
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Diocese of Chester



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Annual Review

2022

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Diocesan Officers

The election process to appoint Diocesan Officers for this triennium was abandoned in 2021 due to the failure to hold a successful election following the re-election of the Diocesan President. Amendments to our constitution were passed by Diocesan Council to allow a Board of Trustees to be elected at our Diocesan Council meeting in November 2021.

Due to the closure of the Units by MSH in recent years no officers were elected this triennium. At their meeting in March 2022 the Board of Trustees agreed to the following Diocesan responsibilities for the General Trustees.

AFIA (Away from it All Holidays) - Rosemary Earp

Prison Ministry - Di Waller

HR - Derek Buckthorpe/Wendy Sykes

Speaker Training—Ann Peach

Safeguarding—Heather Pardoe

Following Mary Spracklings retirement in this year we no longer have any Enterprise Reps and it was agreed by Diocesan Council that branches would order directly from the MU enterprise website or via Alan Palmer who continues to help with enterprise on behalf of his late wife Barbara.

Alison Neale who was the website editor handed this role back to the Trustees following her move to Cheltenham Diocese.

Judith Dewdney remains the editor of MU Matters magazine.

The role of Diocesan Chaplain also remains vacant and we continue to work closely with Bishop Mark to try and fill this appointment.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts do not accord with those records; or

the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Lucy Brooks

Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

20 Henley Road

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MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CHESTER

DESCRIPTION

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organization working through grassroots membership to support families and communities around the world and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1926.

VISION (the essence of our work)

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving respectful and flourishing relationships.

AIM & PURPOSE (what we want to achieve)

To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of family in its many forms.

MISSION (how we go about achieving our vision)

- Supporting and promoting marriage
- Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- Promoting conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children
- Helping those whose family life has met with adversity

PATRON

THE LORD BISHOP OF CHESTER

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

Mrs June Houghton

DIOCESAN PRESIDENT

Mrs Wendy Sykes

PAST PRESIDENT

Mrs Viv Ley

EX-OFFICIO VICE PRESIDENTS

Mrs R Sinclair

Mrs S Bishop

Mrs J Gilbertson

DIOCESAN CHAPLAIN

Vacant

DIOCESAN SECRETARY and TREASURER

Mrs Dawn Colwell

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CHESTER

TRUSTEES - 2022

Wendy Sykes—Diocesan President

Ann Peach

Diana Bancroft

Di Waller

Derek Buckthorpe

Gillian Edwards

Heather Pardoe

Rosemary Earp

At the Diocesan Council meeting on 20th November 2021 the members of the Diocesan Council agreed to four amendments to our constitution. Under these amendments elections were held at that meeting to appoint a Trustee Board. The amendments were made as a direct response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the failure to run a successful election for any of the remaining roles after Wendy had been elected as Diocesan President. Also in accordance with the agreed amendments all Trustees would hold the role of General Trustee for this triennium.

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Mrs Lucy Brooks FCCA

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. Basis of Accounting The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities—Statement of Recommended Practice' (revised 2005) and the Charities Act on an accrual basis under the historical Cost convention.
2. Fixed Assets Office and Computer Equipment have been fully written off as in previous years.
3. Reserves Policy The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Society. This review considered the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with our commitments and the nature of the reserves. In particular, the Trustees have considered the Society's role supporting the international Mothers' Union to which it is affiliated. The review concluded that unrestricted reserves should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least eighteen months diocesan expenditure (diocesan expenditure being the total running costs of the diocesan office, all deaneries and branches). Unrestricted reserves in excess of this level will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees to enable decisions to be made as to how these reserves can be spent most effectively. Any reduction in excess unrestricted reserves will be undertaken on a gradual basis over the medium to long term.

4. Disclosure of Trustee and staff remuneration, related party and other transactions

4.1 None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with Mothers' Union or a related entity.

4.2 Eight of the trustees have claimed and had their expenses met by Mothers' Union during the year ended 31st December 2022. The total amount paid to Trustees was £375 to cover accommodation and refreshment costs

4.3 During the financial period there have been no related party transactions

4.4 Mothers' Union Chester Diocese employs one part time member of staff the total staff costs for the financial period are :-

Salary for year ended 31/12/2022	£11,301.71
Tax and National Insurance	£ 241.06
Contribution to Nest Pension	£ 378.02
Expenses – mileage	<u>£ 192.90</u>
Total	£ 12,113.69

4.5 There are no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
Current assets		
Bank account	12,728	19,219
CBF general account	62,785	61,970
Petty cash	421	1
Enterprise stock	1,011	1,011
Deanery bank accounts	1,497	1,987
Branch bank accounts	19,105	19,508
Accounts receivable	-	-
Total current assets	97,550	103,698
Liabilities		
Agency Collections	9,028	3,069
Total liabilities	9,028	3,069
Net asset surplus/(deficit)	88,521	100,629
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted	51,126	66,145
Designated	23,172	17,313
Restricted	14,222	17,169
Total	88,521	100,629

THE ORGANISATION



Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is organised into eighteen Deaneries within the two Archdeaconries of Chester and Macclesfield. Each Deanery is divided into Branches, which coincide, in most instances, with church parishes. Branches generally hold meetings monthly and events are also held at Deanery and Diocesan level.

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is governed by a Trustee Board, which meets 4 times per year. There are two Council Meetings annually, which all members are eligible to attend. One is preceded by a General Meeting, as required by the Charity Commission, at which the Annual Review and Summary of Accounts are presented.

Elections for new officers, which are held triennially, took place in 2021 when the Diocesan President was re-elected for a further 3 year term and 7 General Trustees were elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for a 3 year term

Due to the changes made by Central Mothers' Union to the four Units we previously modelled and the failure of our election process in 2021 there were no officers elected for this triennium.

The Trustees' Report and the Summary of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022 are included in this document.

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR MOTHER'S UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF

CHESTER 2022

2022 the start of a new triennium and also my second term of office as Diocesan President. I began the year by giving thanks that during the global pandemic our members showed amazing resilience, responsiveness and adaptability and that we were able to continue our important work within this diocese within the limitations of the lockdowns. Our Board of Trustees were faced with the challenge of meeting the needs of our diocese and continuing the work of Mothers' Union whilst facing the reality that we no longer have a network of members working tirelessly to carry out our projects and fundraise to support our vital work. The pandemic had taken its toll on our charity just as it had with many organisations. It was made very clear that we were facing a huge problem with the breakdown of our election process and the difficulties we had in electing our Board of Trustees for this triennium. I am very grateful to the Diocesan Council for agreeing to the amendments that were made to our constitution which allowed the election of the Trustee Board to take place, and also to those members that agreed to carry on as general trustees and those who volunteered to join the Board. We are a small but committed band of members.

At our first meeting of the year we focused on how to continue with our projects without the Roles and Units that we had prior to the pandemic. The Trustees divided the responsibilities between themselves working as a team to ensure the projects could carry on as before. Our Diocesan Chaplain Rev Christine Broad had also stood down at the end of 2021 and we were now without that link to the Diocese. Interim plans were made and I was looking forward to representing Chester at the Re-Imagining Mothers' Union Conference in Liverpool during the summer. I was especially grateful to the members that had completed the questionnaire so that I had your thoughts to take with me to the conference.

Branches began meeting more fully again without the restrictions of the lockdown and many celebrated the long service of their members. The War in Ukraine was at the forefront of many of our minds and we shared prayers and resources with our members including a poem written by our Trustee Derek Buckthorpe. Our wave of prayer took place in May with our members praying for our global MU family and our link dioceses of Grahamstown (South Africa); Masasi (Tanzania); Afikpo (Nigeria); Wiawso (Ghana West) and the diocese of Northern Argentina.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	
			2022	2021
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds	15,170	-	15,170	6,182
Voluntary income	9,320	-	9,320	8,194
Activities for generating funds	-	2,488	2,488	1,957
Investment income	815	-	815	32
Incoming resource from charitable activities	9,346		9,346	4,326
Other incoming resources	1,127	-	1,127	1,197
Total incoming resources	35,779	2,488	38,267	21,890
Resources Used				
Cost of generating funds		-		
Costs of generating voluntary income	16,063	-	16,063	7,042
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	2,864		2,864	6,759
Charitable activities	3,722	5,435	9,157	2,702
Governance costs	22,289	-	22,289	19,969
Total resources used	44,940	5,435	50,375	36,474
Net income/(expenditure) before transfer	(9,160)	(2,946)	(12,107)	(14,583)
Gross Transfers between Funds:				14,078
In				(14,078)
Out				
Total Funds Brought Forward	83,459	17,169	100,629	115,212
Total Funds Carried Forward	74,299	14,222	88,521	100,629

There are no Endowed Funds in this financial year

Note:- These Financial statements are abbreviated for purposes of the Annual Review. If anyone wishes to see a fully detailed copy then please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office in Chester (Tel: 01244 400491)

Annual Review Report 2022

It was hoped that we would return to normal in 2022 with members again being able to meet without the restrictions of the pandemic. After the 19% decline in membership renewals we saw in 2021 our membership renewals for 2022 only fell by 2%.

Our total amount of fundraising for the year was £15,126 split over the following funds - the central Mothers' Union funds we support received £120 for the Britain and Ireland fund; £754 for the Literacy fund; £2,456 for the four MSH appeals during the year; £1,748 for the Worldwide fund and £1,372 for the Relief fund. Our projects here in Chester were supported by the receipt of £3,650 for the AFIA (Away from it all holidays) Fund; £2,538 for our prison ministry and £2,488 for our Future projects and partnerships fund which currently supports our work providing Bags of Education.

Our Enterprise Sales Grant was £723 being 10% of our previous year's total sales – either goods purchased from our Enterprise team or on-line and we received £31 from Amazon Smile. Both are again very useful towards Diocesan income. Interest on our balances held with the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) amounted to £815.

Diocesan Expenses were again kept on budget as approved by Trustees, with cost control except where not possible. Money held in designated funds that was no longer required was moved back into the general fund to help meet the budget. Trustees continue to monitor the budget and decline in income due to decrease in membership renewals and make adjustments as necessary. The decision has been taken to close our office in 2023 to reduce the Diocesan expenditure and further savings will be made where possible.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the efficient running of the branches, deaneries and the Diocesan Office.

Dawn Colwell

Diocesan Secretary & Treasurer

Our work supporting the Mother and Baby Unit at Styal Prison continued with Easter gifts for the 7 babies that were in the unit at that time. We were also able to gift a slide for the outdoor area that is used by the unit for the babies that are now growing into toddlers.

The first of our two Diocesan Council meetings was held at St John's parish centre, Hartford and as this was the first meeting without any restrictions that we had been able to hold for some time we changed the layout of the room and members of the council sat at round tables rather than in rows. The meeting was a lovely time of fellowship and sharing and was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our Patron Queen Elizabeth II with many branches holding afternoon tea parties and raising money for our Jubilee Summer of Hope appeal. A number of our deaneries took part in the Flower Festival held at Chester Cathedral on the Jubilee weekend and many members supported their church and community events and celebrations.

Our members had asked for a practical way they could help support the people of Ukraine and we launched a new partnership project with the charity Door to Hope to help provide Bags of Education for children in need across Eastern Europe including communities in war torn Ukraine. The members of Chester Mothers' Union filled over 200 of the 500 Bags that Door to Hope distributed to those in need in 2022. A wonderful achievement that we are all very proud of, we will be continuing to support this work in the coming years.



Membership continued to be a concern following the rapid decline in members renewing during and after the pandemic. Branches were considering closure when there was a lack of volunteers to take on officer roles within the branch. The fourth amendment to our constitution in 2021 allowed for members of a branch to continue to meet to share fellowship with the office providing support with processing membership renewals. Following the introduction of Fellowship branches 6 of our remaining 61 branches chose to become fellowships.

I attended the Re-imagining Mothers' Union conference in Liverpool during the summer and the Trustees discussed the ideas from this conference at our September meeting. We were asked to commit to three pledges and these were decided upon as being i) to develop partnerships that engage our members; ii) to continue to streamline

paperwork and bureaucracy; iii) to communicate our story to engage others and promote Mothers' Union.



Our Diocesan service took place at St Mary's Church, Handbridge Chester and was led by our Patron Bishop Mark and included the commissioning of Wendy as Diocesan President and the seven General Trustees. It was wonderful to be able to hold a service again the last one being in 2019, however due to the small number of members who attended and the lack of a Diocesan Chaplain the Trustees took the difficult decision that we wouldn't have a Diocesan service until a

new Chaplain is appointed as it is too much work for our Diocesan Secretary to have to organise on top of her already heavy workload.

There were more difficult decisions to be made as the year drew to a close the first was to increase our membership renewal by £10. This followed two years of keeping the renewals the same during the pandemic despite rising costs from Mary Sumner House. The Trustees also made the decision to close our office in Chester. During the lockdown arrangements were put in place for Dawn to work from home which she did throughout the pandemic. The office is no longer visited by members and we will save money by not having to pay for rent and utilities. The office will close in 2023.

Our final Diocesan Council of the year included the speakers Harriet Roberts and Ruth Basden, members were informed about the vision strategy that Bishop Mark has introduced for the Church within our Diocese and the importance of the small steps we can all make to help with climate change. Again the highlight of the meeting was the shared fellowship. A appeal for toys and clothing to support the refugees being housed in hotels in Chester was generously supported by the members attending Diocesan Council

Our work will continue in 2023 and we look back on this first year of our triennium as one filled with celebration, fellowship and shared sadness at the passing of our beloved Queen and patron.

We pray that the coming year will see transformation in Mothers' Union.

Wendy

On behalf of the Board of Trustees.

MOTHERS' UNION FUNDS

OVERSEAS FUND

Supporting 300 Community Development Co-ordinators working at grassroots across different cultures in 83 countries. They enable long term development of all kinds: economic, relational and personal in order to strengthen family life. They train local people to teach skills and build support networks in their communities – thus enabling people to help themselves.

LITERACY FUND

Mothers' Union is committed to doing all it can to reduce illiteracy. £59 will fund one person to attend a literacy circle and savings group in Burundi helping them to learn lifesaving literacy and financial skills.



RELIEF FUND

One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union members to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world.

When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities. Grants are sent quickly to equip the local Mothers' Union to respond as fast as possible to meet these needs, using local resources. By equipping our members to respond right at the heart of the affected region, we are often one of the first agencies to deliver effective relief.

BRITAIN AND IRELAND FUND

Provides funds for the work of Mothers' Union in Britain and Ireland. It includes Parenting programmes, Loving for Life - training facilitators to help with Marriage preparation and follow up, supporting Dioceses with Development Workers, Prison work and other special projects.

AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS

Enabling families recovering from a time of stress, bereavement or family breakdown to have a holiday to rebuild relationships.

Referrals are received from clergy, doctors, social workers and refugees



Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2022

Charity No 221214

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	15,170	—	—	15,170	6,182
Voluntary income	9,320	—	—	9,320	8,194
Activities for generating funds	—	2,488	—	2,488	1,957
Investment income	815	—	—	815	32
Incoming resources from charitable activities	9,346	—	—	9,346	4,326
Other incoming resources	1,127	—	—	1,127	1,197
Total income	35,779	2,488	—	38,267	21,890
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Costs of generating voluntary income	16,063	—	—	16,063	7,042
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	2,864	—	—	2,864	6,759
Charitable activities	3,722	5,435	—	9,157	2,702
Governance costs	22,289	—	—	22,289	19,969
Total expenditure	44,940	5,435	—	50,375	36,474
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(9,160)	(2,946)	—	(12,107)	(14,583)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	14,078
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(14,078)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(9,160)	(2,946)	—	(12,107)	(14,583)
Total funds brought forward	83,459	17,169	—	100,629	115,212
Total funds carried forward	74,299	14,222	—	88,521	100,629
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	51,126	—	—	51,126	66,145
Designated					
Branch Closure Moneys held for two years	2,087	—	—	2,087	1,034
Cheshire Show	256	—	—	256	256
Development Worker	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens	10,286	—	—	10,286	10,286
Fundraising and Communication	14	—	—	14	14
Future projects and partnerships	2,560	—	—	2,560	—
Juliet Hannam Memorial	799	—	—	799	799
MU Enterprises	2,473	—	—	2,473	265
Period Poverty Project	0	—	—	0	0
Prison Ministry	1,863	—	—	1,863	1,786
Wedding Fairs	17	—	—	17	17
Wirral Virtual Baby Fund	2,812	—	—	2,812	2,852
Restricted					
Britain & Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Educational Bursary	—	441	—	441	441
Holiday Fund	—	11,959	—	11,959	14,906
Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—
MU AIDS/HIV Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—

Parenting Fund	—	1,821	—	1,821	1,821
Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
3001	Equipment	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	—	—
Current assets			
3101	Bk current 00806617	12,728	19,219
3103	CBF General a/c	62,785	61,970
3104	Bk sp current 00847143	—	—
3110	Petty Cash	421	1
3111	Enterprise Stock	1,011	1,011
3113	Deanery Bank Account	1,497	1,987
3114	Branch Bank Accounts	19,105	19,508
Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	97,550	103,698
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	9,028	3,069
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	9,028	3,069
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	88,521	100,629
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(12,107)	(14,583)
Z01	Starting balances	100,629	115,212
	Total Reserves	88,521	100,629
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	51,126	66,145
	Designated	23,172	17,313
	Restricted	14,222	17,169
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	88,521	100,629

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Equipment -	2,161	(2,161)	—	—	—	—
Totals	2,161	(2,161)	—	—	—	—
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bk current 00806617 -	(28,281)	18,300	22,708	—	12,728	19,219
CBF General a/c -	61,785	500	500	—	62,785	61,970
Petty Cash -	1,005	(625)	42	—	421	1
Deanery Bank Account -	1,497	—	—	—	1,497	1,987
Branch Bank Accounts -	19,105	—	—	—	19,105	19,508
Totals	55,112	18,174	23,250	—	96,538	102,686
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	174	(174)	—	—	—	—
Totals	174	(174)	—	—	—	—

Current assets - Stocks and work in progress							
Enterprise Stock -	(473)	1,484	—	—	1,011	1,011	
Totals	(473)	1,484	—	—	1,011	1,011	
Liabilities - Agency accounts							
Agency collections -	—	—	9,028	—	9,028	3,069	
Totals	—	—	9,028	—	9,028	3,069	
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Accounts Payable -	5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—	
Totals	5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—	
Grand total	51,326	22,972	14,222	—	88,521	100,629	

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
AFIA - Holiday Fund							
Restricted	14,906	2,488	5,435	—	—	—	11,959
Sub-total for AFIA	14,906	2,488	5,435	—	—	—	11,959
AIDSfund - MU AIDS/HIV Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for AIDSfund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BClosure - Branch Closure Money							
Designated	1,034	1,052	—	—	—	—	2,087
Sub-total for BClosure	1,034	1,052	—	—	—	—	2,087
BritandIrl - Britain & Ireland Fu							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BritandIrl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ChesShow - Cheshire Show							
Designated	256	—	—	—	—	—	256
Sub-total for ChesShow	256	—	—	—	—	—	256
Devworker - Development Worker							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Devworker	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton - Eaton Estate Charity							
Designated	10,286	—	—	—	—	—	10,286
Sub-total for Eaton	10,286	—	—	—	—	—	10,286
Educburs - Educational Bursary							
Restricted	441	—	—	—	—	—	441
Sub-total for Educburs	441	—	—	—	—	—	441
Enterprise - MU Enterprises							
Designated	265	2,208	—	—	—	—	2,473
Sub-total for Enterprise	265	2,208	—	—	—	—	2,473
FunComm - Fundraising and Comm							
Designated	14	—	—	—	—	—	14
Sub-total for FunComm	14	—	—	—	—	—	14
FuturePP - Future projects and							
Designated	—	3,650	1,090	—	—	—	2,560
Sub-total for FuturePP	—	3,650	1,090	—	—	—	2,560
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	66,145	26,329	41,349	—	—	—	51,126
Sub-total for General	66,145	26,329	41,349	—	—	—	51,126
JMemorial - Juliet Hannam Memori							
Designated	799	—	—	—	—	—	799
Sub-total for JMemorial	799	—	—	—	—	—	799

Literacy - Literacy Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Literacy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas - Overseas Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Overseas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parenting - Parenting Fund							
Restricted	1,821	—	—	—	—	—	1,821
Sub-total for Parenting	1,821	—	—	—	—	—	1,821
PerPov - Period Poverty Proje							
Designated	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PerPov	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
Prison - Prison Ministry							
Designated	1,786	2,538	2,461	—	—	—	1,863
Sub-total for Prison	1,786	2,538	2,461	—	—	—	1,863
Relief - Relief Fund							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Relief	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virtual - Wirral Virtual Baby							
Designated	2,852	—	39	—	—	—	2,812
Sub-total for Virtual	2,852	—	39	—	—	—	2,812
Weddings - Wedding Fairs							
Designated	17	—	—	—	—	—	17
Sub-total for Weddings	17	—	—	—	—	—	17
Grand total	100,629	38,267	50,375	—	—	—	88,521

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds

1450 - CBF Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1511 - Branches extra income	14,884	—	—	—	14,884	6,162
1512 - Deanery extra income	286	—	—	—	286	20
Total	15,170	—	—	—	15,170	6,182

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

1010 - Subs Branch Members	6,347	—	—	—	6,347	6,308
1011 - Subs Diocesan members	288	—	—	—	288	414
1012 - MSH Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
1013 - Collections	420	—	—	—	420	—
1014 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1015 - Gift Aid Tax Rebates	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Donations & Legacies	2,264	—	—	—	2,264	1,472
1021 - Donations to IM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1025 - Virtual Gift Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - B collections at meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - Collctns at Meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1505 - B & D Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
1510 - Deanery Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9,320	—	—	—	9,320	8,194

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

1001 - Britain and Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1002 - MSH Fabric Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 - Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1007 - Wheels Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1009 - Juliet Memorial Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1017 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1022 - Sponsored Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
1023 - Central Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1024 - Quizes	—	—	—	—	—	—
1041 - Africa Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
1100 - Action & Outreach Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - AFIA Holiday Fund	—	—	2,488	—	2,488	1,887
1103 - Cheshire Show	—	—	—	—	—	—
1104 - Wirral Virtual Babies	—	—	—	—	—	69
1105 - MU Soup	—	—	—	—	—	—
1106 - Soup Kitchens in S Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
1107 - Affiliate Support Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
1305 - Theatre Ticket Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1306 - Concert Sponsorship & adverts	—	—	—	—	—	—
1410 - Chester Marathon	—	—	—	—	—	—
1411 - Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
1413 - Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens Event	—	—	—	—	—	—
1417 - Ticket Sales for Saltmine production Cho	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - B & D Fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	2,488	—	2,488	1,957

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

1075 - Interest	815	—	—	—	815	32
Total	815	—	—	—	815	32

Incoming resources from charitable activities

1016 - MU Enterprise Grant	723	—	—	—	723	829
1040 - Sales Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
1044 - Sales cards & badges office	—	49	—	—	49	4
1046 - Sales Handbks & Constitutns	224	—	—	—	224	—
1047 - Sales Dioc Annual Reports	1	—	—	—	1	—
1048 - Enterprise Sales	—	2,159	—	—	2,159	2,960
1049 - Sale of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
1200 - Finance & Central Svc Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1207 - Postage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
1211 - AGM accomm/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	—
1212 - Contib to Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
1213 - Contrib to Parenting	—	—	—	—	—	—
1214 - Contrib from MSH for travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
1300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1301 - Income for MUM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Wedding Fairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1400 - Faith & Policy Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester 2011	—	—	—	—	—	—
1402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	—
1404 - Pilgrimage to Rydale Hall 2015	—	—	—	—	—	—

1407 - Pilgrimage to Cardiff 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
1408 - General Hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	—
1415 - Prison Ministry	—	2,538	—	—	2,538	531
1416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1418 - Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—	—
1420 - Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	—	—	—	—	—	—
1425 - Future Projects and Partnerships	—	3,650	—	—	3,650	—
1503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1503 - B Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1508 - B & D Postbox Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	949	8,397	—	—	9,346	4,326
Other incoming resources						
1045 - Sales Lead & Treas handbooks	—	—	—	—	—	—
1216 - Bank charges and payroll refunds	75	—	—	—	75	163
1409 - Branch closures money held for two years	—	1,052	—	—	1,052	1,034
Total	75	1,052	—	—	1,127	1,197
INCOME TOTAL	26,329	9,449	2,488	—	38,267	21,890

EXPENDITURE

Costs of generating funds

2408 - Costs of general hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	—
2411 - Cost of Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
2417 - Costs of Saltmine Production of Chosen	—	—	—	—	—	—
2450 - Funds to CBF Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Costs of generating funds - Costs of generating voluntary income

2100 - Cost of Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2103 - Cost of Cheshire Show	—	—	—	—	—	—
2300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit Expe	—	—	—	—	—	—
2304 - Other Marketing Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2305 - Concert Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2502 - B & D Cost of Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2511 - Branches Expenditure	15,286	—	—	—	15,286	6,964
2512 - Deanery Expenditure	776	—	—	—	776	77
Total	16,063	—	—	—	16,063	7,042

Costs of generating funds - Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs

2040 - Cost of Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
2044 - Cost of cards & badges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2048 - Enterprise Costs	—	—	—	—	—	5,437
2049 - Cost of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Cost of cards & Cals	—	—	—	—	—	—
2208 - Cost of Handbks & Ann Report	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Cost of MU Matters	2,864	—	—	—	2,864	1,322
2508 - B & D Postbox Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,864	—	—	—	2,864	6,759

Charitable activities

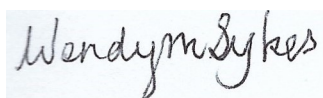
2001 - Britain Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2002 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
2003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2004 - Overseas Exp Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2007 - Wheels appeal to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2009 - Juliet Memorial expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2010 - Subs to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2011 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
2012 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2023 - Central Fundraising Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2024 - Quiz expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2025 - Virtual Gift Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2041 - Cost of Family Fun Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cost of AFIA (Holiday Fund)	—	—	5,435	—	5,435	1,537
2104 - Costs Wirral Virtual babies	—	39	—	—	39	147
2105 - Other Action & Outreach exp	—	—	—	—	—	12
2106 - Payments to South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
2107 - Affiliate Support Groups expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
2211 - AGM accommodation/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	—
2213 - Parenting Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2215 - WWP & PP Visits	131	—	—	—	131	111
2302 - Wedding Fair exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2400 - Faith & Policy Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester	—	—	—	—	—	—
2402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	—
2404 - Rydal Hall Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2405 - IM expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2406 - Worldwide Links Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2407 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Cardiff 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
2413 - Expenses for Eaton Estate Open Gardens 2	—	—	—	—	—	—
2415 - Costs of prison ministry	—	2,461	—	—	2,461	794
2416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2418 - Costs of Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—	—
2420 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	—	—	—	—	—	100
2425 - Costs of Future Projects and Partnership	—	1,090	—	—	1,090	—
2500 - B & D Speakers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2500 - B & D Speakers expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - B & D Donations & Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
2507 - Refreshments non fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	131	3,591	5,435	—	9,157	2,702

Governance costs

2046 - Costs of Diocesan Handbooks	349	—	—	—	349	—
2047 - Costs of annual review	261	—	—	—	261	263
2200 - Dioc Presidents Expenses	90	—	—	—	90	495
2201 - Trustees & Officers Expend	285	—	—	—	285	321
2202 - Secretary's Salary & Expense	12,113	—	—	—	12,113	11,095
2203 - Office rent & rates nt	4,999	—	—	—	4,999	4,999
2204 - Insurance	597	—	—	—	597	141
2205 - Office/computer equipment	589	—	—	—	589	324

2206 -Printing & Stationary	646			646	252
2207 -Postage telephone & Internet	851			851	975
2209 -Room Hire for meet/Council	371			371	120
2212 -Cost of Training					
2216-Bank and payroll charges	662			662	545
2217-Misceeanecus expenses	5			5	25
2218-F&CS Expenses					44
2219-DM & MUC expenses					
2412-Cathedral and Church Hire for Diocesan S	185			185	
241? - C%ce, Khchen and Cleaning supc\$es to					
2430 - Otoe Utilities	278			278	365
2304 - B & D Administration					
2505 - B & D Miscellaneous					
2506 - B & D Officers Expenses					
2509 - B & D Flowers & Gifts					
tal	22,289			22,289	19,969
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	41,349	3,591	5,435	50,375	36,474
GRAND TOTAL	(15,019)	5,858	(2,946)	(12,107)	(14,583)

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Mrs Wendy Sykes
 Diocesan President
 Mothers' Union, Chester Diocese

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese for the year ended 31st December 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

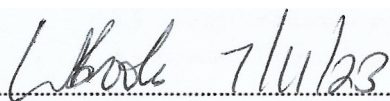
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect: accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed.....



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MOTHERS' UNION (CHESTER DIOCESE)

England & Wales - Charity number 221214

Accounts

Diocesan members

Members who may not have a local group nearby or who do not feel able to attend regular meetings choose Diocesan Membership. Please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office for further details. Members meet occasionally in groups, and are kept in touch with Diocesan and Central affairs by post and email.

DEANERY LEADERS

CHESTER ARCHDEACONRY

Birkenhead	Mary Sprackling
Chester	
Frodsham	Pat Brian
GT Budworth	Derek Buckthorpe*
Malpas	Ruth Clarke
Middlewich	Joan Colwell
Wallasey	Diana Bancroft*
Wirral North	Marilyn Lloyd
Wirral South	Ann Elliott

MACCLESFIELD ARCHDEACONRY

Bowdon	Joan Tanner*
Chadkirk	Eveline Hughes
Cheadle	Jill Fairhurst
Congleton	Grace Lowe*
Knutsford	Sheila Rayner*
Macclesfield	Di Waller
Mottram	Diocesan Office*
Nantwich	Diane Turner *
Stockport	Florence Barlow

(* Deanery Contact)

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Diocese of Chester



BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

Annual Review

2020

Registered Charity No. 221214

Diocesan Officers

ACTION & OUTREACH UNIT

Co-ordinator:	Joan Colwell
Wave of Prayer links	Ann Peach
AFIA Holidays:	Joan Colwell
Worldwide links	Heather Powling

FAITH & POLICY UNIT

Co-ordinator:	Vacant
Social Policy:	Di Waller
Prayer Chain:	Vacant
Wave of Prayer Links:	Ann Peach

Indoor Members:

Housebound members are invited to join Indoor Members in consultation with their branch leader or by contacting the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office for further details.

FINANCE & CENTRAL SERVICES UNIT

Finance Trustee	Derek Buckthorpe
Secretary & Treasurer	Dawn Colwell
Safeguarding:	Anne Hall
Training :	Diana Bancroft

FUNDRAISING & COMMUNICATION UNIT

Co-ordinator:	Gillian Edwards
Mothers' Union Enterprises:	
Mothers' Union Matters Editor:	Judith Dewdney
Website Editor:	Alison Neale

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CHESTER

DESCRIPTION

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organization working through grassroots membership to support families and communities around the world and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1926.

VISION (the essence of our work)

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving respectful and flourishing relationships.

AIM & PURPOSE (what we want to achieve)

To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of family in its many forms.

MISSION (how we go about achieving our vision)

- Supporting and promoting marriage
- Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- Promoting conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children
- Helping those whose family life has met with adversity

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. Basis of Accounting The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities—Statement of Recommended Practice' (revised 2005) and the Charities Act on an accrual basis under the historical Cost convention.
2. Fixed Assets Office and Computer Equipment have been fully written off as in previous years.
3. Reserves Policy The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Society. This review considered the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with our commitments and the nature of the reserves. In particular, the Trustees have considered the Society's role supporting the international Mothers' Union to which it is affiliated. The review concluded that unrestricted reserves should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least two years diocesan expenditure (diocesan expenditure being the total running costs of the diocesan office, all deaneries and branches). Unrestricted reserves in excess of this level will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees to enable decisions to be made as to how these reserves can be spent most effectively. Any reduction in excess unrestricted reserves will be undertaken on a gradual basis over the medium to long term.

4, Disclosure of Trustee and staff remuneration, related party and other transactions

4.1 None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with Mothers' Union or a related entity.

4.2 Two of the trustees have claimed and had their expenses met by Mothers' Union during the year ended 31st December 2020. The total amount paid to Trustees was £337.71 to cover accommodation and mileage costs.

4.3 During the financial period there have been no related party transactions.

4.4 Mothers' Union Chester Diocese employs one part time member of staff the total staff costs for the financial period are :-

Salary for year ended 31/12/2020	£10,135.80
Tax and National Insurance	£ 266.53
Contribution to Nest Pension	£ 331.62
Expenses – mileage	<u>£ 31.02</u>
Total	£ 10,764.97

4.5 There are no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
Current assets		
Bank account	30,674	30,410
CBF general account	61,937	61,676
Petty cash	1	124
Enterprise stock	1,350	951
Deanery bank accounts	2,019	4,302
Branch bank accounts	20,458	20,291
Accounts receivable	-	-
Total current assets	116,442	117,756
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	1,107	-
Total liabilities	1,107	-
Net asset surplus/(deficit)	115,335	117,756
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted	65,686	72,645
Designated	32,830	29,922
Restricted	16,819	15,187
Total	115,335	117,756



THE ORGANISATION

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is organised into eighteen Deaneries within the two Archdeaconries of Chester and Macclesfield. Each Deanery is divided into Branches, which coincide, in most instances, with church parishes. Branches generally hold meetings monthly and events are also held at Deanery and Diocesan level.

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chester is governed by a Trustee Board, which meets 4 times per year. There are two Council Meetings annually, which all members are eligible to attend. One is preceded by a General Meeting, as required by the Charity Commission, at which the Annual Review and Summary of Accounts are presented.

Elections for new officers, which are held triennially, took place in 2018, when a new President, Trustees, Deanery Leaders and other Officers were elected.

Within the Diocese of Chester, there are four working units, corresponding with the units at the Central Office of the worldwide Mothers' Union at Mary Sumner House in London. The units are outlined on the following pages and each unit reports to the Trustee Board and to Council. The Trustees' Report and the Summary of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019 are included in this document.

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR MOTHER'S UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF
CHESTER 2020

The theme of 'Building Hope and Confidence' I believe helped us cope with what turned out to be a difficult and challenging year.

Our Diocesan Festival service took place on February 29th and was led by our Diocesan Chaplain for Mothers' Union, the Revd. Christine Broad assisted by vicars from Norbury Parish church, Hazel Grove and St. Michael and all Angel church, Bramhall who offered prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession. The address was given by the Dean of Chester, the Very Rev Tim Stratford.

During the service three new MU Chester Diocesan speakers were commissioned alongside the Diocesan Ambassador for the Children's Society in Chester Diocese. Anchors were brought forward each one representing aspects of our work in Chester Diocese, these were received by The Dean who prayed for continued support for our projects within the diocese.

The first Team meeting of the year was held at Church House, Daresbury. Little did we realise that this would be the last face to face meeting as in March we were unable to meet formally because of Covid 19 and restrictions on travel. The next three meetings were by Zoom where the work carried on, important issues were discussed and decisions made.

The advantage of this type of meeting was less travel but not the same as meeting together, instead using a screen to communicate.

Throughout the following months many meetings and activities had to be cancelled as lockdown continued. Meetings such as Prayer Walks, pilgrimage to Lichfield, AGM and Diocesan Council at Hartford all had to be cancelled.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	
			2020	2019
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds	7,904	-	7,904	19,550
Voluntary income	18,539	-	18,539	21,218
Activities for generating funds	2,006	1,716	3,723	6,830
Investment income	261	-	261	460
Incoming resource from charitable activities	5,187		5,187	13,156
Other incoming resources	87	-	87	423
Total incoming resources	33,987	1,716	35,704	61,638
Resources Used				
Cost of generating funds		-		48
Costs of generating voluntary income	10,019	-	10,019	21,531
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	2,076		2,076	7,403
Charitable activities	3,566	85	3,651	14,259
Governance costs	22,378	-	22,378	23,749
Total resources used	38,039	85	38,124	66,992
Net income/(expenditure) before transfer	(4,052)	1631	(2,420)	(5,353)
Gross Transfers between Funds:				2,161
In				(2,161)
Out				(2,161)
Total Funds Brought Forward	102,568	15,187	117,756	123,109
Total Funds Carried Forward	98,516	16,819	115,335	117,756

There are no Endowed Funds in this financial year

Note:- These Financial statements are abbreviated for purposes of the Annual Review. If anyone wishes to see a fully detailed copy then please contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Office in Chester (Tel: 01244 400491)

Annual Review Report 2020

In an extremely difficult year when most of our work came to a complete standstill we were still able to generously support the work of Mothers' Union both locally and centrally.. Our fundraising total for 2020 was £5,434

This figure includes £3,097 which was raised to support the Mothers' Union central funds supporting work overseas, relief work, literacy & financial education, projects in Britain & Ireland and Mary Sumner House appeals for Make a Mothers Day, Harvest and the Christmas appeal. Our Diocesan projects were also supported with £2,337 being raised for AFIA (away from it all holidays), and the Prison ministry. Members also supported the Emergency Appeal from Mary Sumner House during the lockdown by sending donations directly.

Our Enterprise Sales Grant was £902 being 10% of our previous year's total sales – either goods purchased from our Enterprise team or on-line. Both are again very useful towards Diocesan income. Interest on our balances held with the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) is still relatively low.

Diocesan Expenses were again kept on budget as approved by Trustees, with cost control except where not possible. We always promote email use, to reduce paper and post.

Due to the global pandemic and the fact that branches were not able to meet during 2020 individual members paid their subscriptions direct to the office. Subscriptions are still being collected and a number of members have decided to wait until branches reopen to renew. We currently have 1588 members in our diocese, 1280 are active and 308 have yet to renew their membership. Accurate membership figures will be published at the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the efficient running of the branches, deaneries and the Diocesan Office.

Dawn Colwell

Diocesan Secretary & Treasurer

The wave of prayer continued as members received the Service and took part in their own homes. Finally, the meeting in Belfast was cancelled and rescheduled to take place in 2021. Members were encouraged to take part virtually in supporting 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence in prayer.

Sadly, owing to Covid 19 regulations the holidays booked for our AFIA had to be postponed in most cases, holidays will be offered again to those families next year. Two families were able to have their holiday and they both had a wonderful time and a much needed break. The Cheshire Show, where we have provided a space for baby changing and feeding for over 30 years was cancelled, It is hoped that we will be back there in 2021 with this much appreciated facility.

The 'Hug in a Rug' project which had asked each branch to knit a child's blanket for children in refugee camps went ahead with some modification due to the restrictions. Joan Colwell set up a collecting station at the Care UK Centre in Northwich on two dates in early summer. The aim of the project was to donate 70 blankets to Care UK, members exceeded this target massively by knitting a grand total of 275 blankets as well as hundreds of other knitted items. The staff at Care UK were overwhelmed by the generosity of our members.

We successfully continued to send MUM magazine to members which helped to keep everyone informed and connected to MU. Members kept in touch with each other in any way possible: Zoom, face time for those with computers, telephone for those without technology. Greetings cards were sent to members with special birthdays and anniversaries. Our indoor members continued to receive cards and letters.

Many branches and members responded to needs within their communities and engaged in practical activities such as sewing masks and items for the NHS.

We continued to support the two prisons at Styal and Thorne Cross in various ways; birthing bags were donated to Styal for prospective mums to take with them to hospital. Release bags were delivered to both Styal and Thorne Cross before Easter. At Christmas the usual cards and sweets were delivered to both prisons and were handed over to officers as no one was allowed in because of Covid 19.

We gave thanks for our continued links with Grahamstown (South Africa), Masasi (Tanzania), Afikpo (Nigeria), Wiawso (Ghana West) and Northern Argentina as we were brought together in support, love and prayers for each other.

On the retirement of Bishop Peter we wished him well after his long service. Shortly afterwards we received news of a new Bishop for the Diocese; the Revd. Mark Tanner who would take up his new appointment in the Autumn. Revd. Mark is married with two children and we were delighted when he agreed to be our new Patron of MU in Chester Diocese.

As the year drew to a close, we reflected on the work we had achieved despite Covid 19. We are a strong organisation based on faith, love, prayers and care for others as we care for ourselves.

We looked forward to 2021 with hope that we could overcome this pandemic and return to normal. *Shout loudly again about the work of Mother's Union*, encourage new members to join in the valuable work that we do at home and abroad.

I look forward to meeting you all again with hope and confidence in 2021.

Wendy Sykes
Diocesan President Chester



MOTHERS' UNION FUNDS

OVERSEAS FUND

Supporting 300 Community Development Co-ordinators working at grassroots across different cultures in 83 countries. They enable long term development of all kinds: economic, relational and personal in order to strengthen family life. They train local people to teach skills and build support networks in their communities – thus enabling people to help themselves.

LITERACY FUND

Mothers' Union is committed to doing all it can to reduce illiteracy. £59 will fund one person to attend a literacy circle and savings group in Burundi helping them to learn lifesaving literacy and financial skills.



RELIEF FUND

One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union members to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world.

When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities. Grants are sent quickly to equip the local Mothers' Union to respond as fast as possible to meet these needs, using local resources. By equipping our members to respond right at the heart of the affected region, we are often one of the first agencies to deliver effective relief.

BRITAIN AND IRELAND FUND

Provides funds for the work of Mothers' Union in Britain and Ireland. It includes Parenting programmes, Loving for Life - training facilitators to help with Marriage preparation and follow up, supporting Dioceses with Development Workers, Prison work and other special projects.

AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS

Enabling families recovering from a time of stress, bereavement or family breakdown to have a holiday to rebuild relationships. Referrals are received from clergy, doctors, social workers and refuges



Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2020

Charity Number: 221214

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
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Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	2,076	—	—	2,076	7,403
Charitable activities	3,566	85	—	3,651	14,259
Governance costs	22,378	—	—	22,378	23,749
Total expenditure	38,039	85	—	38,124	66,992
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(4,052)	1,631	—	(2,420)	(5,353)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	2,161
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(2,161)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(4,052)	1,631	—	(2,420)	(5,353)
Total funds brought forward	102,568	15,187	—	117,756	123,109
Total funds carried forward	98,516	16,819	—	115,335	117,756
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	65,686	—	—	65,686	72,645
Designated					
Branch Closure Moneys held for two years	1,260	—	—	1,260	1,172
Cheshire Show	496	—	—	496	496
Development Worker	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens	14,786	—	—	14,786	15,460
Fundraising and Communication	314	—	—	314	314
Juliet Hannam Memorial	1,799	—	—	1,799	1,799
MU Enterprises	6,397	—	—	6,397	3,850
Period Poverty Project	886	—	—	886	955
Prison Ministry	3,049	—	—	3,049	3,830
Wedding Fairs	267	—	—	267	267
Wirral Virtual Baby Fund	3,572	—	—	3,572	1,775
Restricted					
Britain & Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Educational Bursary	—	441	—	441	441
Holiday Fund	—	14,556	—	14,556	12,924
Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—
MU AIDS/HIV Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Parenting Fund	—	1,821	—	1,821	1,821

Relief Fund

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Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
3001	Equipment	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	—	—
Current assets			
3101	Bk current 00806617	30,674	30,410
3103	CBF General a/c	61,937	61,676
3104	Bk sp current 00847143	—	—
3110	Petty Cash	1	124
3111	Enterprise Stock	1,350	951
3113	Deanery Bank Account	2,019	4,302
3114	Branch Bank Accounts	20,458	20,291
Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	116,442	117,756
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	1,107	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	1,107	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	115,335	117,756
Reserves			
Z01	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,420)	(5,353)
	Starting balances	117,756	123,109
	Total Reserves	115,335	117,756
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	65,686	72,645
	Designated	32,830	29,922
	Restricted	16,819	15,187
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	115,335	117,756

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Equipment -	2,161	(2,161)	—	—	—	—
Totals	2,161	(2,161)	—	—	—	—
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bk current 00806617 -	(14,668)	27,958	17,383	—	30,674	30,410
CBF General a/c -	60,937	500	500	—	61,937	61,676
Petty Cash -	584	(625)	42	—	1	124
Deanery Bank Account -	2,019	—	—	—	2,019	4,302
Branch Bank Accounts -	20,458	—	—	—	20,458	20,291
Totals	69,333	27,832	17,926	—	115,091	116,804
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	174	(174)	—	—	—	—
Totals	174	(174)	—	—	—	—
Current assets - Stocks and work in progress						

Enterprise Stock -		(133)	1,484	—	—	1,350	951
Totals		(133)	1,484	—	—	1,350	951
Liabilities - Agency accounts							
Agency collections -		—	—	1,107	—	1,107	—
Totals		—	—	1,107	—	1,107	—
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Accounts Payable -		5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—
Totals		5,648	(5,648)	—	—	—	—
Grand total		65,886	32,630	16,819	—	115,335	117,756

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
AFIA - Holiday Fund							
Restricted		12,924	1,716	85	—	—	14,556
Sub-total for AFIA		12,924	1,716	85	—	—	14,556
AIDSfund - MU AIDS/HIV Fund							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for AIDSfund		—	—	—	—	—	—
BClosure - Branch Closure Money							
Designated		1,172	87	—	—	—	1,260
Sub-total for BClosure		1,172	87	—	—	—	1,260
Britandrl - Britain & Ireland Fu							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Britandrl		—	—	—	—	—	—
ChesShow - Cheshire Show							
Designated		496	—	—	—	—	496
Sub-total for ChesShow		496	—	—	—	—	496
Devworker - Development Worker							
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Devworker		—	—	—	—	—	—
Eaton - Eaton Estate Charity							
Designated		15,460	—	673	—	—	14,786
Sub-total for Eaton		15,460	—	673	—	—	14,786
Educburs - Educational Bursary							
Restricted		441	—	—	—	—	441
Sub-total for Educburs		441	—	—	—	—	441
Enterprise - MU Enterprises							
Designated		3,850	2,677	129	—	—	6,397
Sub-total for Enterprise		3,850	2,677	129	—	—	6,397
FunComm - Fundraising and Comm							
Designated		314	—	—	—	—	314
Sub-total for FunComm		314	—	—	—	—	314
General - General fund							
Unrestricted		72,645	28,594	35,554	—	—	65,686
Sub-total for General		72,645	28,594	35,554	—	—	65,686
JMemorial - Juliet Hannam Memori							
Designated		1,799	—	—	—	—	1,799
Sub-total for JMemorial		1,799	—	—	—	—	1,799
Literacy - Literacy Fund							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Literacy		—	—	—	—	—	—
Overseas - Overseas Fund							

Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Overseas		—	—	—	—	—	—
Parenting - Parenting Fund							
Restricted		1,821	—	—	—	—	1,821
Sub-total for Parenting		1,821	—	—	—	—	1,821
PerPov - Period Poverty Proje							
Designated		955	—	69	—	—	886
Sub-total for PerPov		955	—	69	—	—	886
Prison - Prison Ministry							
Designated		3,830	621	1,402	—	—	3,049
Sub-total for Prison		3,830	621	1,402	—	—	3,049
Relief - Relief Fund							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Relief		—	—	—	—	—	—
Virtual - Wirral Virtual Baby							
Designated		1,775	2,006	209	—	—	3,572
Sub-total for Virtual		1,775	2,006	209	—	—	3,572
Weddings - Wedding Fairs							
Designated		267	—	—	—	—	267
Sub-total for Weddings		267	—	—	—	—	267
Grand total		117,756	35,704	38,124	—	—	115,335

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds

1450 - CBF Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1511 - Branches extra income	6,642	—	—	—	6,642	18,737
1512 - Deanery extra income	1,261	—	—	—	1,261	812
Total	7,904	—	—	—	7,904	19,550

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

1010 - Subs Branch Members	16,545	—	—	—	16,545	18,529
1011 - Subs Diocesan members	768	—	—	—	768	1,299
1012 - MSH Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
1013 - Collections	896	—	—	—	896	1,072
1014 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
1015 - Gift Aid Tax Rebates	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Donations & Legacies	329	—	—	—	329	318
1021 - Donations to IM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1025 - Virtual Gift Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - B collections at meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1500 - Collectns at Meetings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1505 - B & D Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
1510 - Deanery Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	18,539	—	—	—	18,539	21,218

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

1001 - Britain and Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1002 - MSH Fabric Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

1003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 - Overseas Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1007 - Wheels Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1009 - Juliet Memorial Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
1017 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
1022 - Sponsored Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
1023 - Central Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1024 - Quizes	—	—	—	—	—	—
1041 - Africa Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
1100 - Action & Outreach Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - AFIA Holiday Fund	—	—	1,716	—	1,716	6,090
1103 - Cheshire Show	—	—	—	—	—	250
1104 - Wirral Virtual Babies	—	2,006	—	—	2,006	490
1105 - MU Soup	—	—	—	—	—	—
1106 - Soup Kitchens in S Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
1107 - Affiliate Support Groups	—	—	—	—	—	—
1305 - Theatre Ticket Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
1306 - Concert Sponsorship & adverts	—	—	—	—	—	—
1410 - Chester Marathon	—	—	—	—	—	—
1411 - Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
1413 - Eaton Estate Charity Open Gardens Event	—	—	—	—	—	—
1417 - Ticket Sales for Saltmine production Cho	—	—	—	—	—	—
1502 - B & D Fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	2,006	1,716	—	3,723	6,830

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

1075 - Interest	261	—	—	—	261	460
Total	261	—	—	—	261	460

Incoming resources from charitable activities

1016 - MU Enterprise Grant	902	—	—	—	902	999
1040 - Sales Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
1044 - Sales cards & badges office	—	39	—	—	39	161
1046 - Sales Handbks & Constitutns	12	—	—	—	12	229
1047 - Sales Dioc Annual Reports	—	—	—	—	—	—
1048 - Enterprise Sales	—	2,637	—	—	2,637	5,025
1049 - Sale of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
1200 - Finance & Central Svc Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1207 - Postage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
1211 - AGM accomm/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	73
1212 - Contib to Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
1213 - Contrib to Parenting	—	—	—	—	—	—
1214 - Contrib from MSH for travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
1300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1301 - Income for MUM	—	—	—	—	—	—
1302 - Wedding Fairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1400 - Faith & Policy Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—
1401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester 2011	—	—	—	—	—	—
1402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage	—	—	—	—	—	—
1403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	621
1404 - Pilgrimage to Rydale Hall 2015	—	—	—	—	—	—
1407 - Pilgrimage to Cardiff 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
1408 - General Hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	—
1415 - Prison Ministry	—	621	—	—	621	2,743
1416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund	—	—	—	—	—	1,236
1418 - Period Poverty Project	—	—	—	—	—	1,117

1420 - Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	975	—	—	—	975	950
1503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1503 - B Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
1508 - B & D Postbox Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,889	3,298	—	—	5,187	13,156
Other incoming resources						
1045 - Sales Lead & Treas handbooks	—	—	—	—	—	—
1216 - Bank charges and payroll refunds	—	—	—	—	—	—
1409 - Branch closures money held for two years	—	87	—	—	87	423
Total	—	87	—	—	87	423
INCOME TOTAL	28,594	5,392	1,716	—	35,704	61,638

EXPENDITURE

Costs of generating funds

2408 - Costs of general hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	48
2411 - Cost of Eaton Hall Event 2016	—	—	—	—	—	—
2417 - Costs of Saltmine Production of Chosen	—	—	—	—	—	—
2450 - Funds to CBF Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	48

Costs of generating funds - Costs of generating voluntary income

2100 - Cost of Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2103 - Cost of Cheshire Show	—	—	—	—	—	196
2300 - Fundraising and Communications Unit Expe	—	—	—	—	—	187
2304 - Other Marketing Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2305 - Concert Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2502 - B & D Cost of Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
2511 - Branches Expenditure	6,475	—	—	—	6,475	20,802
2512 - Deanery Expenditure	3,543	—	—	—	3,543	345
Total	10,019	—	—	—	10,019	21,531

Costs of generating funds - Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs

2040 - Cost of Families First	—	—	—	—	—	—
2044 - Cost of cards & badges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2048 - Enterprise Costs	—	129	—	—	129	5,122
2049 - Cost of Service Books	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Cost of cards & Cals	—	—	—	—	—	—
2208 - Cost of Handbks & Ann Report	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Cost of MU Matters	1,946	—	—	—	1,946	2,280
2508 - B & D Postbox Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,946	129	—	—	2,076	7,403

Charitable activities

2001 - Britain Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2002 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
2003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2004 - Overseas Exp Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

2005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2007 - Wheels appeal to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2009 - Juliet Memorial expenses	—	—	—	—	—	37
2010 - Subs to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2011 - Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	—
2012 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2023 - Central Fundraising Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2024 - Quiz expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2025 - Virtual Gift Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2041 - Cost of Family Fun Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
2101 - Cost of AFIA (Holiday Fund)	—	—	85	—	85	9,746
2104 - Costs Wirral Virtual babies	—	209	—	—	209	164
2105 - Other Action & Outreach exp	11	—	—	—	11	26
2106 - Payments to South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—
2107 - Affiliate Support Groups expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2210 - AGM tickets	—	—	—	—	—	—
2211 - AGM accommodation/refreshments	—	—	—	—	—	—
2213 - Parenting Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2215 - WWP & PP Visits	—	—	—	—	—	—
2302 - Wedding Fair exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2400 - Faith & Policy Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Pilgrimage to Winchester	—	—	—	—	—	—
2402 - Wydale Hall Pilgrimage Exp	—	—	—	—	—	—
2403 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	644
2404 - Rydal Hall Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2405 - IM expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2406 - Worldwide Links Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2407 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Cardiff 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
2413 - Expenses for Eaton Estate Open Gardens 2	—	673	—	—	673	2,143
2415 - Costs of prison ministry	—	1,402	—	—	1,402	445
2416 - Sally Spencer AFIA Fund Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	174
2418 - Costs of Period Poverty Project	—	69	—	—	69	251
2420 - Costs of Pilgrimage to Lichfield 2020	1,200	—	—	—	1,200	625
2500 - B & D Speakers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
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2501 - B & D Donations & Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
2503 - B & D Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
2507 - Refreshments non fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,211	2,355	85	—	3,651	14,259

Governance costs

2046 - Costs of Diocesan Handbooks	—	—	—	—	—	174
2047 - Costs of annual review	250	—	—	—	250	219
2200 - Dioc Presidents Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	1,392
2201 - Trustees & Officers Expend	337	—	—	—	337	682
2202 - Secretary's Salary & Expense	10,764	—	—	—	10,764	10,078
2203 - Office rent & rates nt	4,999	—	—	—	4,999	4,999
2204 - Insurance	566	—	—	—	566	146
2205 - Office/computer equipment	329	—	—	—	329	475
2206 - Printing & Stationary	815	—	—	—	815	809
2207 - Postage telephone & Internet	1,801	—	—	—	1,801	1,417
2209 - Room Hire for meet/Council	—	—	—	—	—	760
2212 - Cost of Training	—	—	—	—	—	107
2216 - Bank and payroll charges	648	—	—	—	648	727
2217 - Miscellaneous expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2218 - F&CS Expenses	32	—	—	—	32	31
2219 - DM & MUC expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2412 - Cathedral and Church Hire for	1,395	—	—	—	1,395	1,075

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2419 - Office, Kitchen and Cleaning supplies fo	—	—	—	—	—	62
2430 - Office Utilities	437	—	—	—	437	590
2504 - B & D Administration	—	—	—	—	—	—
2505 - B & D Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
2506 - B & D Officers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2509 - B & D Flowers & Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	22,378	—	—	—	22,378	23,749
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	35,554	2,485	85	—	38,124	66,992
GRAND TOTAL	(6,959)	2,907	1,631	—	(2,420)	(5,353)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. Basis of Accounting The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice' (revised 2005) and the Charities Act on an accrual basis under the historical cost convention.
2. Fixed Assets Office and Computer Equipment have been fully written off as in previous years.
3. Reserves Policy The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Society. This review considered the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with our commitments and the nature of the reserves. In particular, the Trustees have considered the Society's role supporting the international Mothers' Union to which it is affiliated. The review concluded that unrestricted reserves should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least two years diocesan expenditure (Diocesan expenditure being the total running costs of the diocesan office, all deaneries and branches). Unrestricted reserves in excess of this level will be reviewed regularly by the Trustees to enable decisions to be made as to how these reserves can be spent most effectively. Any reduction in excess unrestricted reserves will be undertaken on a gradual basis over the medium to long term.

4, Disclosure of Trustee and staff remuneration, related party and other transactions

4.1 None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with Mothers' Union or a related entity.

4.2 Two of the trustees have claimed and had their expenses met by Mothers' Union during the year ended 31st December 2019. The total amount paid to Trustees was £337.71 to cover accommodation and mileage costs

4.3 During the financial period there have been no related party transactions

4.4 Mothers' Union Chester Diocese employs one part time member of staff the

total staff costs for the financial period are :-

Salary for year ended 31/12/2020	£ 10,135.80
Tax and National Insurance	£ 266.53
Contribution to Nest Pension	£ 331.62
Expenses – mileage	<u>£ 31.02</u>
Total	£ 10,764.97

4.5 There are no employees who received employee benefits

(excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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