

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
Christian care for families

Diocese of Chester



Transformation Now

Annual Review

2022

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 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
Neston
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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	EX-OFFICIO VICE PRESIDENTS
Mrs June Houghton	Mrs R Sinclair Mrs S Bishop
	Mrs J Gilbertson
DIOCESAN PRESIDENT	
Mrs Wendy Sykes	
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.

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MEMBERSHIP

Members 1278

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BANKERS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Lucy Brooks FCCA

20 Henley Road, Neston, Cheshire CH64 0SG

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				
Out				(14,078)
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 buracracy; 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
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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
Britandlrl - Britain & Ireland Fu							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Britandlrl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year

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

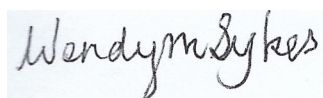
2001 - Britain Ireland Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2002 - Big Summer Appeal	—	—	—	—	—	—
2003 - Relief Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2004 - Overseas Exp Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2005 - Literacy Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
2007 - Wheels appeal to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2009 - Juliet Memorial expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2010 - Subs to MSH	—	—	—	—	—	—
2011 - Special 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/Counci[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

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

1. Basis of Accounting
accordance with
 2. Fixed Assets
written off as in
 3. Reserves Policy
This review
 4. Disclosure of Trustee and staff remuneration, related party and other transactions
- 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.
- Office and Computer Equipment have been fully written off as in previous years.
- 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.
- 4.1 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 refreshments
- 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 | £ 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

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').

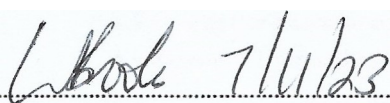
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

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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