

MOTHERS UNION (DIOCESE OF DERBY BRANCH)

England & Wales · Charity number 242671

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1967-08-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE IT'S WIDER UNDERSTANDING. 2) TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH. 3) TO MAINTAIN A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS, UNITED IN PRAYER, WORSHIP AND SERVICE. 4) TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS IN SOCIETY FAVOURABLE TO STABLE FAMILY LIFE AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. 5) TO HELP THOSE WHOSE FAMILY LIFE HAS MET WITH ADVERSITY.

Activities: Holidays & outings for families under stress. Provide clothing for prem babies in Derbyshire hospitals & toiletries for emergency admissions. Provide Helpful Books for children in Primary Schools. Support for women's refuges & help with project for young girls caught up in prostitution. We help run parenting groups and Mother & Toddler groups. Provide Moses Baskets for Derby Refugee Centre.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF DERBY
- Derby City
- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£27,892	£25,858	-	-
2023-12-31	£33,730	£32,373	-	-
2022-12-31	£73,890	£31,646	-	-
2021-12-31	£80,698	£38,286	-	-
2020-12-31	£89,270	£43,535	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emily May Brailsford	Chair	2022-01-01
Alison Orchard		2019-01-01
BERYL MURDY		2019-01-01
Carol Joy Johnston		2023-03-17
Christine Elizabeth McMullen		2019-01-01
DENISE TOMLINSON		2024-03-15
Janet Bradshaw		2017-01-24
Rev Eleanor Shields Berry		2025-01-01
Sheila Elizabeth Randall		2019-01-01
Sheila Porter		2019-01-01
Wendy Fitch		2019-01-01

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	Wendy Fitch
	Alison Orchard
	Sheila Randall
Trustees:	Nicole Ball
	Carol Johnston
	Christine McMullen
	Beryl Murdy
	Sheila Porter
	Denise Tomlinson
	Tricia Walton (co-opted)
Diocesan Chaplain:	Revd Michael Futers
Diocesan Treasurer:	Janet Bradshaw
Bank:	NatWest
Examiner:	Lynda Millthorpe

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or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser at Derby Church House.

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Safeguarding Annual Report

During 2024 our Trustees continued to keep up to date with DBS checks and Safeguarding Training either via their church or through the Church of England Diocese of Derby.

There were no safeguarding issues raised during 2024.

Deena Patel has been appointed Mothers' Union Safeguarding and Procedures Lead for Britain and Ireland. The Mothers' Union Britain Safeguarding Policy and Procedures can be found on the Mothers' Union website:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/safeguarding>

Carol Johnston

Diocesan Safeguarding Link

Diocesan President's Report

Firstly, thank you for putting your trust in me to serve you for another Triennium. Although it has been three years, I only just feel like I am getting started. For this Triennium I have firmed up our Diocesan Plan, which has been shown to Bishop Libby and aligns with her Diocesan Plan. The thought behind this is to show clergy that we in Mothers' Union are working towards the same goals that they are, and that having an MU group or branch is beneficial to the work they do in their community.

As always, finding new members is a challenge, but we hope that the 'Roadshow', which is planned to travel the county from September 2025 to August 2026, will encourage new members to join. As next year is the 150th Anniversary of Mothers' Union there is lots planned. Dean Peter Robinson, at Derby Cathedral, has allowed us to have the Sunday morning Eucharist on 9th August 2026 to celebrate this fantastic day. Please do put the date in your next year's diary, as it would be great if we could have as many members as possible there, ideally with banners.

Also as part of the celebrations, Mary Sumner House is encouraging us to have a picnic during the month of June 2026 and also a Sunday 'take over' of your church, where you are encouraged to work with your priests to hold a celebration service for Mothers' Union on a Sunday morning. Please do let me know if you need any help or support to do this. It would be great if we could all take part in these events next year.

I would like to say thank you to my Vice Presidents, Trustees and Officers for the support they have given me over the last Triennium, and hopefully will continue to do so over the next Triennium. I know it's a cliché, but I really couldn't do it without them.

Emily Brailsford

Diocesan President, Diocese of Derby Mothers' Union

Diocesan Chaplain's Report

Just over eight years ago I was asked if I would like to take on the role of Diocesan Chaplain and my first question was, 'What does that involve?' The answer then was that I could make and do as much or as little as I wanted!

So, I was duly Commissioned into the role by Bishop Alistair, and given the beautiful white stole that I have tried to wear to as many services as possible so that all members of the Mothers' Union could see it.

I have really enjoyed the past eight years putting together services such as the Diocesan Festival, the City Deanery Festival, the Commissioning Service, and many others. I was also privileged to put together the services in the Cathedral for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence that we hold every year, but mainly I think I enjoyed meeting so many new people who were members of the MU across the Diocese. So many interesting tales that they all could tell and what a lot of good work you lovely people do to help those in need.

Finally, what I enjoyed most of all was taking part in Midday Prayers. Originally, we used to meet each Friday in the Cathedral but during COVID we moved over to Zoom and we have remained there as so many more people can meet especially those from the north of the county.

There is so much more I could write about but time and space does not allow. I would like to say it has been my pleasure and privilege to be your Diocesan Chaplain and I was pleased to hand over the stole to Revd Michael Futers at his Commissioning service in early 2025. I am sure he will be a great Chaplain. I haven't got off scot free, however, as I have now been elected as a Diocesan Vice President and will do my best to serve you and the Mothers' Union to the best of my ability.

Revd Eleanor Berry

Diocesan Vice-President

Annual Administrative Report

There were 305 members in the diocese at the start of 2024 (plus a number of non-subscription paying IMPC members).

There were six Trustee meetings during the year via Zoom in alternate months starting in January. The AGM and Council meeting was held in May 2024, with a further online Council meeting held in November 2024.

The Diocesan *Newsletter*, which was launched in March 2023, has continued to be produced and circulated to members on a regular basis.

Alison and Edward Orchard

Derby City and Mercia Deanery Report

Derby City and Mercia Deanery consisted of five branches and a number Diocesan Members in 2024.

The Deanery Festival was held on a beautiful afternoon in May in Melbourne Parish Church, and was hosted by the branch there, which was celebrating its centenary. The celebrant was our Diocesan and Deanery Chaplain, Revd Eleanor Berry, and the preacher was the Bishop of Repton – who is also a Diocesan Member. It was good to see some of the Diocesan Members at the Deanery Festival, as well as Vice Presidents Wendy Fitch and Alison Orchard (who is also our Deanery Secretary).

Members also attended the Mary Sumner Day service in the Cathedral, and took part in the service for the Sixteen Days of Activism in November. A number in the deanery are regularly present online at Midday Prayers on Fridays.

The five branches in the combined deanery continue to be well attended and vibrant, each meeting monthly with interesting programmes related to the MU theme. In addition the Cathedral branch has a monthly Prayer Group online.

The two branches in the City Deanery are now run by committees, each with a Coordinator rather than a Branch Leader. Members continue to be very generous in their support providing food and clothing for asylum seekers and refugees, as well as support for Foston Hall, Make A Mother's Day, the Summer of Hope Appeal, and other Mothers' Union charities.

Madelaine Goddard

Deanery President, Derby City and Mercia Deanery

SE Derbyshire Deanery Report

We had an exciting time in 2024 hosting the Diocesan Festival, which was a well-attended event, and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Most of us had met Father Julius before, and he gave us a good sermon with lots to think about.

Some of the old Smalley branch members have joined Spondon branch, two of them have joined Stanley Common branch, and another is now a member at the Cathedral branch. This is good, as it means they are still in touch with what is happening around the diocese.

We had a picnic and Midday Prayers in Shipley Park, when Emily and her mum and daughter joined us. This was not a fund-raiser, but just a chance to get together, which was enjoyed by all.

Because of various illnesses and family problems, we still have not sorted out what we are going to do this summer, but we will be doing something.

Kirk Hallam admitted five new members before Christmas, and Stanley Common admitted a new member in March, so we are hopeful that our numbers will be fairly healthy again this year.

Beryl Murdy

Deanery President, SE Derbyshire Deanery

Diocesan Members

In 2024 there are over 60 Diocesan Members in the diocese, including four male members, several Diocesan Trustees, and five holding MU Diocesan office. Four were ordained, including several senior members of the clergy. Many of the new Diocesan Members are from branches that have sadly closed. A number of the Diocesan Members are also members of the IMPC, and some occasional attend branch meetings in their local areas.

Diocesan Members are invited to (and many attend) both Diocesan and Deanery events. It was good to see some at the Diocesan Festival in Kirk Hallam, and at the Deanery Festivals, Mary Sumner Day service in the Cathedral, and the service for 16 Days of Activism against gender based violence.

I keep in contact with the majority of the Diocesan Members by email – each week sending the link for online Midday Prayers, and a number of the DMs regularly join with the Prayers online. The diocesan Newsletter is sent online too. During the year I wrote to those not online several times, and for those who requested it sent the Newsletter by post. It is lovely to receive news from these members, and hearing how much they value being kept in touch with what is happening in MU now they are no longer able to go to meetings.

Sadly in the summer one of our Diocesan Members died – Jan Walker – who had been a faithful Mothers' Union member (Deanery President, Speaker and leader of Smalley branch until its closure) for many years – the number of members who attended her funeral testified to her long commitment.

May she rest in peace.

Madelaine Goddard

Diocesan Members Representative

Indoor Members

During 2024 the numbers of Indoor Members varied, but at the end of the year there were 23 members. Everyone received a birthday card, a Mothering Sunday card, an Easter card, and a Christmas card, as well as a letter from the Diocesan President, Emily Brailsford, and me. I received thanks from one or two members, which are always nice to have.

Postage has risen again, also the cost of cards, so donations from the branches are always welcome and I would like to thank everyone for those. Thank you too to Edward and Alison Orchard, for keeping track of Indoor Members contact details and mailing preferences.

Ruth Breedon

Indoor Members Representative

Literature

The new catalogues last year both were well received. I am pleased to say that my sales were good, and I still managed to get orders from several branches which are now closed. It is good to know that people who were members or are now Diocesan Members still look for ways to support Mothers' Union.

Thank you to those branches and members who have ordered direct from MSH. Please make sure that you put Derby Diocese in the space at the bottom of your order, as then we gain the rebate which enables us to support some of our charitable work.

Please remember that I always have some stock at home, and that I am quite happy to come to any meeting or fund-raising event subject to me being available.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered or bought cards, etc. from me or directly from MSH.

Beryl Murdy

Literature Representative

Away From It All

Sandra Westerman decided to step down as our AFIA representative at the end of 2024. We thank her for her dedication to Mothers' Union and the AFIA programme. Tricia Walton has taken over as the AFIA rep. She has completed her AFIA safeguarding training, and is working to increase the number of referrals we receive by building on Sandra's work, and publicising the scheme even more widely. With more referrals comes more spending, so we do ask that you continue to raise money for AFIA, so we can continue to be able to deliver the amazing support that we do.

Last December we sent the residents of a women's refuge in Derbyshire and their children for Christmas dinner. We were also able to send a family to the seaside.

AFIA enabled a grandmother to take her two grandchildren, who had recently lost their mother, to the seaside. The grandmother said, 'I would just like to say how very thankful I am to you all for the holiday you granted for us and my two young granddaughters last summer. Their mummy passed away suddenly in May of last year, and the girls now are in my care.

'My youngest granddaughter didn't know anything about the holiday until we got there, she thought we were going on a day trip. Her reaction was pure joy and that's down to you and your team. We all had a wonderful time where wonderful happy memories were made, you made two young girls happy among such really sad times.

'Once again from the bottom of my heart thank you so, so, much.'

Tricia Walton

AFIA Representative

Hulland Hippos Baby and Toddler Group

Hognaston & Hulland Branch have continued to run Hulland Hippos Baby & Toddler group on Wednesday mornings at the village hall.

Our Families

In 2024 we had 48 sessions with an average of 21 families and 27 children attending each and about 50 children registered. New families continued to replace leaving families and come from local towns, villages, hamlets and farms.

Our Team

Seven MU members are still on the Hippo team of nine volunteers and we have also had regular help from Revd Lisa, our curate. All the team have up-to-date DBSs and Foundation Safeguarding training.

This year we benefitted from Lisa encouraging 'thank you prayers' from the children at Hippo time. Another new initiative has been volunteers from Derbyshire's Breastfeeding Network offering support with infant feeding once a month.

Our Special Occasions

We had well-attended Easter, Harvest and Christmas services in church led by our clergy, Revds Phil and Lisa.

Shrovetide Pancakes, Celebration of Mothers and Carers and Pudsey Bear were our other special mornings.

Our Charitable Giving

Our Pudsey Bear morning raised £355 for Children in Need.

We donated £60 to MU's Make a Mothers' Day appeal.

We are grateful for another year of happy Hippo sessions with everyone remaining safe.

Penny Northall(Hippos Team Leader)

Hognaston and Hulland Branch

Modern Slavery and Anti-Trafficking

During 2024 I have spoken to four branches on the subject of Modern Slavery, Trafficking and County Lines. Currently there is some work being achieved locally, but by necessity this is confidential at the moment.

Revd Alan Fitch

Modern Slavery and Anti-Trafficking Officer

Diocesan Projects

Prison Work

I have been working with both Sudbury and Foston Prisons to try and establish how Mothers' Union can support the work they do. At Christmas we donated a small gift to all of the women at Foston, and along with PACT we donated a bar of chocolate to the wives/partners of 60 prisoners from Sudbury. There is lots of potential for developing the work we do within prisons, however we need volunteers. This might be a good talking point for potential new members, letting them know about the work we do in prisons, and how they can be involved. We still need donations to the Prison fund to ensure we have enough for Christmas presents again this year.

Period poverty

We donate sanitary products to the Cathedral School for them to give to pupils during the holidays. The school is extremely grateful for our support.

Helpful Books

Last year we sent out seven Junior and seven Infant school packs of *Helpful Books for Children*. This year I asked the Diocesan Board of Education to put our offer of books in the diocesan newsletter. As a result of this we have been inundated with requests. Therefore, please do consider donating to this project.

Emily Brailsford

Projects Co-ordinator

IT Support

The roll out of the Mary Sumner House's new CRM system and membership database was delayed, with a revised planned launch for early 2025. As a member of the Mary Sumner House "Member Directory and Database" Community of Interest (COI), I am kept up to date with progress, and have contributed ideas and suggestions and initial testing of the system. My initial thoughts on the new system are positive.

Edward Orchard

IT Support Officer

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INCOME

£

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Current Account	14,819.18
AFIA	1,580.00
Indoor Members	338.00
CBF Deposit Bonds	1,120.56
Business Reserve	57.99

Branch / Deanery 9,975.84

TOTAL RECEIPTS **27,891.57**

EXPENDITURE

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Current Account	14,108.11
AFIA	1,456.35
Indoor Members	114.80
CBF Deposit Bonds	0.00
Business Reserve	0.00

Other Accounts

Branch / Deanery 10,178.43

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **25,857.69**

MONETARY ASSETS

General	10,300.13
AFIA	5,251.99
Indoor Members	542.39
CBF Deposit Bonds	22,232.32
Business Reserve	4,055.90
Branch / Deanery	3,794.46

Total **46,177.19**

OTHER ASSETS

Literature stock at 31/12/24	405.25
Cash in hand	16.83

LIABILITIES

Subscriptions collected for 2025 20 x £30 per member to Centre	600.00
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This report has been prepared by the Diocesan Treasurer Janet Bradshaw 30/6/2025

Signature



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MOTHERS UNION DERBY DIOCESE FOR THE YEAR
ENDED ON 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mother's Union trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

My responsibilities are to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or:
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records or:
- The accounts did 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 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.

Name of Examiner

Address of examiner

Telephone Number of Examiner

Signed.....

Date.....

A. CLARK
2 Pashgate Cottage, Sutton Lane,
Sutton Scarsdale, Chateauford
5.3.25

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Tel: 01332 388682 or 07540 719447

Safeguarding Annual Report

During 2023 our Trustees continued to keep up to date with DBS checks and Safeguarding Training either via their church or through the Church of England Diocese of Derby.

I would like to thank those leaders who have sent me details of the training they have undertaken during the year. This is very helpful for me to build up a picture of who is completing safeguarding training in the Diocese.

Moir Murray, Interim Safeguarding Lead for Britain, was appointed at Mary Sumner House in 2023, and she reviewed and updated the Mothers' Union in Britain Safeguarding Policy and Procedure in July. This can be found on the Mothers' Union website:

[https://www.mothersunion.org/sites/default/files/resources/public/MU Britain Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.pdf](https://www.mothersunion.org/sites/default/files/resources/public/MU%20Britain%20Safeguarding%20Policy%20and%20Procedures.pdf)

Moir is starting to put together safeguarding training modules specifically for Mothers' Union. Further updates will be given during 2024.

Carol Johnston

Diocesan Safeguarding Link

Diocesan President's Report

This year, the second of my triennium, has been wonderful. I've been blessed with much better health, which has meant that I have been more effective at working through my Derby Diocese 'to do' list. In addition I am now the Mothers' Union National Programme Manager at Mary Sumner House, which has allowed me to make some wonderful new friends, and also given me a greater understanding of the way MU works. It also provides me with endless material for our *Newsletter*. I am so grateful for everyone's support over the last two years, especially that of the Vice Presidents Wendy Fitch and Alison Orchard, Revd Eleanor Berry, our Diocesan Chaplain, the Trustees and of course Edward Orchard. Also a massive thank you to you, the members of Mothers' Union in Derby Diocese, I thank you all.

To update you on progress made this year, our period poverty work has really taken off, the RISE UP challenge is getting underway in Derby, and I have done a lot of engagement work on our Facebook page around the work of the Clewer Initiative. AFIA continues to help those in need, and we have also sent out a number of hats to Derbyshire Young Farmers Club. In the new year we hope to reinvigorate the work we are doing with Foston Women's Prison, and also really get Mini MU going. Midday Prayers on Zoom is well attended, and I was pleased to see the members who joined us at the Cathedral for our 16 days service.

I do have to ask (but don't panic), that if anyone feels called to be the next President of Derby Diocese Mothers' Union, please do let me or your Branch Leader know. I am willing to do another triennium, but I am also happy for someone else to be our next DP.

As ever we are always looking for ways to attract new members. Please do let me know if you have any non MU related church events that need speakers although, as I work, evenings would be best. I would love to come along and talk about all the amazing things we do.

Finally, I would like to remind you that 2026 is the Mothers' Union 150th anniversary year. What will we do? How will we celebrate? How will we let the world know about everything we do? Let me know if you have any ideas.

Emily Brailsford

Diocesan President, Diocese of Derby Mothers' Union

Diocesan Chaplain's Report

This past year has gone by so quickly, and I cannot quite believe that it is again time to write the AGM report. In my last report I wrote about the service of commissioning for the beginning of our Triennium in 2022, and welcomed Emily Brailsford as our new Diocesan President, giving thanks for all the work that Beryl Murdy and other retiring officers had done. I cannot quite believe that we are nearing the end of this Triennium, and will be looking at voting again in 2024 to fill these offices.

The year began with a new venture that Emily had suggested, where we had a Bible Study on Zoom. I did a Lectio Divino style Bible study in May, and Emily had a more traditional style one later in the year. It was good that members from the more northern parts of the Diocese were able to attend through Zoom, without them having to make the long journey down to the city.

Trustee meetings have continued throughout the year, and it has been my privilege to open and close the meetings with prayers. It is good to note that there are some very good prayer resources on the national Mothers' Union site, and these can be easily accessed online by members if needed.

Midday Prayers on Zoom have continued to be well attended each Friday, and I am very grateful to all who volunteer to take a turn writing and leading them. We are always looking for new volunteers, and if anyone would like to try this, please get in touch with me. Help would be available to give you an idea how to put these together, while still giving you free rein for your own ideas. I would also like to thank Eddie and Alison Orchard for making sure a copy of the prayers goes out to members each week, and for looking after the Zoom link.

Much of my time has been taken up writing and preparing for Deanery and Diocesan Festival services. I have really enjoyed going out to different churches during the year, and appreciate the help Branch Leaders and members have given me in volunteering to take part in these services. Much as Zoom has been great for meeting, it is a great joy to meet up in person with everyone at these services. It is also a pleasure to have the other Deanery Chaplains to take part in the services.

This year there have been quite a few Long Service Awards presented, and it was my pleasure to give Dulcie Morley from Spondon Branch her 40 years award. Some more will be presented at the City and Mercia Deanery Festival taking place in early 2024.

In November it was a great pleasure to be able to return to the Cathedral for our 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence service, which was officiated by Emily. In the service we celebrated the new Mothers' Union RISE UP project, and were able to use prayer corners for meditation. Again, this was well attended by MU members. We are hoping to invite other interested organisations to attend in 2024.

I am now approaching the end of my third Triennium as Diocesan Chaplain and, because of a few health problems during the year, I feel that it is time to stand down at the end of 2024. It has been a great privilege to serve you all, and of course I will still be around as a member and helping when I can. You are always in my prayers.

Revd Eleanor Berry

Chaplain, Diocese of Derby Mothers' Union

Annual Administrative Report

There were 341 members in the diocese at the start of 2023 (plus a number of non-subscription paying IMPC members). Sadly, two branches closed during the year – Bolsover and Smalley. There were six Trustee meetings during the year via Zoom in alternate months starting in January.

A monthly Diocesan Newsletter was launched in March 2023 in order to better inform members of Mothers' Union activities both locally, nationally, and internationally. This has been well received by members.

Alison and Edward Orchard

Derby City and Mercia Deanery Report

Derby City and Mercia Deanery consisted of five branches and six Diocesan Members in 2023.

The Deanery Festival was held on Mary Sumner Day in the Cathedral on a beautiful summer's afternoon. The celebrant was our Diocesan and Deanery Chaplain, Revd Eleanor Berry, and the Canon for Community Learning, Canon Carla Vincenzo Prior, preached the sermon. It was good to see some of the Diocesan Members at the Deanery Festival. Members also took part in the service for the Sixteen Days of Activism in November.

The five branches in the combined deanery continue to be well attended and vibrant: each meeting monthly with interesting programmes related to the MU theme. In addition the Cathedral branch has a monthly Prayer Group online. The two branches in the City Deanery are now run by committees, each with a Coordinator rather than a Branch Leader. Members continue to be very generous in their support, providing food and clothing for asylum seekers and refugees, as well as support for Foston Hall, Make A Mother's Day, Summer of Hope Appeal, and other Mothers' Union Charities.

During the year it was decided to disperse with the Deanery account, and we are very grateful to the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs Janet Bradshaw, for looking after the finances for us.

Madelaine Goddard

Deanery President, Derby City and Mercia Deanery

SE Derbyshire Deanery Report

We had a lovely Deanery Festival in Stanley Common, where we welcomed members from Smalley and Kirk Hallam. However, arrangements proved a little more of a problem than they should have been, as Revd Christine French, who was going to take the service tested positive for COVID, and the Archdeacon, who was due to preach, was also ill. Fortunately, Revd Alan Fitch was able to fulfil both roles at short notice.

Kirk Hallam branch had a most enjoyable afternoon tea, which raised funds for Mothers' Union. This was again supported by members and friends from other branches. Smalley branch closed in December, and I attended their last meeting. We distributed Diocesan Member forms to members, and several have become Diocesan Members. Kirk Hallam and Stanley Common both expressed their willingness to welcome them to any of their meetings. One of the Smalley members lives in Spondon, and she has been welcomed there, and one has joined the Cathedral branch. We will certainly miss Jan Walker at our gatherings, but we all realize her health has to be her priority.

Our fungus walk in October had to be cancelled because of the adverse weather, which made the area quite inaccessible. Some of us were very disappointed. It is a shame when something like this is so dependent on our very British weather.

Stanley Common branch held their usual Carol service in December, and I was sorry to miss it, but I was in Scotland. I did manage to organize an organist for it. Sometimes it helps when you know people.

Our branch at Swanwick is now meeting as a monthly fellowship group, and Wendy Fitch has managed to share a meeting with them, and updated them on what is happening in the Diocese.

Planning is in hand for the 2024 Diocesan Festival, which is to be held in Kirk Hallam in July. The preacher will be Father Julius, the curate at Kirk Hallam. He is a wonderful preacher, a real character, and tells wonderful stories of his mother, who is a Mothers' Union member in Nigeria.

Beryl Murdy

Deanery President, SE Derbyshire Deanery

Diocesan Members

There were over 60 Diocesan Members in the diocese in 2023, including five male members, two Diocesan Trustees, and five holding MU Diocesan office. Five were ordained, including several senior members of the clergy. Most of the new Diocesan Members are from branches that have sadly closed. A number of the Diocesan Members are also members of the IMPC, and some attend occasional branch meetings in their local areas.

I kept in contact with the majority of the Diocesan Members by email; each week sending the link for online Midday Prayers, and a number of the DMs regularly join with the Prayers online. The monthly *Newsletter* was sent online too. For those members not online - I wrote to on a few occasions, and for those who requested it sent the *Newsletter* by post.

Members are invited to (and many attend) both Diocesan and Deanery events. They were also well represented at the service for the 16 Days of Activism, and two attended the MU National Gathering in York.

Madelaine Goddard

Diocesan Members Representative

Indoor Members

During 2023 the numbers of Indoor Members varied, but at the end of the year there were 27 members. Everyone received a birthday card, a Mothering Sunday card, an Easter card, and a Christmas card, as well as a letter from the Diocesan President, Emily Brailsford, and me. I received thanks from one or two members, which are always nice to have.

Postage has risen again, also the cost of cards, so donations from the branches are always welcome and I would like to thank everyone for those. Thank you too to Emily, and Edward and Alison Orchard, who stepped in when I recently broke my arm and could not write.

Ruth Breedon

Indoor Members Representative

Hulland Hippos Baby & Toddler Group

Hognaston & Hulland branch have continued to run Hulland Hippos Baby & Toddler group every Wednesday morning at the village hall.

Our Families

In 2023 we had an average of 19 families and 26 children attending each session and about 50 children registered. New families continue to replace leaving families and come from local towns, villages, hamlets, and farms.

Our Team

Seven MU members are still on the Hippo team of eight volunteers and we are regularly helped by Revd Lisa, our curate. Our husbands give invaluable assistance with setting up and putting away equipment. Seven of the team completed Awareness of Domestic Abuse training in March and the two members who needed Safeguarding Basic training have completed that.

Our Special Occasions

We have had well-attended Easter, Harvest and Christmas services in church led by our clergy, Phil and Lisa. We were delighted that Beryl Murdy came to our Harvest session bringing cards and diaries too.

Our Fund-raising

During our session on Mary Sumner day we held a raffle which raised £37.50 for the MU Summer of Hope appeal and our Pudsey Bear morning raised £412.45 for Children in Need.

Penny Northall

Hognaston & Hulland Branch

Away From It All

The Away From It All outings for 2023 were not as many, although they benefitted 136 adults and children.

We paid £500.00 towards giving eight parents and children a caravan holiday in Skegness.

In August we paid for a coach to take 49 parents and children to Llandudno for the day, and I received a couple of photos of some of the children playing and laughing on the beach.

Again in August we paid for a family of mum and two children to go to Alton Towers, and again I received a photo of two very happy children.

In December we paid for 50 parents and children to go to the Pantomime Cinderella in Buxton, and I was told that it was wonderful to hear the children shouting and laughing as they had a wonderful time.

Also in December we paid for 27 women and children to go to a Pantomime in Chesterfield and for taxis to get them there. Again they all had a wonderful time.

The pantomime trips were taken by the Buxton and Chesterfield Refuges and many of them had never seen a pantomime before.

It is all due to Mothers' Union members that we can give such joy to so many parents and children, so may I thank you all for the fundraising you do.

Sandra Westerman

AFIA Representative

Foston Hall Women's Prison

I would like to start by thanking branches and individuals who give to the Foston Prison fund. I would especially like to thank everyone who wrapped the presents for HM Foston Hall Women's Prison. This is something we as MU Derby Diocese would not be able to do if it wasn't for help wrapping presents. What we do is very valued in the prison system, and I recently received an email from Anne Halliday, the Managing Chaplain at Foston, to say how much the prisoners had appreciated the colouring books.

I also want to thank Beryl Murdy, who for quite some time now has been our contact with Foston Hall and established really strong links there. I have now taken over the baton from Beryl, and will be continuing and developing the work we have been doing in Foston Hall. After a visit before Christmas, to drop off the presents and cards, the chaplain Anne mentioned that there were other things she would like us to get involved in if we felt we could. I have been invited to do a talk with the ladies at Foston Hall about my journey with faith after spending time in the care system and various other bits of life journey.

I am very excited about this and am looking forward to becoming more involved in the MU Prisons Community of Interest group.

Nicole Ball
Trustee

Literature

Sales were again excellent in 2023. Thank you to everyone who ordered directly and remembered to put the Diocese name in the Diocese box on the online order form. I think the catalogues for Christmas and Easter both showed a good selection of cards.

I am quite happy to bring stock to any gathering, Deanery event or branch meeting if you invite me. I have regular commitments on the second Monday each month, and on the first and third Wednesdays, so these are difficult for me.

We again received a rebate on our sales from MU enterprises, which helps our finances. Thank you everyone.

Beryl Murdy
Literature Representative

Modern Slavery and Anti-Trafficking

The year 2023 was both a quiet year and a hectic year. Things suddenly come to the fore, in the most unexpected ways. I hope that most of you will know about County Lines and its modern Slavery context. It is not a pleasant subject, so it is a difficult and sometimes upsetting talk I have to give to branches. However, I know that those who have heard the talk appreciated it. I am always willing to speak to any group, branch, or individuals.

Revd Alan Fitch
Modern Slavery and Anti-Trafficking Officer

IT Support

Mary Sumner House is continuing to develop plans to introduce a new CRM system and membership database. As a member of the Mary Sumner House "Member Directory and Database" Community of Interest (COI), I am kept up to date with progress, and have contributed ideas and suggestions. It is planned that the new system will be rolled out during 2024.

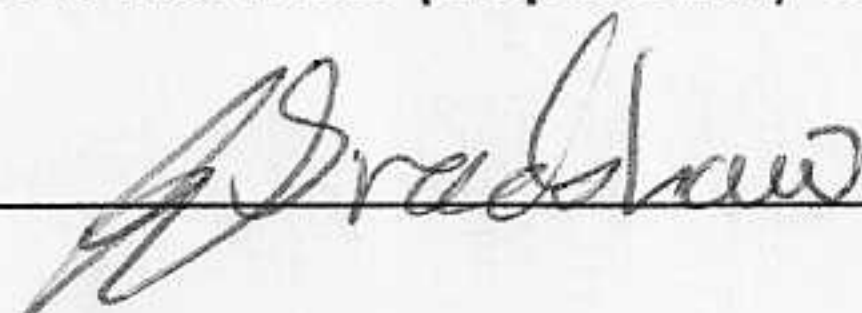
Edward Orchard
IT Support Officer

MOTHERS' UNION DERBY DIOCESE
(Registered Charity Number 242671)
Consolidated Accounts for year 2023

INCOME		£	
Diocesan Accounts			
	General	16,864.99	
	AFIA	2,440.75	
	Indoor Members	190.00	
	CBF Deposit Bonds	655.60	
	Business Reserve	29.59	
	Branch / Deanery	13,549.36	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		33,730.29
EXPENDITURE			
Diocesan Accounts			
	General	15,962.39	
	AFIA	1,900.00	
	Indoor Members	115.70	
	CBF Deposit Bonds	0.00	
	Business Reserve	0.00	
Other Accounts			
	Branch / Deanery	14,395.15	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		32,373.24
MONETARY ASSETS			
	General	9,589.06	
	AFIA	5,128.34	
	Indoor Members	319.19	
	CBF Deposit Bonds	21,111.76	
	Business Reserve	3,997.91	
	Branch / Deanery	5,286.35	
	Total		45,432.61
OTHER ASSETS			
	Literature stock at 31/12/23		472.25
	Literature Cash in hand		30.72
LIABILITIES			
	Subscriptions collected for 2024		
	41 x £24 per member to Centres		984.00

This report has been prepared by the Diocesan Treasurer Janet Bradshaw

Signed



Date: 11/7/2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MOTHERS UNION DERBY DIOCESE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mother's Union trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustee consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

My responsibilities are to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

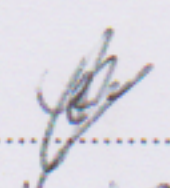
Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or:
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records or:
- The accounts did 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 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.

Name of Examiner ANN CLARK

Signed.....

Address of examiner 2 PARKGATE COTTAGE, SUTTON LANE, SUTTON SCARSDALE

Telephone Number of Examiner 07768 273284

Date 22.3.24

MOTHERS UNION (DIOCESE OF DERBY BRANCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 242671

Accounts

Diocese of Derby
Mothers' Union
Annual Report 2022



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Aim, Purpose and Objects

Mothers' Union is a Christian Society within the Anglican Community. It has 4 million members in 84 countries.

The vision of Mothers' Union is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. The aim and purpose of Mothers' Union is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

Mission:

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

Values:

The Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members around the world as they respond to God's call to faith and action

Beliefs:

- We believe in the value of each individual and their unique qualities
- We believe in the value of marriage and all faithful, loving family relationships
- We believe in the value of the family in its many forms as a source of love and support for individuals and the basis for a caring community

Reg. Charity No. 242671

Board of Trustees:

Diocesan President:	Emily Brailsford
Vice Presidents:	Wendy Fitch Alison Orchard
Trustees:	Christine McMullen Beryl Murdy Sheila Porter Sheila Randall Sandra Westerman Carol Johnston (co-opted)
Diocesan Chaplain:	Revd Eleanor Berry
Diocesan Treasurer:	Janet Bradshaw
Bank:	NatWest
Examiner:	Lynda Millthorpe

Mothers' Union Statement of Commitment: Safeguarding

"As an organisation concerned with Christian principles and ministry in family life, the nurture and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of Mothers' Union both individually as members and collectively as an organisation, Mothers' Union has a duty to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, doing everything possible to ensure that they are safe when involved in Mothers' Union activities.

"We will follow the safeguarding policies and practices issued by the Anglican Church, the Diocese of Derby, and the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) charter for the safety of people within the churches of the Anglican Communion. Mothers' Union will promote the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults by aiming to prevent abuse from occurring, to protect those who are at risk of abuse and to respond well to those who have been abused. We will follow procedures to enable the identification of those who may present a risk to others and, should this occur, seek appropriate pastoral support for them."

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, in the first instance contact the Mothers' Union Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Carol Johnston.

Email: Carol.Johnston@mothersunion.org

Tel: 07507 391299

or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser at Derby Church House.

Email: hannah.hogg@derby.anglican.org

Tel: 01332 388682 or 07540 719447

Safeguarding Annual Report

As we continue to follow the Church of England directives for Safeguarding as our general guide, our Trustees have or are in the process of, completing the necessary safeguarding training. A new training matrix has been issued which asks that all Trustees also complete the Awareness of Domestic Abuse training which is provided either in person or by Zoom in this diocese.

The Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (DBS) are now required every three years rather than every five. We continue to make sure our Trustees are up to date with this.

A document has been produced and distributed to branch leaders on Safeguarding Procedures as a guidance to keeping everyone in a safe environment.

Carol Johnston

Diocesan Safeguarding Link

Diocesan President's Report

My first year as Diocesan President has been quite hard for me, so firstly I want to thank everyone for their love, prayers and support, especially Vice-Presidents Wendy, Alison, our Trustees, Secretary Carol and Treasurer Janet, our Chaplain Eleanor, and Edward, who have helped keep things running smoothly.

In November 2022 Carol retired as our Diocesan Secretary, but has been co-opted onto the Trustee board as the Safeguarding Officer. I would like to thank her for all the work she has done to support me and the diocese. Alison Williams has also retired as our *Roots and Branches* editor. I would like to thank her for her eleven years in the role.

Most branches are now back to meeting face to face, although we still have midday prayers over Zoom, along with many of our Trustee meetings. COVID hit Mothers' Union in Derbyshire hard, and has meant the closure of a number of our branches. Whilst I hope that next year we can possibly start to work on building up membership, I urge you to remind any past members whom you speak to, that they can still belong to Mothers' Union as Diocesan Members.

With membership in mind, I am in the process of attending all of the deanery synods to speak about Mothers' Union and what we do. If anyone has any good photographs of anything Mothers' Union related, please send them over so we can use them in our publicity.

Whilst on the topic of Zoom, many provincial meetings are also being held on Zoom, which means no mileage costs at all. I play an active role in the meetings for the Britain and Ireland Domestic Abuse Steering Group, which are held on Zoom on a bi-monthly basis. This has been very exciting, and I hope that next year Derbyshire can be a leading light in the fight against domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.

Mini Mothers' Union has slowly started to gather momentum, and we now have a small group of children who are enthusiastic about making a difference to their community under the banner of Mothers' Union. If anyone has any children or young people that they think might be interested in joining, please let me know.

Emily Brailsford

Diocesan President, Diocese of Derby Mothers' Union

Diocesan Chaplain's Report

I began 2022 by putting together the service for the commissioning of all officers of the Diocesan Mother's Union as we began a new Triennium, and welcomed Emily as our new Diocesan President, giving thanks for all the work that Beryl and other retiring officers had done. It was lovely to Deacon for Bishop Libby as she commissioned all the new officers. She is a great support to the Mothers' Union.

My main work this year has been putting together Orders of Service for meetings such as the Deanery and Diocesan Festival Services and putting together the Rota for Midday Prayers each Friday. I have enjoyed taking my turn at leading these Friday prayers on Zoom and it is good to see so many people joining us each week. It would be good if some more people could volunteer to lead them, and I would be willing to guide new leaders in showing them how to put them together if needed.

I also attend Trustees Meeting where I usually open and close the meetings with prayers, and visited the Cathedral Branch and my own branch at Spondon to lead some meditation talks on our theme for the year. I'm happy to come to other branches to do the same kind of talks.

Last December we had our 16 Days of Activism Service on Zoom and that too was well attended. This year we are hoping to return to the Cathedral for that service.

At the present moment, I am trying to encourage more clergy members to join us and help fill more of the Deanery Chaplain posts as we are now down to only three, one of which is myself. If we can fill a few more of these posts, I would like to hold a meeting of all the Chaplains so that we can perhaps plan more activities within each Deanery. Emily and I are also trying to do some Bible Study Evenings on Zoom, over this next year.

I enjoy my work as Diocesan Chaplain and it is a great pleasure to meet so many members in the diocese and work with you. If you know any members who are ill or in need of prayers, please let me know.

Revd Eleanor Berry

Chaplain, Diocese of Derby Mothers' Union

Annual Report from the Diocesan Secretary

There were 384 members in the diocese at the start of 2022 (plus 18 non-subscription paying IMPC members). Sadly, five branches closed during the year. They were Allenton, Crich, Darley Dale, South Darley, Staveley and Barrow Hill. In addition four branches became "fellowship groups" these were Bakewell, Loundsley Green, Tideswell and Ripley. There were six Trustee meetings during the year via Zoom in January, two in April, July and two in October.

I decided it was time to retire from the position of Diocesan Secretary at the end of the year. I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for the card and beautiful flowers and gift presented to me at the November meeting. My thanks also go to the Trustees for their care and taking the workload from me during my illness earlier in the year, it really was appreciated. Going forward I will continue the role of Safeguarding Link.

Carol Johnston

Diocesan Secretary

Derby City and Mercia Deanery Report

Derby City and Mercia Deanery consisted of five branches and eight Diocesan Members in 2022.

The Deanery Festival was held on Mary Sumner Day, at Ticknall Parish Church on a beautiful summer's afternoon. The celebrant was our Deanery and Diocesan Chaplain, Revd Eleanor Berry, and Revd Dr Alan Flintham preached the sermon on the year's Mothers' Union theme. The service was followed by a delicious tea prepared by the members of Ticknall branch.

Members took part in the service online for the Sixteen Days of Activism in November, and some were present at the commissioning of our new Diocesan President in January.

The five branches in the combined deanery continue to be well attended and vibrant, each meeting monthly with interesting programmes related to the Mothers' Union theme. In addition the Cathedral branch has a monthly Prayer Group online. It was good to see some of the Diocesan Members at the Deanery Festival and regularly at Midday Prayers online each Friday.

Members continue to be very generous in their support, providing food and clothing for asylum seekers and refugees, as well as support for Foston Hall and the Mothers' Union charities.

Madelaine Goddard

Deanery President, Derby City and Mercia Deanery

SE Derbyshire Deanery Report

It was all change at the start of the new triennium, Beryl Murdy becoming our new Deanery President and Wendy Fitch, her predecessor, continuing as Deanery Treasurer. We are also now fortunate to have Revd Christine French as our Deanery Chaplain, having been commissioned in November 2021 by our Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain Revd Eleanor Berry. Revd Christine is an active member of the Kirk Hallam branch and attends our meetings and events whenever her parish commitments allow.

All Branches had resumed their regular meetings once COVID restrictions were fully lifted. At our Committee Meetings Branch Leaders reported on their activities and recommended speakers. These have included topics as diverse as a local undertaker speaking on the Lighter side of Funerals, Child Abuse, Local History, Transformation Now! and the Science of Cooking! Funds were raised in a variety of ways for Mothers' Union causes, including AFIA and Helpful Books for Schools and towards the Christmas gifts for Foston Hall.

The Deanery has a strong link to Derby Refugee Solidarity and branches continued to support the Moses Baskets project. Members generously donated clothing for the Diocesan Mini MU Nearly New Sale held at Matlock which raised funds for Ukrainian children. Smalley & District Branch members continued to make knitted blankets which were distributed to those in need via the Refugee Centre in Derby.

At our February Committee Meeting plans for the coming year were discussed with the emphasis on the need to raise awareness of all the good work that the Mothers' Union does, both at home and worldwide, and on increasing membership. An Inspiration Day to attract potential new members was suggested, but it was felt that more thought needed to be given to this idea to make it as effective and appealing as possible.

Kirk Hallam Branch had an overwhelming response to their request for knitted/crocheted flowers to decorate the church for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 4-5,000 being contributed!

A Deanery visit was arranged to an open garden in Stanley Common in July when a raffle was held with the proceeds going to The Summer of Hope Appeal. Non-members were invited to join in this event.

The Deanery Festival was held at All Saints Church, Kirk Hallam in October when we welcomed our new Archdeacon, The Venerable Karen Hamblin. The collection and a Bring and Buy Stall realised £247 for AFIA. Diocesan members from the former Ripley and Swanwick branches are always invited to participate in our services and events.

The Deanery agreed to be responsible for the wrapping of Christmas gifts for Foston Hall, which Beryl then delivered to the prison chaplain in early December.

At our November Committee meeting plans for 2023 were discussed, including delivering the Inspiration Day in June, another sponsored walk in Shipley Park for the Summer of Hope Appeal in early July and a Coffee morning at Stanley Common also in July to attract new, younger members. A Fungus walk in October will be a new venture and the Deanery Festival will also be held in October at All Saints Church, Stanley Common.

Sheila Randall

Deanery Secretary, SE Derbyshire Deanery

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There was a meeting held especially for Diocesan Members in the summer, with a speaker from Sheffield Diocese about their work in prisons. Following a survey in the late autumn it is hoped to have two meetings each year online.

Madelaine Goddard

Diocesan Members Representative

Indoor Members

Cards and letters were sent at Easter and Christmas, also birthday cards at the appropriate time. I received letters from two of the relatives saying how much their mothers had enjoyed receiving the mail. I am sure the members enjoy feeling they are still part of Mothers' Union although isolated.

Ruth Breedon

Indoor Members Representative

Mini Mothers' Union

Mini Mothers' Union had a slow start due to my illness in 2022. The Mini MU are planning to meet four times per year, and the steering committee and I have come up with an exciting schedule. Once this group is well established we hope to start other Mini MU branches throughout the diocese.

Emily Brailsford

Mini Mothers' Union Co-ordinator

Away From It All

A mum and her autistic son requested a holiday in Skegness. She was offered a seven day holiday but asked if they could have five days instead as she didn't know if her 7 year old son would settle away from home as he had never been away before. When they arrived back home afterwards she texted me to say they had had a wonderful holiday and thanked Mothers Union.

A lady who had charge of her two granddaughters couldn't afford new school shoes for them, we sent her a Clarkes' voucher for £100.00 and she was most appreciative.

A mum and her four children were given tickets for a day visit to Flamingoland. They arrived as it opened and left when it closed. They had the most wonderful time.

We paid for a 53 seater coach to take mums and their children for a day trip to Llandudno. They had a great time.

We paid for 19 children and 16 adults to go to the pantomime at Buxton Opera House in December. Most had never seen a pantomime before. They had a great time.

In all we helped 53 adults and 42 children, but although this seems quite good, we really do need to put more AFIA leaflets out there.

I would like to thank everyone for raising the funds to enable us to do this worthwhile work, and for allowing me to continue to do this.

Sandra Westerman

AFIA Representative

Foston Hall Women's Prison

Excellent feedback was received from Foston Hall Prison in early 2022 for the gifts of colouring books and coloured pencils provided by members of the Diocese of Derby Mothers' Union. These wrapped gifts were given to every prisoner at Christmas 2021 along with a card.

During the year, the colouring books and pencils proved particularly helpful in occupying prisoners locked in their cells, helping to create a calming atmosphere.

Towards the end of 2022, the Prison Chaplain again asked if Mothers' Union could provide colouring books and coloured pencils for prisoners for Christmas, which members were happy to support.

Mothers' Union also provided birthday cards, which were used by the Prison Chaplaincy team at Foston to mark prisoners' birthdays.

Thanks to all members for supporting the Christmas project, and to SE Derbyshire Deanery for acquiring, wrapping, and delivering the gifts.

Alison Orchard

Diocesan Vice-President

Hulland Hippos Baby & Toddler Group

Hognaston & Hulland branch have continued to run Hulland Hippos Baby & Toddler group every Wednesday morning at the village hall. Throughout 2022 it continued to be a busy, friendly and popular group. We had an average of 17 families and 25 children attending each session. Nine Mothers' Union members were on the Hippo team of ten volunteers. Our Christian Mission statement is to share God's love with all who come.

We celebrated the tenth anniversary of its foundation in November. To share the happy occasion we invited past members of the team and the families who attended the very first session. In December we were delighted to welcome Wendy Fitch to our Christmas Nativity in church and party lunch at the village hall afterwards.



Penny Northall

Hognaston & Hulland Branch

Literature

We had another excellent year for literature sales in 2022. I am so pleased that some branches managed to do their own orders, and judging by the rebate we received everyone remembered to put in the diocese name to allow Derby to get the rebate. This makes a lot of difference to our finances, as it was again over £500. A big thankyou to others who order and sell in their own areas.

I have been happy to discover that Mary Sumner House has listened to reps, and we again have the assorted Christmas packs which contain 10 of the popular cards. Please remember that I am happy to come to branch or Deanery events to sell stock and help to show what good value the cards are. I do have membership cards and badges and the blue prayer books have been reprinted so are again available for new members.

I have a group of customers who have never joined Mothers' Union, but like what we do, and so always ask for the latest catalogue and regularly buy the Ethical gifts too. It is certainly worth showing the catalogues to others in your Churches and beyond. Thank you all for supporting Mothers' Union by buying cards, etc. to further the work of our wonderful organisation here and overseas.

Beryl Murdy

Literature Representative

Helpful Books for Schools

During 2022/23 we sent out 20 junior school packs and 12 infant packs.

Emily Brailsford

Helpful Books Co-ordinator

Modern Slavery and Anti-Trafficking

This Report has four main parts, which are linked by the subject of Anti-trafficking.

The first part is Modern Slavery, and how people are moved around the world and this country in bondage. The brave telling by Sir Mo Farah about how he was trafficked when young has shown how easily we forget this evil. I had several conversations with members explaining how this can still happen in today's world.

The second part is the role of County Lines in Trafficking and Slavery. I spoke a little of this at the last General Meeting which brings me to the third part - that of training. Clewer is holding two training sessions on this subject online in June 2023. The dates and times are 1st June 10 - 11am and 22nd June also 10-11am. The fourth part of my report is that I have spoken to several Groups and Branches on this subject to increase awareness. I shall be speaking to other branches during 2023, and will be pleased to add to the list.

Revd Alan Fitch

Modern Slavery and Anti-Trafficking Officer

IT Support

I am continuing to look after the diocesan and Mary Sumner House membership databases. I am also a member of the Mary Sumner House "Member Directory and Database" Community of Interest (COI), and regularly attend the COI meetings.

There were further changes regarding staff at Mary Sumner House during 2022. Daniel Jarvis has now taken over as the Database Officer, and I have built up a good working relationship with him.

Edward Orchard

IT Support Officer

MOTHERS' UNION DERBY DIOCESE
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INCOME	£	
Diocesan Accounts		
General	24,087.13	
AFIA	6,322.25	
Indoor Members	462.72	
CBF Deposit Bonds	20,456.16	
Business Reserve	1,968.32	
Branch / Deanery	20,593.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		73,890.08

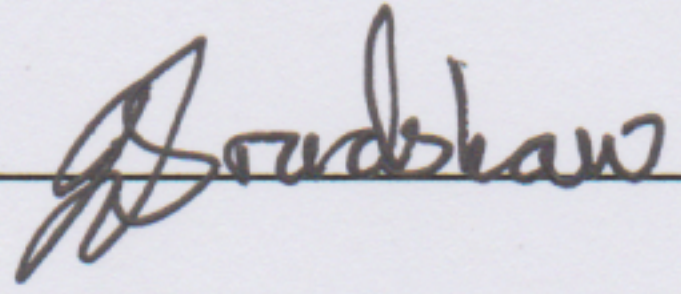
EXPENDITURE		
Diocesan Accounts		
General	15,481.35	
AFIA	1,734.66	
Indoor Members	217.83	
CBF Deposit Bonds	0.00	
Business Reserve	0.00	
Other Accounts		
Branch / Deanery	14,212.39	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		31,646.23

MONETARY ASSETS		
General	8,605.78	
AFIA	4,587.59	
Indoor Members	244.89	
CBF Deposit Bonds	20,456.16	
Business Reserve	1,968.32	
Branch / Deanery	6,381.11	
Total		42,243.85

OTHER ASSETS		
Literature stock at 31/12/2022		506.35
Cash in hand		19.75

LIABILITIES		
Subscriptions collected for 2023		
16 x £21 per Diocesan member to Centre	£	336.00
78 x £21 per Branch member to Centre	£	1,638.00
Total	£	1,974.00

This report has been prepared by the Diocesan Treasurerer Janet Bradshaw

Signature  Date: 22 May 2023

Mothers Union - Derby Diocese

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Signed.....*L. Millthorpe*.....

Date.....02.03.2023.....

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Diocesan President Report

We certainly didn't expect another year of restrictions at the end of 2020 but effectively that is what it was for most of us. I have managed to go to a few meetings in 2021 but some of the places I was supposed to visit cancelled because members were still not happy to meet inside.

One of the high lights for me was a trip to Doveholes for their first indoor in person meeting. As I hadn't driven any distance for over a year Andrew came and took me, he sat in the meeting and enjoyed what I talked about said he had learnt more about the Mothers' Union in my off the cuff talk in 20 minutes than he had known before. Maybe this says we need to tell our stories round the family. Everywhere I went I took literature and had some good sales. Lots of you have ordered for yourselves and I hope you have all been pleased with the new speed of delivery of orders.

Doing Midday prayers on Zoom has proved extremely popular and lots of people who wouldn't get into the Cathedral have been able to be involved which is super. The other bonus is that we have had more variety of people leading thank you to everyone who has been prepared to do that it is much appreciated.

On a sad note I went to the closing service at Darley Dale which was a good service led by the vicar and I did speak to some of the members about Diocesan membership. I went to the closing service at Bakewell too which was a real celebration and there they are going to meet as a fellowship group and a few of the members have become Diocesan members. I have not managed to go to any branches in the North East but am aware that at least one branch has closed and another is expecting to close too. In my own South East Derbyshire Deanery we have lost Ripley but hopefully all other branches are now meeting again.

I was so sorry when Joan Pickering died but I was able to represent Mothers' Union at both her funeral and memorial services. Numbers were very restricted for her funeral but there were a number of members at her memorial service. I am pleased to let you know that Ruth Breedon is taking over as Indoor Members rep.

Hopefully 2022 will see us being able to pick up the pieces and continue to transform Mothers' Union into the new ways of doing things necessary to increase the membership and vibrancy of this wonderful organisation. I will continue to work as a trustee to help Emily in any way I can for the benefit of all our members.

Beryl Murdy, Diocesan President

Secretaries Report

The Trustees held three meetings during 2021 via Zoom and also kept in constant contact with emails during the year. The May Council meeting was also held by Zoom. The November Council meeting was the first to be held in person since 2020 enabling Beryl, our Diocesan President to be presented with flowers and gifts, giving thanks for her time as President in what turned out to be a very difficult three years both personally and because of the pandemic.

The branches that closed fully in 2021 were: South Darley, Staveley and Barrow Hill, Tideswell, Darley Dale and Allenton.

Branches that also technically closed but are continuing as fellowship groups with individual Diocesan Members are Loundsley Green, Ripley and Bakewell.

Total number of paying members at the start of 2021 was 478. (Including non-paying IMPC members, this rises to 499.)

The Trustees agreed, that as we are all now very used to working electronically from home, we would continue to do so in the future and give up the office in Derby Church House, but maintain our official post box there.

Carol Johnston, Diocesan Secretary

NE Deanery

We hope to have a Deanery Meeting at some point, but Staveley Branch Leader has sadly died and there is no one who wishes to take on the role. Loundsley Green Branch members have become Diocesan members as the Leader has been ill and wishes to retire from the post.

Ruth Cable. NE Deanery Secretary

City Deanery

Deanery Festival held at Cathedral in July approximately 30 members attended & a number joined a "socially distanced" picnic on Cathedral Green. Most face to face events were unable to take place because of the pandemic but about 12 regularly take part in Midday prayers on Zoom, & a number "were at" the 16 Days of Activism service. Some members started meeting together again in their branches towards the later part of the year.

Madelaine Goddard, Deanery President

SE Deanery Report

Deanery events held in 2021 cont. July 20th-15 members attended. Due to the hot weather the Sponsored Walk was postponed but the picnic in Shipley park went ahead. It was the first time that many had met face to face since 'lock down'. August 5th- 18 members took part in Summer of Hope sponsored walk in Shipley park. £2,000 was raised, September 5th* 9 members attended. Feedback from the Summer of Hope walk was given. The Deanery Festival was planned. Bishop Malcolm is to preach and Revd. Christine

commissioned as our Chaplain. Members were reminded that the Diocesan Festival was on 20th September in the Cathedral. October 19th- Just over 40 attended. Bishop Malcolm spoke about his experiences of Mothers' Union in Kenya. A Bring and Buy stall was held to support the Moving on Project and AFIA. November 30th- 21 members attended, The Diocesan MU Chaplain Revd. Eleanor Berry commissioned Revd. Christine French as the SE Deanery Chaplain via Zoom. This was a first and kindly facilitated by Fr: Julius. There was feedback from the Diocesan Council. The Deanery has agreed to take on the wrapping of Christmas gifts for Foston Hall from 2022. This will be done in liaison with the Foston Hall Chaplain. Funding will come from Diocesan funds

Wendy Fitch, Deanery President

Away From It All

A.F.I.A. Supported 59 adults, 44 children and 1 teenager.

Because of Covid 19 two holidays had to be re-booked and therefore extra monies were due because of increases in cost and the holidays were successfully taken. Both families had a lovely time and were pleased to get their holiday at last.

We supported a family of five with a donation of £500 towards a holiday in 2021 at Butlins Spring Harvest. The family have very disabled son and need the extra help given at this Christian venue.

One family of seven were provided with complete bedding sets for seven beds and we received a Thank you card signed by all the family.

Crossroads was supplied with a coach to take thirty one adults and ten children To Llandudno for the day and they all had a wonderful time.

Charis House wanted to take twenty one adults and nineteen children to Buxton Opera House to see Cinderella and we later heard that most of the adults had never been to a pantomime. They had a wonderful time and because Charis House is in Buxton they were able to walk to the venue.

One family of three adults and one child were given two days out go-karting on day one and trampolining on day two. The child needed his brother with him and the brother's girlfriend supplied the transport and mum provided refreshments. The little boy had a wonderful time.

This is all we did in 2021 and I need to thank everyone for supporting A.F.I.A. at such a difficult time and for allowing me to make so many people happy.

Sandra Westerman, A.F.I.A. Rep

Indoor Member Prayer Circle

There were around 30 members in the IMPC during 2021. Six of these were not linked with an active branch. IMPC members received a Mothering Sunday card, an Easter card and letter, and a Christmas card and letter, as well as a card on their birthday when this was known. All this was in addition to “connected”, the Prayer Diary, and “Roots and Branches”.

A number of subscription paying IMPC members have had their addresses excluded from the Mary Sumner House membership database at the request of the member, their branch, or the member’s family. All non-subscription paying IMPC members are excluded from the MSH membership database.

Very sadly, Joan Pickering, the Indoor Members Representative, passed away at the end of July 2021. Joan had faithfully served the IMPC members for many years, and was greatly appreciated by them. Ruth Breedon has now taken on the role of Indoor Members Representative.

Alison Orchard, Vice President

IT Support Report

The diocesan and Mary Sumner House membership databases worked well during 2021. This was due to the prompt information provided by members and branches when changes were required. This was especially appreciated when a member had passed away, so that both databases could be updated as soon as possible.

There were some changes regarding staff at Mary Sumner House during 2021. David Ewaku, IT Manager, left during 2021. He had always been a great source of help and advice. Renata Pucci has been appointed as the Database Officer, and has worked hard to establish a dialogue with IT Officers in the dioceses. One thing she has provided are “cut off” dates for the Prayer Diary and “connected” mailings, which are helpful when keeping the databases up to date.

Eddie Orchard, IT Support Officer

Diocesan Members

There were 39 Diocesan Members in 2021 including 4 male members., two were Diocesan Trustees & 2 held MU Diocesan office: 5 were ordained , including several senior members of the clergy. There were 6 new Diocesan members - from branches that had recently closed.

It was a difficult year because of the pandemic but I was able to keep in contact with the majority of the Diocesan Members by email. Each week I sent the link for online Midday prayers & a number of the DMs regularly joined with the Prayers online. Roots & Branches was sent online too. Those members not online - I wrote to on a few occasions & they received their copy of Roots & Branches by post. A number of the Diocesan Members joined in the service for 16 Days of Activism & supported the Make A Mothers Day Appeal as well as other MU charities.

Madelaine Goddard, Diocesan Members rep.

Mini MU

Mini MU has been slow getting off the ground as I have felt the need for a little back up. We now have a small steering group who have helped give me the nudge I needed to get things going. At present we only have a few members who are situated around Matlock. Because of the members all being around Matlock, we have decided to have a "Nearly New" clothing sale on the 2nd of April. The proceeds of this sale will be used to purchase books and colouring pencils etc for the Ukrainian refugee children. By the time this comes around I will have finished a Mini MU leaflet which members can use to advertise Mini MU in their churches and also another MU leaflet which members might also like to take away and use to advertise MU.

If you feel like you would also like to join the steering group or would like to help at all with Mini MU please do not hesitate to contact me via email :- emilybrailsford@yahoo.co.uk

Emily Brailsford, Mini MU

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INCOME

£

Diocesan Accounts

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AFIA	5,168.50
Indoor Members	344.37
CBF Deposit Bonds	20,190.60
Business Reserve	1,964.04

Other Accounts

Branch / Deanery	25,192.82
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	80,698.33
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EXPENDITURE

Diocesan Accounts

General	19,214.89
AFIA	1,922.02
Indoor Members	116.65
CBF Deposit Bonds	0.00
Business Reserve	0.00

Other Accounts

Branch / Deanery	17,032.84
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	38,286.40
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MONETARY ASSETS

General	8,623.11
AFIA	3,246.48
Indoor Members	227.72
CBF Deposit Bonds	20190.60
Business Reserve	1,964.04
Branch / Deanery	8,159.98

Total

OTHER ASSETS

Literature stock at 31/12/2021	697.80
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LIABILITIES

Subscriptions collected 2022 55 x 20 per member to Centre	1,100.00
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This report has been compiled by Janet Bradshaw the Diocesan Treasurer

Signature Janet Bradshaw Date: 23.7.22

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Signed.....

Date.....26.04.2022.....

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Diocesan Presidents Annual Report.

I wonder at the start of 2020 whether any of us would have expected what it would bring. None of us ever thought that we would be unable to do most of the things which we enjoy seeing family and friends, going on holiday, eating in a restaurant, browsing round the shops, meeting in Church or at Mothers' Union meetings, festivals and fund-raising efforts. I hope that as we come out of the lockdown we can safely begin to meet again, to pick up the pieces and continue to work for the good of Mothers' Union in this Diocese and throughout the World.

My plan for 2020 was to get round as many branches that I hadn't visited before during the year leaving 2021 to visit whatever I didn't manage. As you all know I managed none of them. This means that I will have a lot to try to do this year.

How many of us had even heard of ZOOM this time last year. I feel that we have gained a lot of experience of working on line in committee and particularly with Midday prayers. It has been so good to see so many people on Friday lunchtime we have had people on regularly who would never normally be able to come to the Cathedral. We have had almost 40 people on and it has been good to have a good variety of people offering to organise it. This has been super giving us a good spread of ideas and delivery. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey we hope that when we are able to meet again in the Cathedral we will still be able to share the service online for those who can't be with us.

Last year we made contact with the new Chaplain at Foston Hall she is Anne Halliday and through her we sorted that we could again send gifts to the inmates for Christmas. These were sourced and wrapped by Bakewell branch for which we are very grateful. Anne also asked if we could provide birthday cards and I delivered her some just before Christmas and will take some more when there are some more good value in the sale items from Mary Sumner House.

We have not distributed any more packs of Helpful Books because of the school closures. Ruth still has some packs ready to go so if you know any schools local to you who would like them please let us know.

Emily suggested that we look to do something for families leaving refuges when they are given housing and thus the Moving on Pack idea was born. Hopefully this will be a really good way to support families who have been in dreadful situations and is one of the ways we can help those in desperate need of a hand to get their lives back to a new normality.

The sales of Mothers' Union cards have been really good and the extra incentive given by MSH to send £30 orders direct to customers without carriage was well used. I still have reasonable stocks and regularly get orders from people local to me. Thankyou to all who have bought this last year I don't know how much the lockdown has increased members orders direct to MSH but I am sure it will have.

Looking forward I hope that we can have our Diocesan Festival in September, that our Deanery Festivals can happen and that we will be able to meet again soon. As soon as you have organised your plans for opening please make sure we have the information and I will try to get to as many meetings as possible. If I am not able to visit I will try to get another Trustee to come in my place.

I hope that we will have a better 2021 but I thank you all for the phone calls, cards, flowers and letters that I have received in what was a really horrible year for my family and especially for all the prayers which have made life so much more bearable for us all.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the Trustees and Carol and Janet who have all stepped up and done lots of extra things in a very difficult year. Eleanor too has been phoning some of our most lonely members regularly and I know from conversations I have had that they have really appreciated them and indeed look forward to the next call. So many people have gone above and beyond what they should have been expected to do and I have been so grateful for them all.

I look forward to seeing many of you this year and look forward to a better time this summer as we begin to meet again.

Beryl Murdy

Secretary's Report

It's been a very difficult and different 12 months for us all to say the least. Thanks to technology we have been able to hold Trustee meetings, Midday Prayers and attend webinars and seminars online. Who knew about Zoom before the Pandemic? I have been able to carry out all of my administrative tasks online.

The trustees met once in person in February 2020 and then virtually on 5 occasions. The Deanery Presidents joined in one of the meeting for updates as we entered lockdown with the Covid 19 Pandemic. We were unable to hold our AGM or Council meetings in May as usual at the Imperial rooms, but held the Council Meeting on the 3rd November and the AGM was held virtually on 20th November, members joined by video and telephone links.

In 2020 we had a total of 524 members. A number of members from the closed Bonsall Branch joined Wirksworth branch. Hayfield branch also closed, but some members have become Diocesan Members. Also, sadly Buxton branch has closed.

During the pandemic year of 2020, I would like to say a special thank you to Edward and Alison Orchard who have been a great support to me during 2020/21 with sorting out the magazine mailings lists and sorting out the database with MSH so that the majority of members receive their mailings directly from MSH in future, no mean feat I can say with many hours of work. Thank you to all branch leaders for submitting their branch report forms promptly, this has made it easier for us to keep our records up to date.

Organising the Safeguarding paperwork has been a very important task this year. The Trustees now are required to have DBS clearance for their role and do the appropriate Safeguarding training in line with the Church of England and Charity Commissioners. My thanks for their co-operation. The Safeguarding statement of commitment is at the beginning of this annual report.

Carol Johnston

City Deanery

The Deanery Festival was held on Zoom attended by about 25 members – including some Diocesan Members. The service was organised by the Chaplain who also preached.

A number of members also attended the service for the 16 Days of Activism.

Some members of the deanery regularly join Midday Prayers on Zoom.

Madelaine Goddard

S.E.Derbyshire Deanery

Usually we meet as a deanery twice a year and again for our Deanery Festival service in the summer. However 2020 proved to be a challenging year for us all. The Branches closed for meetings when 'lock down' commenced but the Branch Leaders kept in contact with members especially those living on their own. Our planned Inspiration Day in May and our Deanery Festival in June were postponed. In May I invited the Branch leaders to a zoom meeting to give them the opportunity to support and encourage one another through prayer, bible readings and poems and just talking about how we were feeling. We then decided to continue meeting monthly on Zoom and invited any branch members who wished and were able to join with us. The highlight of the year was working with Carolyn Fell and Peak deanery on a joint service which was held at the beginning of December during the 16 Day of Activism. It was a lovely service and we were grateful to Christine McMullen for her thought provoking talk. Sadly our Treasurer and Chaplain Pam Levens stood down at the end of the year, we thank her for all she has done in the deanery and wish her well in the future. Members continued with knitting blankets and items for the neonatal unit, although the latter is on hold at the moment as the unit is unable to receive them. We are all becoming better at using technology and plan to continue with our Zoom meetings until we are able to meet up in our branches again.

Wendy Fitch

Peak Deanery

Planned Events for Peak Deanery were cancelled owing to the Covid Pandemic, lockdowns and gatherings limited/not permitted during the year. We had planned A Feast of the Annunciation Service in March, a walk in May, a Creative Quiet Morning in June as half year planning at our Source Committee Meeting in January 2020. Sadly, all plans were cancelled and the Committee have not met altogether since, owing to restrictions. At the end of the year, Fr.Keith Cocking, our Deanery Chaplain was appointed to serve in the Bolsover/ Staveley Deanery. He will be much missed in Peak Deanery, as he was an active supporter of both MU Deanery and Branch Activities. As an opportunity to say 'thank you' to Fr Keith, as well as 'good bye', it was a privilege and a pleasure to share A Joint Deanery Festival Service with SE Derbyshire in early December, on Zoom. The timing was particularly apt as the date marked the end of The 16 Days of Activism. The occasion was well attended and technically spot on, thanks to our host, Emily. Our thanks to Wendy Fitch, SE Deanery President, for the beautiful Service, to Christine McMullan for the inspiring sermon and Sheila Randall for the prayers. Fr Keith was presented with a book token from Peak Deanery. Regrettably 2020 saw an escalation of Branch Closures in Peak Deanery. Buxton Branch and Hayfield Branch both once with thriving membership had dwindled to 3/4 active members, which sadly officers and committee members considered was no longer viable. In Peak Deanery, we have 3 active branches, Bakewell, Doveholes and Tideswell. The former has maintained meetings online, with active participation in Projects, for the Diocese. The latter have met up once for lunch in the summer. Doveholes is a small membership closely allied with the Church. Most are struggling with elderly membership, with little/no familiarity with computer literacy. Therefore, contact is limited to phone/post to maintain MU links. Other issues relate to taking over Offices any younger members in Branch, are unwilling to undertake these responsibilities. The former Unit reps post was a stepping stone.

Carolyn Fell

Carsington Deanery

These were very severely impacted due to the current restrictions. Lady Day 25th March 2020 was to be held at St.James Bonsall. This was cancelled and not sufficient time was left to organise a Zoom service. Mary Sumner Day 9th August 2020. A picnic was planned at Carsington Water but was cancelled due to overcrowding at the site by the public, having taken into account the ages of the majority of the members. Two Zoom meetings were held . 12th June with 11 attendees 9th November with 11 attendees.

Gillian Blount

NE Deanery

Members have not been able to meet this year due to the pandemic, but try to keep in touch as best they can under the circumstances.

Ruth Cable, Deanery contact.

Indoor Member Prayer Circle

As well as celebrating 145 years since the foundation of Mothers' Union, 2021 marks a hundred years since the formation of the Indoor Members' Prayer Circle (IMPC). Founded in 1921, the IMPC was the idea of Edith Mosse, who grew up in Heage, where her father was Curate. In 1891, she married Revd William Mosse, the son of the Vicar at Heage. There are currently 32 IMPC members in Derby Diocese, looked after by Joan Pickering. Seven IMPC members are no longer linked to an active branch. A number of fee paying IMPC members have had their addresses excluded from the MSH Membership Database at the request of the member, the branch or the member's family. All non-fee paying IMPC members are excluded from the MSH Membership Database.

Overseas Links

With the exception of Meisie Lerutla from Johannesburg I have not heard from any of our Links.I continue to send letters, cards, Roots and Branches and sometimes a small gift. However please do continue to pray for our sisters as their needs are much greater than ours. Knowing God will be their strength.

Meisie writes"... around us here, people are going through so much .

We are seeing families burying 2 and 3 members a month, one family we know buried 6 members in four weeks.

The challenge is people gathering for parties and funerals etc.

We also have challenges with the Vaccination program.

Some of our meetings are held virtually and prayers and readings are sent out on phone messaging."

Gillie Lister

16 days of activism

On the 25th November the Revd. Eleanor Berry with Emily Brailsford and The Willow Project hosted an online service for White Ribbon day. Bev Jullien the CEO of Mothers Union and Anthea Sully the CEO of the White Ribbon Organisation both attended the service as did 60 men and women from around Derbyshire. Emily continues to attend the domestic abuse steering meetings and has also been asked to attend the UNCSW (United Nations Commission on the Status of Women), held from the 15th to the 28th March.

Emily Brailsford and Revd. Eleanor Berry

Away From It All

We have dealt with 6 application for help totalling £2,445.00.

One case is on going but almost dealt with.

3 x £100.00 vouchers have been given out due to applicant not being able to have a holiday until 2021.

5 x one parent families with 23 children.

1 Gorilla Swing for a young autistic boy who needs to Swing upside down.

1 donation to Women's Refuge to help with food for lunches after their weekly services.

Unfortunately at the beginning of 2021 we had to pay £288 to move a cancelled holiday (due to Covid) to another date later in the year, We have had one request in so far this year.

Sandra Westerman

Moses Basket Report

The Moses Basket Project only began in Spring 2018, but it was taken on with great enthusiasm by branches throughout the diocese.

Working with the charity Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity, our Moses baskets, filled with items for mothers and new babies, went to refugee camps in many different countries including Syria and Greece.

With the coming of COVID-19 and new BREXIT regulations, Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity are no longer able to carry on this project. Fortunately, virtually all branches had completed their Moses baskets before the COVID-19 crisis, so every basket given was used.

As this project comes to an end, my warmest thanks go to members for a job well done. Over 40 baskets were supplied by Mothers' Union branches, and they have given love and hope to the world's most vulnerable people.

Alison Orchard

IT Support Report

Membership Database

I have been working closely with the IT Team and the Marketing and Communications Team at Mary Sumner House to ensure that the MSH Membership Database reflects the needs of Derby Diocese.

The MSH Membership Database is up to date, and includes contact details for most members in the diocese. Where requested by members or branches, addresses have not been included, and any MSH mailings will go via the diocese.

MSH are looking to ways to enable members and dioceses to update contact preferences relating to direct mail from Mary Sumner House more easily.

Microsoft Office 365 and Teams Project

Mary Sumner House has launched a project to provide all dioceses with free access to Microsoft Teams and Microsoft Office 365 programs, including Word, Outlook, Excel, etc.

The aim of the project is to help diocese develop processes to securely manage, store and share diocesan information online.

MSH has run a series of online training workshops, which I have attended, and which will help me support the Diocesan Trustees and Officers better understand the opportunities this project offers the diocese.

Eddie Orchard

MOTHERS' UNION DERBY DIOCESE
(Registered Charity Number 242671)
Consolidated Accounts for year 2020

INCOME	£	
Diocesan Accounts		
General	27,713.09	
AFIA	8,585.40	
Indoor Members	503.45	
CBF Deposit Bonds	20,180.08	
Business Reserve	1,963.80	
Branch / Deanery	30,324.11	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		89,269.93
EXPENDITURE		
Diocesan Accounts		
General	18,843.65	
AFIA	4,990.21	
Indoor Members	179.08	
CBF Deposit Bonds	0.00	
Business Reserve	0.00	
Other Accounts		
Branch / Deanery	19,521.80	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		43,534.74
MONETARY ASSETS		
General	8,869.44	
AFIA	3,595.19	
Indoor Members	324.37	
CBF Deposit Bonds	20180.08	
Business Reserve	1,963.80	
Branch / Deanery	10,802.31	
Total		45,735.19
OTHER ASSETS		
	Literature stock at 31/12/2020	688.05
LIABILITIES		
	Subscriptions collected for 2021	
	106 x 20 per member to Centre	2,756.00

Report of accounts prepared by Janet Bradshaw - Mothers Union Diocesan Treasurer

Mothers Union - Derby Diocese

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MOTHERS UNION, DERBY DIOCESE

I report on the financial statements of the Mothers Union, Derby Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2020, which is set out in the end of year report produced using an Excel Finance system.

Respective responsibilities of the Mothers Union and the Examiner

The Mothers Union, Chesterfield consider that an audit is not required for his year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs. Lynda Millthorpe
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Signed.....*L. Millthorpe*.....

Date.....27.3.2021.....