



Christian care for families

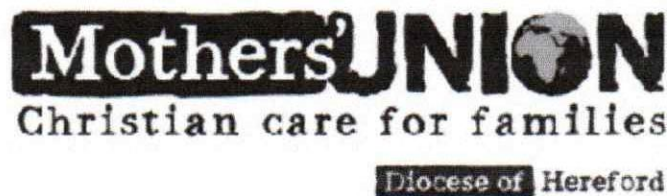
Diocese of Hereford

Annual Report & Accounts

for

1st January 2023– 31st December 2023

Registered Charity Number 24967



REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2023

The Trustees of the above charity operating wholly within the Diocese of Hereford, have pleasure in reporting on a variety of activities during the year 2023. These activities have focused upon some ongoing activities, plus a number of additional specific areas as follows:

Crisis Intervention Fund (CIF)

As previously reported, this Fund was set up several years ago to assist individuals and families to be equipped with the necessary items to live relatively comfortably after being rehoused. The items supplied in former years involved providing bed linen, towels, crockery and cutlery, pots and pans as required and where necessary, electric kettle, microwave, toaster, iron etc. Originally these items were generally sourced via donated goods or purchased from funds obtained by our own organisation's fund raising. However, in recent years a great deal of the donated goods were found to be in poor condition, not only unsuitable to give to others to use, but also becoming a unnecessary burden to dispose of. Our only source of storage for such large quantities was also unsuitable and limited in space.

As these difficulties were becoming a focus at a similar time to our being fortunate to received additional funding from our local Council as a result of a Government funded initiative to support vulnerable people following the Pandemic and those suffering because of the prevailing financial situation, a review of the whole operation took place.

Our Diocese wide branches of The Mothers' Union had continuously worked hard to raise funds for CIF; providing a fairly healthy balance in the account, as shown in the End of Year Financial Report. Therefore from approximately March 2023, applications from authorised local social assistance organisations who needed to provide the same range of domestic goods as before were provided with vouchers valid at a local large Supermarket that stocked a large range of such goods. This provided the clients with reasonably priced but new goods to set up their new home.

The same method was, in general, used for the funds provided from the Council, but the accounts were kept strictly separate as they were as a result of the Grant and therefore needed to be accounted for separately. During the past year, a huge number of people have been given much needed support and assistance as a result..

Activities & Events

Throughout 2023 Members and Trustees conducted a monthly Midday Prayers in Hereford Cathedral in line with our annual practice.

In March 2022 services to celebrate Lady Day (the Annunciation) were conducted by our Chaplain in Church Stretton, on the 25th and in Marden on the 27th. These were very successful with very enthusiastic attendance at both venues.

In August 2023 two further services were celebrate for our Founder, Mary Sumner the first being in Colwall (former home and place of the marriage of Mary Sumner) on the 10th and in Much Wenlock on the 17th. Again, both extremely well attended.

In May 2023 the first informal Coffee Mornings for Branch members, Indoor Members and Diocesan members, at the Hop Pocket, Herefordshire. This initiative was to encourage a feeling of inclusion for Indoor and Diocesan members and to allow a setting for open chats around hopes, fears, needs, etc. It was an extremely positive occasion, giving valuable insight into the thoughts of others.

A second identical event was held on the 28th June at the N.T. Stokesay Castle Café with an even larger number of people attending and even more ideas and support coming as a result. These events are to continue in 2024.

Two Quiet Days were held during the year: the first being in May in Leominster Priory and the second in September in Yarpole. The first at Leominster Priory was incredibly successful with members travelling from considerable distances to attend. It commenced with Holy Communion, followed by structured time for reflection and fellowship, a shared lunch and time for prayer. The September event was less well attended, possibly for its lovely, but rather rurally isolated location.

Throughout the year, our Chaplain visited many branches throughout the Diocese to give a variety of talks, included Lenten Reflections in Ross on Wye, and our branches continued to meet or hold a variety of their own events as the year continued.

Trustees Meetings

As is normal, the Trustees met four times during 2023 with individual Trustees taking turns to Chair the meetings. Always extremely well attended to conduct the business of our organisation.

Council Meetings

These took place in June and October and are open to all members from across the Diocese. The meeting in October, also included an informal craft orientated sale table to assist in covering overhead expenses.

National Meetings

Various Trustees have attended National or Provincial Conferences meetings, mainly by zoom but occasionally in person, with our Chaplain also attending two online national Chaplains Conferences. There was also a large contingent of Mothers' Union members from our Diocese, who attended the Mothers' Union National Gathering at The Barbican in York on the 21st September. Our Chaplain being given the opportunity to be part of a presentation to the assembled approx 750 delegates.

Conclusion

Despite many elderly members, and some who have 'retired'; a couple of branches have added to their members and with Trustees having several new initiatives in place for 2024, we remain thriving and enthusiastic to encourage new growth throughout the coming year.



Linda McKinley
Treasurer



Revd Penelope Anne Littlewood
Chaplain

MOTHERS' UNION HEREFORD DIOCESE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2023

The Accounts for the year 2023 have been examined by me and from the information presented appear a correct record of the financial position of the Mothers' Union Hereford Diocese.

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MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF HEREFORD

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS 2023 FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION

INCOME

GENERAL FUND

To the Diocesan Fund for the Diocese	£7,010
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CRISIS INTERVENTION FUND

Grants from Herefordshire Support Fund	£44,000
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Donations from Members	£4,541
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Grant Aspinall Charity	£1,000
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Interest Bank Account	£243
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Total Income	£49,784
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AFIA Bank Account

Donations from members	£100
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Interest Bank Account	£22
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Total Income	£122
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Joan Burrows Account

This is a bequest from many years ago explicitly for Overseas Links. The Interest is sent to MU Headquarters each year. There is no income for the Diocese

Total Income for Mothers' Union Hereford Diocese	<u>£56,916</u>
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EXPENDITURE 2023

GENERAL FUND

Literature Payments	£806
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Main Administration	£7,042
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Total Expenditure	£7,848
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<u>CRISIS INTERVENTION FUND</u>	£41,604
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<u>AFIA</u>	£749
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Total Expenditure Hereford Diocese	<u>£49,401</u>
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MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF HEREFORD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (UNRESTRICTED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
GIFTS, DONATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS COLLECTED FOR DISTRIBUTION		
Subscriptions 2023	5,796	6,140
Overseas and Relief	375	180
	6,171	6,320
DONATIONS AND RECEIPTS FOR DIOCESAN MU		
Subscriptions 2023	2,827	2,890
Diocesan Fund	2,191	471
MU Literature Sales	1,448	1,175
RECEIPTS EARNED FROM ASSETS		
Current a/c interest	11	0
CCLA Deposit Interest	533	228
	7,010	4,764
<u>OTHER RECEIPTS</u>		
Gift Aid	611	749
MU Projects	50	50
	661	799
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>13,842</u>	11,883
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
STRICTLY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES		
Central Subscriptions 2022	5,796	6,160
Overseas and Relief Fund	375	180
MU Projects	0	52
MU Literature Payments	806	984
	6,977	7,376
PUBLICITY, FUND-RAISING, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Insurance 2023	450	0
Secretary's Salary	5,232	4,744
Administration	561	298
Trustee Expenses	0	25
Sundry Expenses	0	31
Meetings (Room Hire)	244	228
Conference Fees& Expenses	242	250
Auditor	50	50
Gifts	0	30
Bank Charges	62	80
IM gifts/cards	54	79
Metamorphosis Booklets	0	90
Canterbury Province expenses	100	100
Refreshments	9	28
Sundries	38	40
	7,042	6,073
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>14,019</u>	13,449
Surplus for the year	-177	-1,566
Fund Balance as at 1 January 2023	20,605	22,171
Balance in CCLA + CAF a/c at 31/12/23	<u>20,428</u>	20,605

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MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF HEREFORD			2023
CRISIS INTERVENTION FUND C.I.F.			
Treasurers Gold A/C			
RECEIPTS			
Interest CAF Account	£	242.51	
Donations for Diocese including AS	£	4,541.49	
Hfd Comm Fund Grant	£	44,000.00	
Grant Aspinall Charity	£	1,000.00	
		£ 49,784.00	
EXPENDITURE			
Paid from Current a/c	£	41,604.43	
Excess of Income over expenditure	£	8,179.57	
Balance at bank 01/01/23	£	10,139.47	
Balance at bank 31/12/23		£ 18,319.04	Treasurers Gold A/C
BRANCHES 2023			
Branches balance as at 01/01/23		£3,814	
(Held by Branches that closed)		£633	
Balance as at 31/12/23		£4,293	
CCLA Deposit Account			
Balance b/f	£	17,567.32	
Interest		£532.64	
Less transfer to General Fund		-£2,000.00	
Balance as at 31/12/23		£16,099.96	

MOTHERS' UNION HEREFORD DIOCESE			
Joan Burrows Account 2023			
	31/12/2023		31/12/2022
Receipts earned from Interest			
Bank Deposit Interest	£ 11.81 ✓		£ 2.56
CBF Dividends	£ 1,234.56 ✓		£ 1,227.76
Total Receipts	£ 1,246.37		£ 1,230.32
Payments			
Strictly for charitable purposes			
Transfer to MSH Overseas Fund	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00
			£ 1,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 246.37		-£ 769.68
Balance at Bank 01/01/22	£ 683.83		£ 1,453.51
Balance at bank 31/12/23	£ 930.20		£ 683.83
Joan Burrows Fund			
1998 CBF Investment Fund Share Market Value at 31 December 2023			£45,165.39

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF HEREFORD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (RESTRICTED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31/12/2023 Joan Burrows Fund	31/12/2023 AFIA Fund	31/12/2023 CIF	31/12/2023 Total
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Donations			100	5,541
Grants				44,000
<u>RECEIPTS EARNED FROM INTEREST</u>				
Bank Deposit Interest	12	22	243	
CBF Interest on Investment	1,234			
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1,246</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>49,784</u>	<u>51,152</u>

PAYMENTS

STRICTLY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Holidays/Expenses		749		
Transfer to Overseas Fund	1,000			1,000
Grants to clients			41,604	41,604
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>749</u>	<u>41,604</u>	<u>43,353</u>

Surplus for the year	246	-627	8,180	7,799
Balance at Bank 1 January 2023	684	1,465	10,139	21,666

Balance at Bank 31 December 2023	<u>930</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>18,319</u>	<u>20,087</u>
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JOAN BURROWS FUND

1998 CBF Investment Fund Share Market Value at 31 December 2023
45,165

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Diocesan Banner	250
Computer	0
President's Badge	50