

Annual Review 2020



Diocese of Norwich Mothers' Union Banner Parade October 2020

Mothers' Union - Diocese of Norwich

Registered Charity Number 249682

Patron: The Rt Revd Graham Usher
The Bishop of Norwich

Mothers' Union Diocesan Office
Diocesan House, 109 Dereham Road, Norwich, NR9 5ES

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

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Mothers' Union, Norwich Diocese is one of the federated, registered Mothers' Union charities in the British Isles and Europe, together with many more in other parts of the world, supported by the Central Charity of Mothers' Union. It is responsible for the overall conduct of the affairs of Mothers' Union in the Diocese, including the maintenance of the spiritual life of the Mothers' Union and its members.

The work of the Diocesan Mothers' Union is carried out voluntarily by its members, apart from a part-time Administrator.

The relationship between Norwich Diocesan Mothers' Union (Charity No 249682) and the Central Mothers' Union (Charity No 240531) is maintained formally by the Diocesan President who remained a member of the Worldwide Council until December 31st 2021.

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AIM & OBJECTS

Our Aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life, which is achieved through our five objectives:

- ◇ To uphold Christian teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding;
- ◇ To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church;
- ◇ 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.

Mothers' Union Norwich Diocese is governed by a new constitution dated 2017.

Mothers' Union Norwich Diocese is a separate charity which co-exists within the World Wide Mothers' Union, which is incorporated by Royal Charter, 15th June 1926, amended by Order of HM The Queen in Council dated 24 April 2018 ; Order of the Privy Council approving revised Bye-laws dated 24 April 2018; Regulations changed by resolution of Worldwide Council with effect from 24 April 2018.

The Election and appointment of officers for the triennium 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2021 was carried out in 2018 in accordance with the Norwich Diocese Mothers' Union Constitution 2017.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees met six times during the year, the first in person and then via Zoom. Attendance is shown in brackets after each name.

Valerie Ovenden (5)	Diocesan President
Anne Epps (6)	Diocesan Vice-President
Barbara Lashley (5)	Treasurer & Finance Officer
Rev Dr Sally Wallace-Jones (2)	Faith Co-Ordinator
Jenny Holcombe (6)	Projects Co-Ordinator
Marie-Lyse Numuhoza (3)	Social Policy & Campaigns Co-Ordinator
Allie McClean (1)	Communications Co-Ordinator
Mary Carr (6)	General Trustee & Joint Safeguarding Officer
Elizabeth Fletcher (3)	General Trustee & Joint Safeguarding Officer
Jan Thorp (6)	General Trustee

These persons have served as Trustees of the Society for the whole year.

CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Andrew Whitehead

STRATEGY FOR 2019 - 2021

Engaging our members by

- ♦ Nurturing their spiritual and prayer life;
- ♦ Supporting those working in their local communities;
- ♦ Growing our links with diocesan clergy and the wider Christian community to identify and address together rural and urban deprivation;
- ♦ Continuing our support to resettle Syrian refugees and to raise awareness of Mothers' Union national and local campaigns;
- ♦ Maintaining a firm financial basis by growing our membership and seeking other sources of funding through our partnerships.

THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the year 2020, our Diocesan President was Valerie Ovenden. Sadly, by the time of writing this report, Val had died and this is written by the trustees. We remember Val with affection and with thanks for her quiet but persuasive leadership. For some years, too, Val brought her financial expertise to us in her role as gift aid officer.

The trustees met in January 2020 and discussed plans for the year, looking forward to events we planned to hold ourselves and participate in with others. The first of these was a very successful Members' Day in February when our activities centred on the F words – Faith, Food, Fellowship and Fun. Little did we know that this first event together in the year would also be our last!

With the onset of the pandemic, our office was closed and our administrator Rebecca worked from home. Having never heard of Zoom a few weeks before, we quickly mastered it so that the trustees could continue to meet. Some branches, too, used Zoom to meet. We held an online Coffee Morning and Annual Review Day, as well as an online Eucharist on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen.

With everyone in lockdown, it was soon apparent that keeping contact with each other would be difficult but so important. We published some electronic Trustee Update sheets and were also pleased that Eunice Norwood had offered to return to being the editor of our Angles newsletter at the beginning of the year. Her work in putting together frequent copies of e-Angles, which could be circulated electronically to members was hugely appreciated by everyone. We set up an MU Norwich Connections facebook group for members, and our public facebook page continued to post daily prayers. Not all our members use 'modern technology', and we were grateful to branch leaders who kept in touch with members by phone calls and by printing and delivering Updates and Angles on their allowed daily walk!

We knew our annual festival service meant a lot to all our members. Knowing that holding one in the cathedral was out of the question, it was felt important that whatever we did should be available to everyone. Our service on CD, together with a collage of colourful MU Norfolk banners, was posted to everyone. Thank you to everyone involved in this amazing project.

Not everything came to a halt and, with modified procedures in accordance with restrictions, our projects continued, which you can read about elsewhere in this report. When restrictions allowed, some members met in gardens but with the pandemic showing no signs of ending we wondered what next year would hold for us.

The vaccination programme which started just before the end of the year provided a glimmer of hope. Whatever was in store, we were determined to meet the challenges of 2021!

At the end of the year, we said goodbye to Revd. Sally Wallace-Jones, our Faith and Policy trustee and wished her well as she took up a new post of vicar in Yorkshire. We also said goodbye to Rebecca after three years. We were immensely grateful for her expertise and wonderful 'can do' attitude which had supported us all throughout a very difficult time.

The pandemic made everything more difficult, but, knowing how much Mothers' Union means to each and every one of us, we were determined that Mothers' Union in our diocese would continue. The trustees would like to thank all our members for their support and patience during the year.

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OUR CHAPLAIN, REVD ANDREW WHITEHEAD, writes ...

Dear Friends,

2020 was an extraordinary year for the whole world, and we felt it as Mothers' Union too.

The pandemic brought great challenges for us, but it was wonderful to see how our organisation embraced technology to carry on in any way we could.

The high point was our virtual festival service, produced as an audio CD and distributed by post to our members. We were able to bring together cathedral musicians, groups of singers and Bishop Graham as our preacher. People listened in their own homes, and some branches got together and listened as a group. It was a great example of innovation in the face of adversity. We also shared together in an online Eucharist for the Feast of Mary Magdalene. All in all, 2020 was a challenging year for us, but one which showed that we can innovate and adapt.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew,



WORK IN THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: Co-ordinator - Jenny Holcombe

The main MU Diocesan Projects were able to continue, despite all sorts of adjustments.

The Refugee Resettlement Project was necessarily slowed during 2020, after the first cohort of families had their beds made by us in January. By April any shopping for the bedding had to be online and delivered in giant boxes. Beds had to be made up by only one 'bubble' in each new home, which made for new arrangements! But vulnerable families were still able to arrive and be cared for.

Our partnership with the Prison Fellowship for the Angel Tree Project had a very busy year, as Andy and Sonia Turner joined us from Eastbourne and were able to pick up the lead from Sybil Martin, who was retiring. After the necessary induction and a lot of planning, all the requested gifts were collected from members, carefully packed and sent to the children for Christmas.

Away From It All [AFIA] the holidays for families with difficulties was also hit by the epidemic: the eight families referred for 2020 were not able to have a Haven holiday through us. For a large part of the year the holiday centre was closed due to Covid and when it reopened, their facilities were still unavailable. The referrers and families were informed and were to be offered holidays in 2021; the Highcroft Trust which supports us with some families was also informed. Sandra Sacks and Sandra Bendall the project leaders had a number of talks booked with Branches, but only two were squeezed in before the March lockdown. They had appealed for someone to take over. Marguerite Phillips volunteered to take over in January 2021 and would initially be advised by Sandra Bendall but will seek a co-leader.

The gifts of Baby hats, blankets and other knitting was co-ordinated by Jan Thorp, and Covid-safe delivery carefully arranged to the three main hospitals. Pocket Crosses and also larger Holding

Crosses, for distribution through chaplains at both hospitals and prisons, were still made by faithful members and friends.

'Filling the Gap' was the Bishop's initiative for families in the summer holiday that year, repeated in December. Six members were at the Showground on the hottest day of the year, and then the coldest day, packing bags and boxes of food and activities for families in difficulties all over the Diocese. We love to support our colleagues from Diocesan House. Covid regulations were kept!



The Loving for Life relationships workshops project was necessarily very reduced and its development into 'Choose Church' (to encourage church weddings) has been put on hold. There were no commercial wedding shows for our usual display and information stand.

COMMUNICATIONS - Co-ordinator: Eunice Norwood

Communication with members was difficult during the Pandemic. Unable to produce our quarterly magazine, a monthly newsletter was emailed out to branches and where possible these were forwarded on to their local members or printed out and delivered to those members with IT facilities. Members with access to IT were able to join in Zoom prayer and discussion meetings enabling a continuity of caring for one another and supporting those in isolation. Information could also be gathered from our website and facebook pages and these proved to be helpful in holding our membership together in prayer and support.

SOCIAL POLICY & CAMPAIGNS - Co-ordinator: Marie-Lyse Numuhoza

Modern Slavery Campaign

Mothers' Union is in partnership with the Church of England's Clewer Initiative to raise awareness of Modern Slavery. A national steering committee was set up to shape up Mothers' Union work about this across Britain and Ireland. The first meeting didn't go ahead in February 2020 due to busy staff schedules - work was to resume after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Locally, Mothers' Union was invited to join the Norfolk Anti-Slavery Network by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) and the British Red Cross (BRC). The purpose of this strategic partnership is to ensure a consistent and coordinated response within the region which prioritises the highly complex support needs of people who have experienced MSHT and the partnership has a website: www.norfolkantislavery.org. The BRC and the OPCCN launched the Norfolk Anti-Slavery Network at 2pm on 20th October 2020 which was held online.

MU Members were invited to sign up to the Modern Slavery course by the Clewer Initiative to help dioceses raise awareness in their communities and provide support and care to the victims. This took place on 6 November 2020 and 14 MU members signed up to attend online.

Social Community and Environmental Concerns Forum (SCECF)

Marie-Lyse Numuhoza and Jenny Holcombe attended this ecumenical Diocesan Group in January, and Marie-Lyse continued to attend as they met virtually. They discussed issues of interest for churches and MU to offer contributions:

- Resilience work after Brexit e.g. all churches and community groups/organizations working together on charitable giving

- Norwich foodbank was introduced in the national scheme 'Act 435' (<https://acts435.org.uk/>) an online giving charity where donations can be made for those in direct need through local churches and charities.
- The World Day of Prayer on the 6th March 2020 at the Salvation Army Citadel in Norwich.
- Intervention on mental health through the power of the word "Hope" – Hold On, Pains Ends.
- A report was drafted by the Environmental working group to look at ways in which the church can respond to the climate change campaign and the ECO-church project. It was suggested that the SCECF allowed this report to be placed before Diocesan Synod following its motion to the Deanery synod.
- A SCECF member was asked to discuss with Wells-next-to-Sea Forum how Wells and Coastline communities may be affected by the rising sea levels.
- MU concerns about antenatal classes being moved on line was also raised and this was to be discussed further at the meeting in April 2020

MU Central 'Community of Interest' on Policy

Trustee Marie-Lyse Numuhoza is on this central MU group. In 2020 Norwich members were informed of their work and how to contribute towards its tasks at a national level. Information was shared with members through the Trustees Newsletter.

Domestic Abuse was the main area which came out strongly for campaigning during 2020, both globally and within Britain and Ireland, particular as a result of the pandemic. This coincided with the Domestic Abuse Bill restarting its progress through the Houses of Parliament. Members acknowledged that their main engagement with this issue had been local support for refuges, including offering AFIA breaks to survivors and their children, and activities during the 16 Days of activism, both of which are extensive across many Dioceses.

All were keen, with the appropriate guidance and support, for MU to engage in addition in pro-active lobbying. It was agreed that a letter be prepared for members or branches to send to their local MP calling for changes to the associated Guidance issued by the Home Office. Letter templates were sent for members to write to their MPs and Bishops.

16 Days of Activism and the 'global moment' 2020 in November was supported with information and guidance. Rachael Anderson told the group about activities and resources which were planned for this year with a particular focus, given current circumstances, on virtual activities. All information was attached for members to enable them to take part in the online activities and events.

SAFEGUARDING - Mary Carr

There were no reports of any incidents or problems during 2020. With the country going into lockdown soon into the year, no meetings or events took place after March and, from then onwards, safeguarding was mainly focussed on safety issues relating to Covid.

During the periods between lockdowns some branches met together in outside settings with strict adherence to government, Church and Mothers' Union guidelines. It was stressed that no-one should feel under any pressure to join in unless they felt completely comfortable with the situation. The message to all was to keep in contact and support one another.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BROADLAND AREA - Leader: Sue Cobb

We managed to fit in a group meeting in February 2020 before Covid struck. Representatives from all four of our branches attended and we were delighted to welcome June Rumsby, one of our Diocesan members, to the meeting.

Membership was discussed, as were plans for the year. However, lockdown meant that plans for a Group quiet day at Potter Heigham, coffee mornings and Mothers' Day services were put on hold. All branches took part in the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in March, but this was the last face to face meeting for most of us until late 2021.

During lockdown, members kept in touch by telephone, email and by letter as we tried to ensure that no-one was left without any contact. It was a difficult period for everyone, but with God beside us, there is always hope for the future.

NORWICH AREA - Leader: Jenny Holcombe

As the decade started, we had seven branches with full programmes of meetings, church support and fundraising and branch activity was buoyant as usual for the first three months of the year. Then everything changed and branches had very different responses to the pandemic. An Area Leader's message was sent with the Easter mailing, as Council was cancelled, encouraging and offering support.

Most branches devised ways to keep in touch with each other sending birthday greeting etc., some producing regular printed prayers and information, even a self-directed content of each months' monthly meeting or discovering the intricacies of the internet for communication.

Many members continued to knit baby hats and blankets and make pocket crosses, then face-coverings and pairs of hearts for separated family members.

Financial support for AFIA, and Refugee Resettlement continued to be sent, and three branches contributed five Angel Tree gifts.

WAVENEY & YARE AREA - Leaders: Sara Will & Anne Everitt

Due to the Covid 19 lockdowns starting in late March 2020 our branches were only able to meet for a maximum of three times during the year. They did however work hard to keep in touch with their members during this very difficult time.

Very sadly by the end of the year we had to say goodbye to three of our branches - Martham, Kessingland and Raveningham. We hoped that many of their members would be able to continue as Diocesan Members. We were delighted to still be able to support the Angel Tree Project at Christmas time.

WYMONDHAM AREA - Leader: Anne Epps.

2020 was a difficult year for us all due to Lockdown and Covid but, as usual, Mothers Union came through it and many different things happened in the various Branches:

Hethersett began the year with the AGM and a soup lunch ,and in March enjoyed a corporate Communion with Little Melton.

High Oak had a very varied year and continued to support and collect toiletry bags for Leeway.

Pulham Market ran a Coffee Stop for mothers and pre-school children, and have continued to do a monthly newsletter which has been a wonderful source for shared prayer.

Wymondham branch has been run by committee due to illness of Jancie Bowden and is managing to keep running despite their average age being over 80, which is a great compliment to all involved.

Hopefully, and with God willing, we can all enjoy a happy and fulfilled programme in 2021.

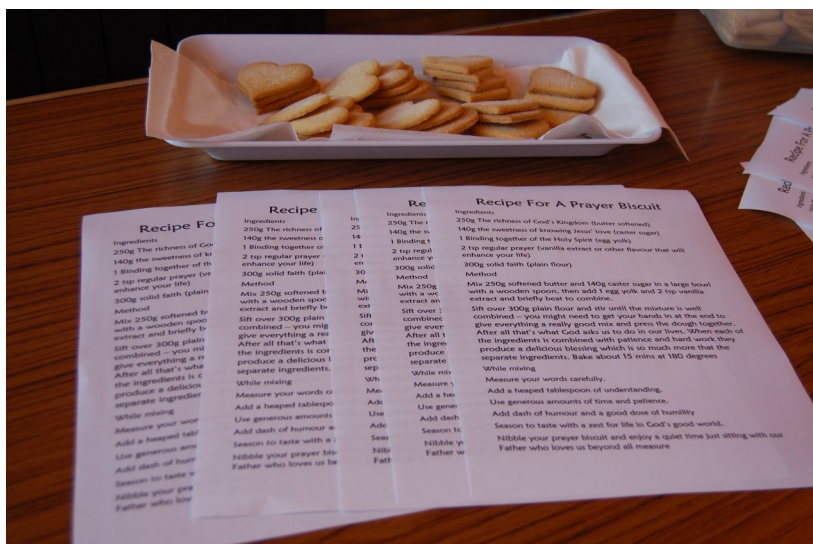
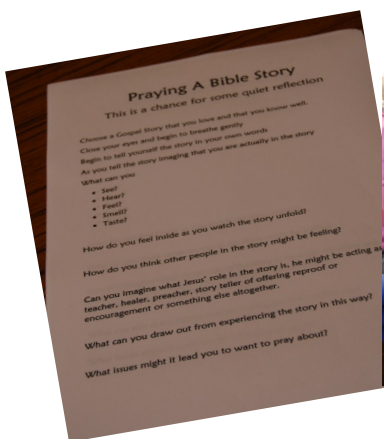
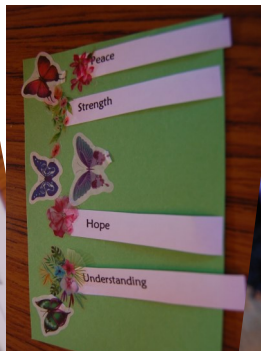
CROMER, MID-NORFOLK AND WEST NORFOLK AREAS

Since the beginning of the current triennium (2019 - 2021) Cromer, Mid-Norfolk and West Norfolk have sadly been without area leaders. Despite this, branches have been continuing to 'fly the MU flag' through various outreaches and social gatherings as well as having a continued presence in the life of local churches.



Our Annual Festival Service was broadcast via Facebook.

MEMBERS' DAY GALLERY



GALLERY



Baby hats and pocket crosses

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Reg. charity no. 249682 Diocese of Norwich
Made for you with love
by a Mothers' Union member



Baby hats for the Neo-Natal Unit, NNUH

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Diocesan President: Valerie Ovenden

Please accept these items made by Members and Friends of Mothers' Union in Norfolk and Waveney, with our Love and Prayers.



Publicity photo for Refugee Resettlement Programme



Sprowston Branch committee 'zoomed' their meeting

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2020

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the year and of its state of affairs at the end of the year.

In preparing the accounts the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts, and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees' responsibilities include keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and breaches of law and regulations.

FINANCIAL POSITION & RESERVES

The Diocesan Trustees have reviewed the position of the Diocesan Charity. They are satisfied that

- the Charity has a sound financial basis;
- the charity can meet its commitments and that,
- where appropriate, plans are formulated and actioned to reduce reserves which are considered surplus to necessary and prudent requirements.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- The Financial Statements of The Mothers' Union (Diocese of Norwich) have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.
- The General Fund is not subject to any special restrictions and is available for the general purposes of the Mothers' Union.
- The Designated Funds may only be used for purposes for which the Trustees have determined. They may, however, re-designate the Funds, if necessary.
- Restricted Funds may only be used for the purpose specified.
- Endowments may not be touched; the income generated is credited to a Restricted Fund in accordance with the terms of the Endowment.
- In accordance with the Charity Commissioner's 'Statement of Recommended Practice' the accounts of Branches within the Diocese have been consolidated into the Diocesan Financial Statement.
- The Statement of Assets and Liabilities lists all material assets for which the Trustees can be held responsible, giving monetary values where relevant. Debtors, creditors and liabilities are not included where the value is less than £100.

The Financial Statements on the following pages were approved by the Trustees on 20th April 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barbara Lashley

2020 started normally enough! Our budget for the year reflected our normal activities. Although set with a 'deficit' of approximately £4000, the trustees acknowledged we had the reserves to support this if necessary. It was felt important to maintain our communication with members and a programme of activities, as both were instrumental in involving current and new members.

After one really successful Members' Day in February, all our plans were thrown into confusion with the implementation of lockdown – we could not use our office and members could not meet. Like many others, we took out a Zoom subscription and trustee meetings moved online. Diocesan online events were not well attended. We endeavoured to keep in touch with online regular newsletters but were aware that many members do not use 'modern' technology. We are very grateful to branch leaders and others who printed and passed on communications where possible and maintained contact with members during this very isolating time. Thanks are especially due to the unwavering support of our administrator, Rebecca, who worked from home like many others, juggling the demands of home schooling with work and family life. Although a request was made, Diocesan House felt unable to reduce our rent while the office was closed.

It somehow seems wrong to mention the financial benefits of the pandemic, but as this is a treasurer's report, they should be noted. We did not have the expense of hiring St. Luke's for our Diocesan Council or Members' Days after February, there were no regional or national MU events, and there were no travel claims.

Soon after the pandemic hit, all MU diocesan charities received an appeal from the central charity, saying they had cash flow difficulties and asking diocese to consider sending them some of their reserves. The trustees carefully considered the request, noting that the central charity had been advised about building up their reserves for several years, also that they had gone ahead with implementing the costly MULO project despite this advice. In view of our own deficit position and our experiences of governance of the central charity, it was decided that we were best placed to use our reserves wisely but did agree to send a donation of £1000.

MU is so much more than meeting and fundraising, and we know how much members missed the opportunity to worship together, not least at our annual cathedral Festival Service. With this in mind, and with the expert help of our chaplain, Revd. Andrew Whitehead and trustee Revd. Sally Wallace-Jones, a service on CD was produced which was sent by post to every member, together with an order of service booklet and a colourful sheet showing as many Norfolk MU banners as we could collate. Although this was a costly exercise, it could be set against the savings mentioned above. It was very much appreciated by members and some benefits cannot be measured in financial terms.

Although opportunities for money-raising by branches were limited, their generosity enabled us to build up the funds of the Refugee Resettlement Project and operate Angel Tree at Christmas.

The trustees received with dismay the news that the central charity was raising their subscription from £14.50 in 2020 to £20 in 2021. In view of this huge increase, we decided that we could not raise our diocesan portion of the subscription for 2021 and that it would remain at £13, making the total subscription for 2021 £33. Explanatory documentation together with a letter from the trustees was circulated to all members.

Thank you to all our members and officers for their support through the highs and lows of what has been a very difficult year for all of us.

**Independent examiner's report
to the trustees of The Mothers' Union (Diocese of Norwich)**

I report on the accounts of The Mothers' Union for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages nineteen to twenty one together with the accounting policies on page 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent examiner

The charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

You consider that an audit is not requirement for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 17th June 2022

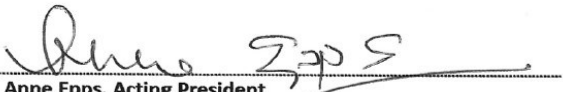
Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Endowment fund £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Receipts						
Diocesan operations	1	–	–	26,073	26,073	29,341
Diocesan designated	2	–	–	–	–	–
Diocesan restricted	2	–	7,180	–	7,180	18,128
Central restricted	2	–	1,298	–	1,298	3,724
Branches	3	–	–	1,498	1,498	10,280
Total receipts		–	8,478	27,571	36,049	61,473
Payments						
Diocesan operations	1	–	–	28,941	28,941	30,722
Diocesan designated	2	–	–	37	37	274
Diocesan restricted	2	–	1,178	–	1,178	19,134
Central restricted	2	–	3,056	–	3,056	2,688
Branches	3	–	–	6,294	6,294	10,787
Total payments		–	4,234	35,272	39,506	63,605
Surplus of receipts over payments		–	4,244	(7,701)	(3,457)	(2,132)
Transfer between funds						
Balance at 1 Jan 2020		7,910	38,110	67,423	113,443	115,575
Balance carried forward 31 Dec 2020		7,910	42,354	59,722	109,986	113,443

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st December 2020

	Endowment fund £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Monetary Assets					
Co-operative Bank	–	–	32,700	32,700	31,741
Other banks (branches)	–	–	12,770	12,770	17,566
Cash balance held	–	–	137	137	28
CCLA: CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	7,910	42,354	14,115	64,379	64,108
Total	7,910	42,354	59,722	109,986	113,443
Other assets					
Centenary Bond			5,000	5,000	5,000
Imprest float with payroll provider			490	490	490
Liabilities					
Subscriptions 2021	–	–	(3,194)	(3,194)	(1,209)
MSH Restricted Funds	–	(80)	–	(80)	(1,838)
Insurance			(430)	(495)	(495)
Independent Examination			(600)	(600)	(600)

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20th April 2022 and have been signed on their behalf by:


Anne Epps, Acting President


Barbara Lashley, Treasurer

Notes to the accounts

1	Diocesan operations	Receipts 2020	Receipts 2019	Payments 2020	Payments 2019
		£	£	£	£
	Subscriptions for 2020 paid in advance	17,597	19,097	9,904	10,777
	Subscriptions for 2021 paid in advance	3,194	1,209		–
	Donations including gift aid	3,384	2,908	1,632	932
	Families First	–	–		–
	Sale of goods from MU Enterprises	720	1,596	734	1,360
	Grant based on sales from MU Enterprises	451	547		–
	Commission from easyfundraising	86	55		–
	Salary		–	6,281	5,759
	Salary administration		–	360	360
	Office rent		–	5,200	4,800
	Office supplies		–	198	137
	Printing and postage	67	99	2,399	1,223
	Independent examination			600	600
	Attendance at national general meeting		2,193		2,193
	Diocesan meetings	279	–	1,203	794
	Events		1,160		–
	Members' expenses (see also note 4)		–		796
	Insurance		–	430	991
	Interest	295	477		–
	Bank charges		–		–
		<u>26,073</u>	<u>29,341</u>	<u>28,941</u>	<u>30,722</u>
	General Fund balance brought forward 1 January 2020			46,274	47,655
	Net (payments) / receipts			(2,868)	(1,381)
	Transfer to Restricted fund				–
	General Fund balance carried forward 31 December 2020			<u>43,406</u>	<u>46,274</u>

2	Designated and restricted funds	Balance 1-Jan-20	Receipts 2020	Payments 2020	Transfers 2020	Balance 31-Dec-20
		£	£	£	£	£
	Designated funds					
	Branches in Abeyance	2,553	–	–	–	2,553
	Office equipment	1,031	–	37	–	994
	Total	<u>3,584</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,547</u>
	Restricted funds - Diocesan					
	"Away From It All" Holidays	16,912	3,406			20,318
	Diocesan Outreach fund	3,153	1,076	32		4,197
	Angel Tree	2,352	860	586		2,626
	Loving for Life	70		48		22
	Children's and youth work	244				244
	Refugee resettlement	(1,191)	1,805	512		102
	Links	425				425
	Special projects	12,950				12,950
	Retreat	1,356	34			1,390
	Total	<u>36,272</u>	<u>7,180</u>	<u>1,178</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>42,274</u>
	Restricted funds - Central (Mary Sumner House)					
	Literacy & Development	250	196	446	–	–
	Overseas	879	788	1,617	–	50
	Relief	577	245	792	–	30
	MSH fabric and other	132	69	201	–	0
	Total	<u>1,838</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>3,056</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>80</u>
	Total restricted funds	<u>38,110</u>	<u>8,478</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>42,354</u>

Notes to the accounts (continued)

3	Branch accounts	Branch receipts 2020 £	Branch payments 2020 £	Charity net receipts 2020 £	Charity net payments 2020 £
	Subscriptions	9,421	11,138		1,717
	Fund-raising	3,659	4,835		1,176
	Payments for MU Shop items	362	525	362	525
	Special projects	301	542	301	542
	Families First	–			
	Contributions to Church projects	–	994		994
	Authorised expenses	–	315		315
	Meetings – room hire	–	450		450
	Fund raising expenses of branches	–			–
	Branch other activities	834	575	834	575
	Bank interest	1		1	
		<u>14,578</u>	<u>19,374</u>	<u>1,498</u>	<u>6,294</u>
	Balance brought forward 1 January 2020				17,566
	Surplus of payments over receipts				<u>(4,796)</u>
	Balance carried forward 31 December 2020				<u>12,770</u>

Where branch payments are payments into other accounts held by the charity they are netted against receipts in the charity's receipts and payments account.

4 Trustee expenses

During the year no payments (2019: £523) were made to (2019: seven) Trustees in reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.



More of the banners in the parade in October 2020