

Annual Review **2022**



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

2022

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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 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 2022 to 31st December 2024 was carried out in 2021 in accordance with Norwich Diocese Mothers' Union Constitution 2017. Revd Andrew whitehead was our Chaplain for the whole year.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees met seven times during the year. The first three meetings of the year were held via Zoom. The remainder were held in person at Diocesan House.

TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE 2022

	Attended/Possible	
Mary Carr	6 of 7	
Anne Epps	4 of 4	Resigned end of April
Ann Everitt	1 of 7	
Elizabeth Fletcher	6 of 7	
Jenny Holcombe	4 of 4	Resigned end of April
Barbara Lashley	7 of 7	
Eunice Norwood	7 of 7	
Marie-Lyse Numuhoza	5 of 7	
Felicity Randall	4 of 4	Co-opted from April as President
Andy Turner	4 of 4	Co-opted from March
Sara Will	6 of 7	

CHAPLAIN The Reverend Andrew Whitehead

STRATEGY FOR 2022 - 2024

- ♦ We will update and refresh our messages about MU so that we can equip our members and branches to take opportunities to promote membership and our work.
- ♦ To ensure we are relevant to today, we will together explore what we mean by family, to encourage understanding and inclusivity to put into practice in our work and campaigns.
- ♦ We will work with partners to deliver our projects and find opportunities to seek funds for these activities outside our membership.

THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I can only begin my report on 20th April, the day I accepted nomination to serve as President. On that 'Away Day' the Trustees agreed a three year Strategic Plan - that over the coming three years we will have increased our support for refugees and for families in our communities, while demonstrating ourselves to be a caring, growing, attractive and engaged Christian Charity. The Bishop of Norwich formally accepted my nomination and I was commissioned in a service in my home Church, Fakenham on Mary Sumner day that August. I have to thank all the members who travelled to Fakenham that day. Bishop Joseph Mgomi and his wife, Lillian, from our link Ruaha Diocese in Tanzania who were staying with me at the time, following the Lambeth Conference, and met our Trustees and many members.

There were many challenges during the year. Marguerite and Barbara gave me lots of valuable advice and support as I had not recently been a Trustee and with the sad death of Val Ovenden there could be no proper 'handover'.

In June we renegotiated our Office contract in Diocesan Church House but the new, smaller office remained unoccupied by the end of the year.

On Members' Day in July the Strategic Plan was introduced to members before the retiring chaplain, Andrew Whitehead, led a session of music and singing. Eunice Norwood led an afternoon creating Worldwide Posters.

Also in July, I attended a Canterbury Provincial Conference with the theme of 'Transformation now', bringing back the challenge that we must all work to transform the Mothers' Union at every level if we are to survive. A topic very close to our Diocesan Strategic Plan.

Council was in October. Following on from our Strategic Plan the Trustees introduced three priorities for us to reflect on: *'To ensure we are relevant today.'* *'To work with partners to fund and deliver our projects.'* and *'To encourage Branches to relax their expectations of traditional local meetings and activities and evolve to be more open and attractive to the variety of people who might support and enhance our work'.*

Jenny Holcombe and I took a display to Diocesan Synod later in October with the theme 'Caring for our Neighbours'. This was well received – especially the focus on Refugees arriving in Norwich.

During the year I visited several Branches plus a very special anniversary service at Swaffham and sadly the funeral of a much loved member of that Branch.

Felicity Randall

WORK IN THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT - Leader: Jenny Holcombe

It is now five years since our project was set up, working with the People From Abroad team at Norfolk County Council. The team resettles families referred by the UNHCR and Home Office, providing homes and support for 5 years. Our project has continued to provide two complete sets of bedding for each bed needed and have assisted in making up beds when houses are being prepared. Where the make-up of the family is known, we are able to buy appropriate bedding for children and sometimes tuck in a cuddly toy. As well as refugees from Syria this year, we continued to support Afghan refugees coming to Norfolk from temporary accommodation where they had lived since the airlift from Afghanistan last year. With the onset of the war in Ukraine, refugees from that country came to Britain under the government scheme which enabled families here to provide a home. Although not directly involved in the scheme, the People From Abroad team became involved when these arrangements broke down, and we provided bedding packs ready for them to use when providing emergency accommodation.

This project is a very practical example of the MU commitment to support family life and we are grateful to the branches and individuals for the fundraising and donations which make this possible.

Away From It All [AFIA] : Co-ordinator - Marguerite Phillips

Thanks to the generosity of members' fundraising and the Highcroft Amenity Trust we sent 15 families for a week's holiday to Haven holiday camp, Caister on Sea in 2022

All but one of the holidays was in October half-term, offering a much-needed week's self-catering break in a caravan by the sea with local entertainment and use of the swimming pools included. No family is identifiable from any other member of the public as they are each issued with a separate booking number rather than being bunched as a group.

The need is greater than ever with children's mental health deteriorating and domestic violence on the increase and although we are in a cost of living crisis, money is less of a factor than social issues. Most families are referred to us by Norfolk Social Services, some from health professionals and others from women's refuges.

Funds collected by members in any given year pay for families to go away in the following year. Furthermore the Highcroft Trust which was set up to provide holidays for Norfolk families with learning difficulties offered to fund those of our families who met their criteria as they were no longer being asked for any money. This partnership was formally established in 2014 with wording advised by MSH. Without their support we would not be able to provide so many holidays and they will continue to help us for the next 3 years after which they will be winding up their charity.

Costs were extremely high in the aftermath of the pandemic with a 3 bedroom caravan costing in the region of £1000 after discount but I am pleased to say that the prices have come down considerably for 2023 with an average cost of £610 for a family of 7. We have already booked 13 holidays for 2023 mostly in October again, but a couple in July and September.

Bourne Leisure too are most accommodating. They offer generous discounts if we make the reservations early in the year and if we give a couple of days' notice with good reason, if a family cannot go, then they will hold those funds in credit for the following year.

ANGEL TREE - Co-ordinator: Andy Turner

The Mothers' Union Diocese of Norwich partnership, nationally with Prison Fellowship and, locally, with the Wayland Group (supporting the male residents at HMP Wayland), had another busy, productive and successful Christmas running the Angel Tree programme.

In 2022, we had applications from 37 residents and sent gifts to 73 children, 59 of whom were sent a Christian book alongside. This was supported by Mothers' Union Norwich Diocese branch leaders and members who donated presents and cash to enable the programme to run, branch members who volunteered to purchase presents from cash donated, and acted as collection points and arranged delivery of presents, a team of volunteers wrapping the presents at Diocesan House in early December and Diocesan House staff who handled the despatch of all the wrapped and bagged presents. All residents were sent a personalised Christmas card detailing the presents bought for their children and they, and the children's carer, were also sent a feedback form looking to identify areas of improvement.

KNITTING PROJECT - Co-ordinator: Jan Thorp

Our members continued to support the Knitting Project throughout 2022. We kept in contact with the Maternity Units of our three main hospitals on a regular basis to make sure that we were meeting their needs and to be made aware of any changes necessary. Information is sent out by email to keep members up to date.

Knitted items brought to the Diocesan Meetings throughout the year have been gratefully received. These are all sorted, checked through and washed prior to being delivered to the hospitals, according to their individual needs. It is so important for us to maintain high standards of quality and suitability.

A good number of Pocket Crosses collected too at the meetings, have been delivered to the Hospital Chaplaincies.

In addition, there are some individual branches/members who collect and deliver their knitted items personally, when and if they are able. All packages should include a compliment slip giving details from Mothers' Union Norwich Diocese.

It is always good to have contact with members and to deal with enquiries. Likewise, it is always good to hear that all the hospitals really appreciate our efforts.

The Loving for Life Project

This project is no longer supported centrally. Our trained co-ordinators were invited to deliver a session at one church in the diocese during the year. The materials are retained in our office and are available for members and branches to use for displays or activities in their own parishes.

COMMUNICATIONS - Co-ordinator: Eunice Norwood

I began the year deeply concerned about communication outlets for keeping ALL members informed and up to date on issues and projects, and for attracting new growth. We have lost contact with both our FB page and our website. Paper prices have risen steeply during the year and printing costs for Angles in 2023 will be higher than of late. Delivery charges by the printer were saved as they were collected directly by myself and in the absence of an Office Administrator bundled by me and delivered to Council meetings.

Mary Sumner House have created basic diocesan websites off of their main site so that all dioceses can be located, this can be accessed on <https://www.mothersunion.org/diocese/norwich>. It is useful for anyone moving to a new location and looking for a local branch, it is not helpful for our members looking for information in our diocese. Unfortunately a new website costs money to buy into a domain even if we found a volunteer with the skills to build us a new site. We have also lost contact with our Facebook group due to my PC being hacked at some point. Any new page should in future be launched from the office computer but until we have an admin person this is not possible. Social Media platforms have allowed communication between the trustees and branch members and have helped to keep everyone buoyant and in touch. Email has proved invaluable as has Zoom for prayer and a few branch and Trustee meetings although it does exclude some members without IT facilities.

By the end of 2022 I felt more positive that Angles would continue albeit only twice a year and discussions were taking place on the possibilities of a new Diocesan Website using a web-building service.

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

Mothers' Union Partnership with Clewer – Modern Slavery

Two Key Resources for Anti-Slavery Week and Beyond!

Bishop Alastair Redfern, the Chair of Clewer, has written a new study resource based on the John's seven letters to the seven churches from the Book of Revelation. The letters can be delivered on a daily basis during Anti-Slavery Week (16th to 24th October), but they can also be used on a weekly basis or for a bible study group. You can sign up [here](#)

Clewer has signed up the [CPO website](#) and you can now order printed Clewer resources free of charge. This includes a "Make It Slavery Free" pledge poster which is customisable and other resources. More will be released throughout September and you can also find resources [here](#).

The Clewer Initiative - 'Breaking County Lines is Clewer's resource tackling county lines exploitation.

There is more info below and more resources can be downloaded from the website for future references.

More information/resources on their webpage here: <https://theclewerinitiative.org/training-courses/breaking-county-lines> and for any further questions email Amy Bishop, Business Support Officer at Clewer at amy.bishop@churchofengland.org

Britain and Ireland Community of Interest for Domestic Abuse / Policy

DA Strategy and Action Plan. Progress is being made on a partnership with the Women's Aid Federations, to focus on getting proper resourcing, especially locally, for Domestic Abuse survivors.

September 2022, MU was the first partner to join the Womens' Aid "Together" campaign to increase awareness to counter domestic abuse.

Restored Training. MU centrally funded online training for those of the Community of Interest who were interested in becoming more active in countering Domestic Abuse, to build understanding and confidence in this challenging area.

SAFEGUARDING - Elizabeth Fletcher

No reports have been received about safeguarding issues.

Tom Burke, an independent consultant, has been asked to review the Mothers' Union Safeguarding procedures and the first draft report has now been submitted in February 2023. An updated action plan will be formulated shortly.

Moira Murray is covering the post of Designated Safeguarding Lead for Britain and Ireland until the end of the year. Moira is drafting a revised policy and procedure. Also Moira is organising a training programme which will be sent out to the dioceses through the coming year. The new email address for Mothers' Union safeguarding concerns: safeguarding@mothersunion.org Moira can be contacted at any time, including urgent out of hours concerns and advice on: 07795973622

All Mothers' Union members who are involved in any capacity at an event involving children and adults at risk should have completed basic safeguarding awareness training so they are able to recognise safeguarding concerns. They should also know how to respond and who to inform as well as being aware of the boundaries of confidentiality.

Our own Safeguarding Policy should be updated or confirmed as correct each year and this action should be written in the Trustee Meeting minutes that this has happened.

All Trustees must have a current three year DBS check and have completed a basic safeguarding Course.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

BROADLAND AREA - Leader: Sue Cobb

Sadly, the Broadland Area is down to just two groups, North Walsham and Wroxham Benefice. Following Covid restrictions, groups were enjoying being able to meet face to face again and have been actively promoting MU. North Walsham are raising the profile with information in the Community Centre and Wroxham have displays and information in the two main churches in their benefice.

In September 2022 North Walsham had two members waiting to be enrolled and during 2023, Wroxham have increased their membership to eleven from five. Both groups have a full programme of speakers and were involved in the World Day of Prayer in March. Other activities have included leading midday prayers in the Cathedral, coffee mornings to raise funds for AFIA, providing gifts for the Benjamin Foundation, gifts for the Angel Tree project, Communion and shared lunch at the Cathedral and quiet days organised by Sprowston MU.

For the future, who knows? We will work towards an Area meeting in the Autumn and hopefully pick up the idea of an area quiet day next year.

CROMER AREA:

The area had no area leader and neither of the branches in the area, Cromer or Sheringham, were active during the year. (However, some Cromer members maintained contact and it pleasing to note that Cromer branch 'revived' the following year.)

MID-NORFOLK AREA.

Dereham and District, Fakenham, Swaffham and Walsingham branches all reported full programmes of activity during the year including worship, speakers, craft and fundraising. We are grateful to the dedicated and enthusiastic leaders who contribute so much to maintaining the success of these branches.

NORWICH AREA - Leader: Jenny Holcombe

Jenny reported on the five branches that are active in this area, (Eaton, Lakenham, Old Catton, Spixworth, Sprowston), varying in size and activities, but all providing opportunities for fellowship with a mixture of speakers, fundraising for MU projects and supporting church activities. One branch, Hellesdon, was not active during the year and the branch at Thorpe St. Andrew decided to close.

Jenny adds, "I am so grateful to the Branch Leaders and their Committees. Members and Friends who invite others to their varied events, offer loving care to those around them, pray and raise awareness and funds for MU work, and keep in touch with me. I know these branches also support the work of their parishes with Toddler groups etc."

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

During 2022 our branches were able to return to their normal meeting patterns. Sadly a few of our branches closed, the remaining ones being :- Lowestoft St Margaret's, Pakefield, Bradwell and Great Yarmouth.

Bradwell enrolled an amazing seven new members! Pakefield had a varied programme including a speaker on Ancestry and a talk by one of their members on Hedgehogs.

At Lowestoft St Margaret's a member gave some really interesting talks about Monastic Life and they held an enjoyable celebration for the late H.M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

In December, Amy Simeons from Great Yarmouth branch held a very successful coffee morning in aid of the Refugee Fund, which raised £305-90.

An area Lady Day Service was kindly hosted by Pakefield and a number of members from the area travelled to Fakenham on Mary Sumner Day for the commissioning of Felicity Randall as Diocesan President. (Photograph at the end of the report.)

During the year Anne Everitt and I continued to keep in touch with the area Diocesan Members.

WEST NORFOLK AREA

Dersingham and North & South Wootton branches reported on their full programmes of speakers and activities, both thoughtful and more light-hearted. They also raised funds for MU projects and joined together with other branches for a talk on Angel Tree and an Advent service.

WYMONDHAM AREA

Attleborough, Hethersett, High Oak, Little Melton and Pulham Market branches meet in this area. Pulham Market, which is geographically distant from the other branches in the area, had a full and varied programme of activities, as well as raising funds for MU and supporting church activities. They also began work on planning for a new MU banner for the branch – not to replace their original one, but to have one which is lighter and more easily and safely carried.

High Oak, Hethersett and Little Melton branches agreed to maintain their identities but took opportunities to work together to support each other, as they were all experiencing falling numbers, and the arrangement has worked well. They also joined with Attleborough on occasions and the collaborative approach seems to be the way forward for sustaining Mothers Union branches in this area.



Commissioning at Pakefield Church of Felicity Randall as Diocesan President.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2022

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 31st July 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barbara Lashley

At the beginning of 2022, the trustees agreed a worst case scenario budget which showed a considerable deficit, in the knowledge that we had reserves to cover it if necessary. The large increase in the central charity subscription in 2021, coming on top of the effects of the pandemic, contributed to the decrease in the number of members, but the trustees felt it was important to have a budget to support our activities and communications if we were to halt this trend.

After such an enormous increase in 2021 subscription, the trustees were thankful that MSH decided not to increase their portion for 2022. Whilst acknowledging the need to increase income, the trustees also felt that they could not increase the diocesan portion for all members, either. However, mindful that everyone's circumstances were different and that some may well feel able to contribute more than the set subscription, it was agreed to ask for a voluntary additional donation. So, subscriptions for 2022 were set at a minimum of £33, with an opportunity to include an additional donation if required. This raised an additional £1159 towards our operating costs.

However, events during the year meant that we ended with a small surplus! We knew that Jessica our administrator was leaving us at the end of 2021. Knowing that a replacement had not yet been appointed, she offered to help us out on an ad hoc basis for a few weeks for which we were very grateful. After a full recruitment process, another appointment was made – but the person appointed decided the job wasn't for her on her first day! We also received a shock when we were given notice to quit our office in Diocesan House. We took the opportunity to meet the new Diocesan Secretary to discuss not only their interpretation of our lease agreement, but also the close relationship between the Mothers Union and the Diocese, and, after some robust negotiations, we were able to remain, moving to a smaller office at half the rent of the previous one. The period of uncertainty over the office meant that it was not advisable to endeavour to recruit another administrator, so the administrative tasks were picked up voluntarily by the trustees for the remainder of the year. While this was possible in the short term, it was evident that it was not sustainable in the long term. However, not paying an administrator and the decrease in the office rent did mean that we ended the year in a more positive financial position than forecast.

The year saw a return to fundraising events and our members generously supported our AFIA, Angel Tree and Refugee Resettlement projects.

After learning that MSH were going to increase their subscription again in 2023, trustees again took the view that, whilst we could not absorb this rise, we would not increase our diocesan subscription. It was resolved to ask for voluntary donations for the same reasons as for 2022, so the minimum subscription for 2023 was set at £34.

Personally, I would like to record my thanks for the support and help of our branch treasurers and our MU enterprises representative, Sheila Tuffield.

The trustees have monitored our finances at each trustee meeting during the year. As a charity, we are not alone in having been affected by pandemic and the ongoing effects, but we are grateful for the resilience and enthusiasm shown by our members and are confident in our ability to continue to adapt to our circumstances.

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 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent examiner
As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

You consider that an audit is not required 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 any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. The 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 completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Andrew Parker FCCA

Date: 12 June 2024

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Endowment fund £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Diocesan operations	1	—	—	18,293	18,293	19,286
Diocesan designated	2	—	—	—	—	—
Diocesan restricted	2	—	18,351	—	18,351	21,147
Central restricted	2	—	1,010	—	1,010	240
Branches	3	—	—	5,891	5,891	3,759
Total receipts		—	19,361	24,184	43,545	44,432
Payments						
Diocesan operations	1	—	—	16,689	16,689	23,006
Diocesan designated	2	—	—	—	—	—
Diocesan restricted	2	—	18,877	—	18,877	18,907
Central restricted	2	—	371	—	371	230
Branches	3	—	—	3,136	3,136	3,283
Total payments		—	19,248	19,825	39,073	45,426
Surplus of receipts over payments		—	113	4,359	4,472	(994)
Transfer between funds			(133)	133	—	
Balance at 1 Jan 2022		7,910	44,604	56,479	108,993	109,986
Balance carried forward 31 Dec 2022		7,910	44,583	60,971	113,465	108,992

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st December 2022

	Endowment fund £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Monetary Assets					
Co-operative Bank	—	—	31,985	31,985	31,236
Other banks (branches)	—	—	16,001	16,001	13,246
Cash balance held	—	—	218	218	97
CCLA: CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	7,910	44,583	12,767	65,261	64,413
Total	7,910	44,583	60,970	113,465	108,992
Other assets					
Centenary Bond			5,000	5,000	5,000
Imprest float with payroll provider			490	490	490
Liabilities					
Subscriptions 2023	—	—	(434)	(434)	(1,148)
MSH Restricted Funds	—	(729)	—	(729)	(90)
Insurance			—	—	(450)
Independent Examination - 2 years			(1,800)	(1,200)	(1,200)

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

Felicity F H Randall
Felicity Randall, President Date 16th AUGUST 2024

Barbara Lashley
Barbara Lashley, Treasurer Date 16th AUGUST 2024

Notes to the accounts

1	Diocesan operations	Receipts 2022	Receipts 2021	Payments 2022	Payments 2021	
		£	£	£	£	
	Subscriptions for 2022 paid in advance	12,846	13,698	8,506	10,279	
	Subscriptions for 2023 paid in advance	434	1,148	–	–	
	Donations including gift aid	2,342	3,244	–	242	
	Families First	–	–	–	–	
	Sale of goods from MU Enterprises	804	621	514	586	
	Grant based on sales from MU Enterprises	331	422	–	–	
	Commission from easyfundraising	121	86	–	–	
	Salary	–	–	499	5,668	
	Salary administration	–	–	–	428	
	Office rent	–	–	4,333	5,200	
	Office supplies	–	–	57	–	
	Printing and postage	–	37	748	96	
	Independent examination	–	–	600	–	
	Attendance at national general meeting	–	–	423	353	
	Diocesan meetings	633	–	487	144	
	Diocesan General fund	–	–	–	–	
	Members' expenses (see also note 4)	–	–	74	10	
	Insurance	–	–	450	–	
	Interest	784	30	–	–	
	Bank charges	–	–	–	–	
		18,293	26,073	16,689	23,006	
	General Fund balance brought forward 1 January 2022			39,686	43,406	
	Net (payments)			1,603	(3,720)	
	Transfer from Restricted fund			133	–	
	General Fund balance carried forward 31 December 2022			41,422	39,686	
2	Designated and restricted funds	Balance 01-Jan-22	Receipts 2022	Payments 2022	Transfers 2022	Balance 31-Dec-22
		£	£	£	£	£
	Designated funds					
	Branches in Abeyance	2,553	–	–	–	2,553
	Office equipment	994	–	–	–	994
	Total	3,547	–	–	–	3,547
	Restricted funds - Diocesan					
	"Away From It All" Holidays	18,243	15,436	12,254	–	21,425
	Diocesan Outreach fund	3,932	340	–	–	4,272
	Angel Tree	2,494	995	248	–	3,241
	Hospital help	367	–	42	–	325
	Loving for Life	22	–	33	11	–
	Children's and youth work	144	–	–	–	144
	Refugee resettlement	4,543	1,476	6,300	281	0
	Links	425	–	–	(425)	–
	Special projects	12,951	–	–	–	12,951
	Retreat	1,394	103	–	–	1,497
	Total	44,514	18,351	18,877	(133)	43,856
	Restricted funds - Central (Mary Sumner House)					
	Literacy & Development	–	49	–	–	49
	Overseas	50	671	271	–	450
	Relief	40	230	40	–	230
	MSH fabric and other	–	60	60	–	–
	Total	90	1,010	371	–	729
	Total restricted funds	44,604	19,361	19,248	(133)	44,585

Notes to the accounts (continued)

3	Branch accounts	Branch receipts 2022	Branch payments 2022	Charity net receipts 2022	Charity net payments 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Subscriptions	6,434	5,856	578	
	Fund-raising	8,202	5,604	2,598	
	Payments for MU Shop items	450	580		130
	Special projects	1,825	411	1,415	
	Families First	–	–		
	Contributions to Church projects	–	1,357		1,357
	Authorised expenses	–	961		961
	Meetings – room hire	–	562		562
	Fund raising expenses of branches	–	127		127
	Branch other activities	2,218	919	1,299	
	Bank interest	0	–	0	
		<u>19,130</u>	<u>16,376</u>	<u>5,891</u>	<u>3,136</u>
	Balance brought forward 1 January 2022				13,246
	Surplus of receipts over payments				<u>2,755</u>
	Balance carried forward 31 December 2022				<u>16,001</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 one payment was made to a Trustee in reimbursement of expenses

