THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

England & Wales · Charity number 249723

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1966-12-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Mothers' Union CMS House Watlington Road Oxford Oxfordshire OX4 6BZ
Phone	01525240765
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Website	www.muoxford.co.uk

Activities

Objects: 1. TO UPHOLD CHRIST TEACHINGS ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE ITS 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,WORHSIP 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: Work to promote christian family life within the Diocese of Oxford and overseas through the support given to the Central Mothers' Union.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF OXFORD
- Bracknell Forest
- Buckinghamshire
- Oxfordshire
- Reading
- Slough
- West Berkshire
- Windsor And Maidenhead
- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£71,374	£71,419	-	-
2023-12-31	£72,941	£73,792	-	-
2022-12-31	£66,638	£64,881	-	-
2021-12-31	£53,318	£45,673	-	-
2020-12-31	£70,561	£60,847	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gillian Pearce		2023-05-15
JENNIFER MARY SEARLE		2019-01-01
Jacqueline Miles		2025-03-18
Jean Mary Vaughan		2015-04-17
PATRICIA ANNE CAMPBELL		2019-01-01
Rev DENISE BROWN		2020-01-09
VALERIE BOLAN		2019-01-01

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration No. 249723

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Name	The Mothers' Union - Diocese of Oxford
Charity registration no.	249723
Registered office	The Mothers' Union Office, CMS House, Watlington Road Oxford. OX4 6BZ
Independent examiner	Patricia Fox FCCA, Figurefox Co Sec Ltd 36 Essex Road, Basingstoke. RG21 7TB
Bankers	CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ

Trustees serving during the year ended 31 December 2024

Mrs Patricia Campbell	Area Vice President, Oxfordshire
Mrs Jean Vaughan	Acting Area Vice President, East Berkshire and Unit Co-ordinator, Action and Outreach
Mrs Valerie Bolan	Area Vice President, West Berkshire
Mrs Jennifer Searle	Unit Co-ordinator, Fundraising and Communications
Revd Lady Denise Brown	General Trustee
Mrs Gillian Pearce	General Trustee
Mrs Elizabeth Dawson	General Trustee
Mrs Norma Clarke	General Trustee (resigned 05/2024)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, SORP 2015 (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011.

Structure, Governance and Management Governing Document
Constitution (2010, revised 2014). The charity is an unincorporated association, affiliated to the worldwide Mothers' Union (which was incorporated by Royal Charter). It is a membership organisation covering the geographical area of the Church of England Diocese of Oxford (roughly Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire). It's affairs are managed by its own Trustee body.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
Trustees are drawn from the membership. Most, including the Diocesan President and Area Vice-Presidents, are directly elected by members; but some specialist positions (eg. Treasurer) are filled by appointment by the trustees. The Chaplain, who is appointed by the Bishop of Oxford in consultation with the Diocesan President, is not a trustee.

Public benefit statement
In managing the affairs of the charity the Trustees have taken into consideration the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit, and the specific guidance relating to charities for the advancement of religion. AFIA holidays, for example (see Object 5 below), are offered according to need, irrespective of beneficiaries' religious or political affiliation, age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or marital status; and applications for AFIA support have to be made by an appropriate referral agency, such as a social services department or GP practice.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable Objects of the charity are:

- 1) To promote and support married life
- 2) To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- 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 the protection of children
- 5) To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Most of the charity's work is at grassroots level. As branches or in other groups, members engage in micro-projects to meet local needs as they arise. They also raise money from the public, which is forwarded, along with their own voluntary contributions, to the Diocese for local MU projects and to Central MU to further the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The board of Trustees
Area Vice President Patricia Campbell, Area Vice President Valerie Bolan, Jennifer Searle Finance and Administration Unit and Fundraising and Communication Unit, Jean Vaughan Action and Outreach Unit, Denise Brown, Gillian Pearce; Elizabeth Dawson and Norma Clarke who resigned office in May 2024. Chaplain Revd Mary Harwood was in attendance and led the Prayer and Spirituality Unit.

Membership stood at 795 at the end of 2024 (824 in 2023). Although new members have joined, the rate of members lost was 3% (7.9% in 2023).

Diocesan Membership has increased again this year, reflecting the continued transition from branch membership. Diocesan members have been encouraged to continue to meet together informally and to attend area and Diocesan meetings.

Diocesan Spring Meetings Monday 29th April at Hughenden Church Hall, Tuesday 28th May at St Nicolas Church Earley, Thursday 13th June at Deddington Windmill Centre. Three Spring Meetings were held in different parts of the Diocese attended by the Chaplain and two trustees, theme Safeguarding and Branch Projects

Annual Wave of Prayer Saturday 20th – Monday 22nd April service printed in Focus Spring 2024

AFIA Holiday Booking two holidays to Butlins arranged. Funds were used for an escape room experience for 10 young carers in Buckinghamshire followed by food and drinks.

Children Heard and Seen CHAS – a charity which supports families with a parent in prison. Members provided food and gifts for the residential summer camp week in August for about 120 families and food and gifts for the Christmas and Easter parties.

Knitted Figures A pattern for an Easter chick was on the website and 100 were distributed with a chocolate egg to CHAS, others to a dementia care home, Home Start West Berkshire, Cameo in Newport and Kinship Carers in Wokingham.

Baby Basics in Milton Keynes– *a charity supporting families with children 0-5.* Members provided baby essentials, toiletries, baby knitwear.

Hospital Projects – members have a relationship with John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford and The Royal Berkshire Hospital providing toiletry bags for women and men, both patients and the parents of sick children.
Members also provide knitted garments for the hospital baby wards and coffee, tea, and cleaning products to Ronald McDonald House at John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford.

Diocesan Projects Mission Unlimited Award – Mothers' Union members may apply for a grant up to £500 to support a project within their church or community for which the applicant acts as a champion. There were three successful applications in 2024.

Prisons and Prisoners in the Diocese – Members donate cards and prisoners are offered a Christmas card for themselves; blank cards are provided for prisoners to send at Christmas, Mothers' Day, and for bereavement.

Annual General Meeting / Autumn Meeting Tuesday 15thOctober at Benson Parish Village Hall.

Quiet Day Tuesday 19th March- Branch and Diocesan Members met together at a quiet day arranged by the Chaplain Revd Mary Harwood at St Mary's Convent, Wantage

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence was observed Monday 25th November to Tuesday 10th December, and the Rise Up campaign focusing on reducing domestic violence throughout the year.

Communication....
Branch members of Mothers' Union Oxford met monthly in their branches to share fellowship. All members received by post two copies of the in-house diocesan magazine FOCUS. The website www.muoxford.org.uk provided information including a MU Central monthly update, Indoor Member reflection, upcoming events and branch programmes, project news, resources for: prayer, membership, communications, safeguarding and downloads of documents for administration. On the website there is an emergency prayer chain and donate button. A monthly eNewsletter was sent out and a Facebook page provided a daily prayer and items of interest.

Finance....
We have continued to refine our use of Xero Financial software together with the bookkeeping services of Numberworks and are now able to produce regular and adhoc financial updates for trustees, as required.
The charity is still looking for a Treasurer to provide financial advice.

Related Parties
The Society is affiliated to the Central MU, whose headquarters are at Mary Sumner House (MSH), London. The Society has particular links of fellowship and prayer with its link dioceses, which are Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania), Kinshasa (D R Congo), Ahoada and Warri (Nigeria) and Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), and Southwark in the UK.

The Society has no financial dealings with its linked dioceses. Members support the work of the Mothers' Union World-Wide by contributing to the funds administered by the central Mothers' Union.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The detailed accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 are shown on pages 7-15. The accounts show an excess of operating expenditure over income on unrestricted funds of £778 and a profit of £733 on restricted funds giving a net overall decrease in funds of £46 (2023: deficit in the year of £851).
Our investment portfolio showed an unrealised gain of £6,341 in the year (2023: £10,858) and this increases the net movement in funds balance to £6,296.

Net subscription income for the diocese funds was £7,797 compared to £12,579 in 2023.
This difference is largely attributable to the trustees' decision to not pass on to members the increase in affiliation fees to the central Mothers' Union.

Donations to support our Away From It All (AFIA) holidays were £3,323 compared with £4,195 in 2023.

The charity's total funds as at the end of December 2024 were £180,196 (2023: £173,900). Approximately 80% of these funds are held as investments in CCLA investment funds and Barclays Wealth Unit Trusts. Cash balances are held either in a CCLA deposit account, plus cash held as working funds at the charity's principal bankers, and in branches' accounts.

Policy on reserves
The historic reserves of the charity are well in excess of anticipated annual expenditure. The present trustees have continued with the policy established by previous trustee bodies, which is not to add to charity's reserves, but to use them to fund projects which promote its charitable Objects. In particular, reserves are used as required to support the restricted fund for Away From It All (AFIA) holidays.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

V Bolan. — 10-09-2025

Valerie Bolan, Joint Diocesan President — Date

Jennifer Searle — 10/9/2025

Jennifer Searle, Joint Diocesan President — Date

P A Campbell. — 10.09.2025

Patricia Campbell, Joint Diocesan President — Date

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to Charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Report to the trustees of The Mothers' Union (Diocese of Oxford)

I report to the charity trustees, on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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;
- 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 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 accounts 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Patricia Fox FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
36 Essex Road
Basingstoke
RG21 7TB

Date 10/9/25

Signed

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Incoming resources					
Donations and legacies	3	0	3,323	3,323	4,195
Subscriptions		29,762	0	29,762	30,038
Investment income	5	4,216	0	4,216	3,984
Gift Aid	6	4,116	0	4,116	4,705
Other charitable activities		29,957	0	29,957	30,019
Total incoming resources		68,051	3,323	71,373	72,941
Expenditure					
Grants payable		0	2,590	2,590	4,435
Subscriptions		21,965	0	21,965	17,459
Direct charitable expenditure	4	24,217	0	24,217	30,249
Support costs	4	16,535	0	16,535	16,099
Governance costs	4	6,111	0	6,111	5,550
Total	4	68,829	2,590	71,419	73,792
Net income before gains and losses		(778)	733	(46)	(851)
Investments					
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		6,341	0	6,341	10,858
Net movement in funds		5,563	733	6,296	10,007
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		165,899	8,001	173,900	163,893
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		171,462	8,734	180,196	173,900

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (comparative figures)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	3	0	4,195	4,195
Subscriptions		30,038	0	30,038
Investment income	2	3,984	0	3,984
Gift Aid		4,705	0	4,705
Other charitable activities		30,019	0	30,019
Total incoming resources		68,746	4,195	72,941
Expenditure				
Grants payable		0	4,435	4,435
Subscriptions		17,459	0	17,459
Direct charitable expenditure	4	30,249	0	30,249
Support costs		16,099	0	16,099
Governance costs		5,550	0	5,550
Total	4	69,357	4,435	73,792
Net income before gains and losses				
Investments		(611)	(240)	(851)
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		10,858	0	10,858
Net movement in funds		10,247	(240)	10,007
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		155,652	8,241	163,893
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		165,899	8,001	173,900

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes		2024		2023
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	6		143,717		137,396
Current Assets					
Stocks		170		182	
Debtors	7	4,000		4,160	
Cash at bank and in hand		21,855		24,941	
Cash at bank and in hand - Branches		12,026		10,010	
		38,051		39,293	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,572)		(2,789)	
Net current assets			36,479		36,504
Net assets			180,196		173,900
Income funds					
Restricted Funds			8,734		8,001
Unrestricted Funds			171,462		165,899
Total funds			180,196		173,900

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10/9/25

Valerie Bolan, Joint Diocesan President

Jennifer Searle, Joint Diocesan President

Patricia Campbell, Joint Diocesan President

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

b Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable.

c *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line

d Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value.
Unrealised gains or losses are recognised each year with the Statement of Financial Activities.

e Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

f Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.
The purposes and used of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
2	**Investment income**	4,216	3,984
3	**Legacies and donations**		
	Legacies	0	0
	Donations	3,323	4,195
		3,323	4,195

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
4	**Total resources expended**		
	Restricted funds		
	Grants - 'Away From It All' (AFIA)	2,590	4,435
	Unrestricted funds		
	Subscriptions	21,965	17,459
	Direct charitable expenditure		
	Overseas and worldwide funds incl literacy development	2,999	8,058
	Literature	3,032	5,317
	Focus	3,069	4,333
	Britain and Ireland Fund	0	0
	Other Diocesan projects	2,762	4,575
	Branch and Deanery projects and other activities	12,356	7,966
		24,217	30,249
	Support costs		
	Salaries	9,611	9,308
	Insurance	450	450
	Printing, postage and stationery	2,614	2,290
	Telephone	340	484
	CMS Licence fee	3,210	3,210
	All other costs	311	357
	Look at CMS House invoices		
		16,535	16,099
	Governance costs		
	Officers' and Committee expenses	2,178	645
	Bookkeeping and other accountancy cost	2,334	2,805
	Independent examiner	1,600	2,100
		6,111	5,550
	Total resources expended	71,419	73,792

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 7 of them were reimbursed a total of £1,689.21 travelling and office expenses (2023; 6 were reimbursed £645).

6 Fixed asset investments

	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	137,396
Purchases at cost	0
Change in value in the year	6,341
Market value at 31 December 2024	143,737
Historical cost	
At 31 December 2023	34,921
At 31 December 2024	34,921
Barclays Wealth Unit Funds	50,038
CCLA Investment Fund Units	93,679
	143,717
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2024	108,796

	2024 £	2023 £
7 Debtors		
Gift Aid claims	4,000	4,160
Legacies	0	0
	4,000	4,160

	2024 £	2023 £
8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	1,000	2,100
Other creditors	572	689
	1,572	2,789

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01-Jan-24	Movement in Funds: Incoming Resources & Transfers	Movement in Funds: Outgoing Resources & Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£
Away From It All' (AFIA)	8,001	3,323	(2,590)	8,734
As 31 December 2024	8,001	3,323	(2,590)	8,734

	Balance at 01-Jan-23	Movement in Funds: Incoming Resources & Transfers	Movement in Funds: Outgoing Resources & Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-23
	£	£	£	£
Away From It All' (AFIA)	8,241	4,195	(4,435)	8,001
As 31 December 2023	8,241	4,195	(4,435)	8,001

The 'Away From It All' Fund is used to provide grants to families who need financial support for short holidays.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:			
Investments	143,717		143,717
Current assets	29,318	8,734	38,051
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,572)		(1,572)
	171,463	8,734	180,196
Unrealised gains including above:			
On investments (see below)	108,816	0	108,816
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets			
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2024	102,475	0	102,475
Realised in year	0	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in market value in year	6,341	0	6,341
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2024	108,816	0	108,816

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
11	**Commitments under operating leases**		
	At 31 December 2024 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:		
	Expiry date:		
	Within one year	1,045	1,045
	Between two and five years	2,873	3,918
		3,918	4,963
12	**Employees**		
	During the year there was 1 part-time employee (2023: 1 part-time employee)		
	Salary costs	9,331	9,037
	Pension	280	271
		9,611	9,308

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England & Wales - Charity number 249723

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Independent Examiner	Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants, Victoria House, 10 Broad Street, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 3LH
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Mrs Valerie Bolan	Area Vice President, West Berkshire
Mrs Jenny Searle	Unit Co-Ordinator, Fundraising and Communications
Revd Canon Rita Ball	Unit Co-Ordinator, Prayer and Spirituality (resigned 11/2023)
Revd Mrs Louise Butler	Acting Unit Co-Ordinator, Finance & Administration (resigned 12/2023)
Mrs Rosie Jackson-Kilham	General Trustee (resigned 09/2023)
Revd Lady Denise Brown	General Trustee
Mrs Gillian Pearce	General Trustee (appointed 05/2023)
Mrs Elizabeth Dawson	General Trustee (appointed 05/2023)
Mrs Norma Clarke	General Trustee (appointed 07/2023 & resigned 05/2024)

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Party food was bought for the CHAS party at Christmas and Abingdon Branch also donated food.

Knitted Figures. At Easter 31 filled knitted figures were also given to Building for the Future (a charity working with disabled children), 30 to Home Start and 20 to a care home specialising in Dementia care, all in Wokingham.

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Hospital Projects. Toiletry bags are constantly in demand at Ronald McDonald House, which cares for families with sick children at the JR Hospital, Oxford. Nearly 400 were made and filled for visitors to Ronald McDonald House. Other items donated included coffee, tea and cleaning products. Staff are pleased to welcome members to look at the great facilities available to parents.

Diocesan Projects. Money has been raised during the year to fund local initiatives which support the aims of Mothers' Union. A team reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Trustee Board. During 2023 two projects have received funds, a CAMEO group in Newport Pagnall for parents with babies and toddlers and a sewing group helping refugees in Ducklington.

Prisons. Newport Pagnell branch has worked with a visitor and chaplain at Woodhill Prison by giving packs at Easter containing cards, crafts and cream eggs. At Christmas we bought packs of playing cards to relieve boredom in their cells over the holidays.
Christmas cards, both written and blank, have been donated to Bullingdon Prison.

Our Annual General Meeting/Autumn Meeting took place in person at Benson Village Hall on Tuesday 10 October and 85 people attended. Reports were given and two members of staff from Ronald McDonald House addressed the meeting. Members were very pleased to hear at first hand how parents of sick children are receiving such dedicated care and how MU members have been able to support them over the year.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence was observed from 25 November – 10 December using prayer resources from the Central Mothers' Union. Members are aware of the Clewer Initiative to help combat Modern Day Slavery. The campaign RISEUP, which focuses on working to reduce Domestic violence throughout the year began in 2023.

Communication amongst members is particularly important. Branches meet regularly in person. Our monthly eNewsletter has kept members informed. One member runs our Facebook page and provides daily prayers. News is also circulated in the Diocesan Magazine, Focus, which was produced three times during 2023. The website is invaluable providing documents and other material for branches and individual members. Plans have been put in place at the end of 2023 to design a new website making it more user-friendly and appealing.

Finance. There have been improvements in operating the finances of the charity and monitoring the budget by converting a spreadsheet system to using Xero financial software. The accountancy firm, Wenn Townsend, has helped with this introduction. The charity has been without a Treasurer for two years now and the need for reliable day-to-day bookkeeping services has been secured using Numberwork Services, based in Newbury. The charity is still searching for a Treasurer, but with a more advisory role.

Related Parties
The Society is affiliated to the Central MU, whose headquarters are at Mary Sumner House (MSH), London. The Society has particular links of fellowship and prayer with its link dioceses, which are Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania), Kinshasa (D R Congo), Ahoada and Warri (Nigeria) and Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), and Southwark in the UK.

The Society has no financial dealings with its linked dioceses. Members support the work of the Mothers' Union World-Wide by contributing to the funds administered by the central Mothers' Union.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The detailed accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 are shown on pages 7-15. The accounts show an excess of operating expenditure over income on unrestricted funds of £611 and a loss of £240 on restricted funds, giving a net overall decrease in funds of £851 (2022: surplus in the year of £1,757). Our investment portfolio showed an unrealised gain of £10,858 in the year compared with a loss of £14,159 in the prior year, and this increases the net movement in funds balance to £10,007.

Net subscription income for the diocese funds was £12,579 compared to £13,687 in 2022.

Donations to support our Away From It All (AFIA) holidays were £4,195 compared with £4,573 in 2022.

The charity's total funds as at the end of December 2023 were £173,900 (2022: £163,893). Approximately 79% of these funds are held as investments in CCLA investment funds and Barclays Wealth Unit trusts. Cash balances are held either in a CCLA deposit account, plus cash held as working funds at the charity's principal bankers, or in branches' accounts.

Policy on reserves
The historic reserves of the charity are well in excess of anticipated annual expenditure. The present trustees have continued with the policy established by previous trustee bodies, which is not to add to charity's reserves, but to use them to fund projects which promote its charitable Objects. In particular, reserves are used as required to support the restricted fund for Away From It All (AFIA) holidays.

17th July 2024

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Valerie Bolan, AVP West Berkshire

Patricia Campbell, AVP Oxfordshire

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

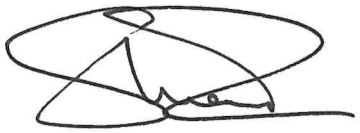
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stuart Bates FCA CTA
Wenn Townsend
10 Broad Street
Abingdon
OX14 3LH

31st July 2024

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies	3	-	4,195	4,195	4,573
Subscriptions		30,038	-	30,038	31,663
Investment income	2	3,984	-	3,984	3,448
Gift aid		4,705	-	4,705	4,091
Other charitable activities		30,019	-	30,019	22,863
Total		68,746	4,195	72,941	66,638
Expenditure					
Grants payable		-	4,435	4,435	3,537
Subscriptions		17,459	-	17,459	17,976
Direct charitable expenditure	4	30,249	-	30,249	23,431
Support costs		16,099	-	16,099	15,815
Governance costs		5,550	-	5,550	4,122
Total	4	69,357	4,435	73,792	64,881
Net income before gains and losses Investments		(611)	(240)	(851)	1,757
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		10,858	-	10,858	(14,159)
Net movement in funds		10,247	(240)	10,007	(12,402)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		155,652	8,241	163,893	176,295
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		165,899	8,001	173,900	163,893

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (Comparative figures)

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Income			
Donations and legacies	-	4,573	4,573
Subscriptions	31,663	-	31,663
Investment income	3,448	-	3,448
Gift aid	4,091	-	4,091
Other charitable activities	22,863	-	22,863
Total	62,065	4,573	66,638
Expenditure			
Grants payable	-	3,537	3,537
Subscriptions	17,976	-	17,976
Direct charitable expenditure	23,431	-	23,431
Support costs	15,815	-	15,815
Governance costs	4,122	-	4,122
Total	61,344	3,537	64,881
Net income before gains and losses on Investments	721	1,036	1,757
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	(14,159)	-	(14,159)
Net movement in funds	(13,438)	1,036	(12,402)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022	169,090	7,205	176,295
Fund balances at 31 December 2022	155,652	8,241	163,893

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		137,396		126,538
Current assets					
Stocks		182		438	
Debtors	7	4,160		4,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		24,941		26,199	
Cash at bank and in hand - Branches		10,010		8,850	
		39,293		39,487	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,789)		(2,132)	
Net current assets			36,504		37,355
Total assets less current liabilities			173,900		163,893
Income funds					
Restricted Funds			8,001		8,241
Unrestricted Funds			165,899		155,652
			173,900		163,893

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17.09.2024

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value.

Unrealised gains or losses are recognised each year within the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
	3,984	3,448

3 Legacies and donations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Legacies	-	-
Donations AFIA	4,195	4,573
	4,195	4,573

4 Total resources expended

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Restricted funds		
Grants -'Away From It All' (A.F.I.A)	4,435	3,537
Unrestricted funds		
Subscriptions	17,459	17,976
Direct charitable expenditure		
Overseas and worldwide funds incl literacy development	8,058	5,994
Literature	5,317	6,082
Focus	4,333	4,351
Britain and Ireland Fund	-	118
Other Diocesan projects	4,575	4,276
Branch and Deanery projects and other activities	7,966	2,610
	30,249	23,431
Support costs		
Salaries	9,308	8,302
Insurance	450	450
Printing, postage and stationery	2,290	2,783
Telephone	484	340
CMS License fee	3,210	3,210
All other costs	357	730
	16,099	15,815
Governance costs		
Officers' and Committee expenses	645	2,672
Bookkeeping and other accountancy cost	2,805	-
Independent examiner	2,100	1,450
	5,550	4,122
Total resources expended	73,792	64,881

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 6 of them were reimbursed a total of £645 travelling and office expenses (2022: 7 were reimbursed £2,672).

6 Fixed asset investments

	£
Market value at 1 January 2023	126,538
Purchases at cost	-
Change in value in the year	10,858
Market value at 31 December 2023	**137,396**
Historical cost	
At 31 December 2022	**34,921**
At 31 December 2023	**34,921**
Barclays Wealth Unit Funds	46,363
CCLA Investment Fund Units	91,033
	137,396

7 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift aid claims	4,160	4,000
Legacies	-	-
	4,160	4,000

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	2,100	2,132
Other Creditors	689	-
	2,789	2,132

9 Restricted Funds

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2023	**Incoming Resources & Transfers**	**Outgoing Resources & Transfers**	**Balance at 31 December 2023**
	£	£	£	£
"Away From It All" (AFIA	8,241	4,195	(4,435)	8,001
As 31 December 2023	**8,241**	**4,195**	**(4,435)**	**8,001**

	Balance at 1 January 2022	**Incoming Resources & Transfers**	**Outgoing Resources & Transfers**	**Balance at 31 December 2022**
	£	£	£	£
"Away From It All" (AFIA)	7,205	4,573	(3,537)	8,241
As 31 December 2022	**7,205**	**4,573**	**(3,537)**	**£8,241**

The "Away From It All" Fund is used to provide grants to families who need financial support for short holidays.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Investments	137,396	-	137,396
Current assets	31,292	8,001	39,293
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,789)	-	(2,789)
	165,899	8,001	173,900
Unrealised gains included above:			
On investments (see below)	102,475	-	102,475
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets.			
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2023	91,617	-	91,617
Realised in year	-	-	-
Decrease in market value in year	10,858	-	10,858
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2023	102,475	-	102,475

11 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2023 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Expiry date:		
Within one year	1,045	718
Between two and five years	3,918	-
	4,963	718

12 Employees

During the year there was 1 part-time employee (2022-1 part-time employee)

	2023 £	2022 £
Salary costs	9,037	8,060
Pension	271	242
	9,308	8,302

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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Name	The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Oxford
Charity registration no.	249723
Registered office	The Mother's Union Office, CMS House, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ
Independent Examiner	Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants, Victoria House, 10 Broad Street, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 3LH
Bankers	CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Trustees serving on the date the report was approved

Mrs Maureen Weston	Former President (resigned 12/2022)
Mrs Rachel Buckley	Acting Area Vice President, North Bucks (resigned 12/2022)
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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
(Incorporated by Royal Charter)
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Independent Examiner

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that Wenn Townsend be re-appointed as Independent Examiner to the charity for the ensuing year

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Valerie Bolan, AVP West Berkshire

P.A. Campbell.

Patricia Campbell, AVP Oxfordshire

19 July 2023

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD (Incorporated by Royal Charter)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 14.
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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

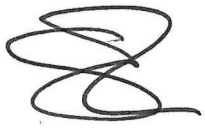
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stuart Bates FCA CTA
Wenn Townsend
10 Broad Street
Abingdon
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21 August 2023

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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
(Incorporated by Royal Charter)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	3	-	4,573	4,573	6,586
Subscriptions		31,663	-	31,663	23,097
Investment income	2	3,448	-	3,448	2,720
Gift aid		4,091	-	4,091	3,026
Other charitable activities		22,863	-	22,863	17,889
Total		62,065	4,573	66,638	53,318
Expenditure					
Grants payable		-	3,537	3,537	1,882
Subscriptions		17,976	-	17,976	8,940
Direct charitable expenditure	4	23,431	-	23,431	16,823
Support costs		15,815	-	15,815	15,882
Governance costs		4,122	-	4,122	2,146
Total	4	61,344	3,537	64,881	45,673
Net income before gains and losses Investments		721	1,036	1,757	7,645
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		(14,159)	-	(14,159)	18,209
Net movement in funds		(13,438)	1,036	(12,402)	25,854
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		169,090	7,205	176,295	150,441
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		155,652	8,241	163,893	176,295

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (Comparative figures)

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Income			
Donations and legacies	1,083	5,503	6,586
Subscriptions	23,097	-	23,097
Investment income	2,720	-	2,720
Gift aid	3.026	-	3,026
Other charitable activities	17,889	-	17,889
Total	47,815	5,503	53,318
Expenditure			
Grants payable	-	1,882	1,882
Subscriptions	8,940	-	8,940
Direct charitable expenditure	16,823	-	16,823
Support costs	15,882	-	15,882
Governance costs	2,146	-	2,146
Total	43,791	1,882	45,673
Net income before gains and losses on Investments	4,024	3,621	7,645
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	18,209	-	18,209
Net movement in funds	22,233	3,621	25,854
Fund balances at 1 January 2021	146,857	3,584	150,441
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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		126,538		140,697
Current assets					
Stocks		438		826	
Debtors	7	4,000		5,976	
Cash at bank and in hand		26,199		19,387	
Cash at bank and in hand - Branches		8,850		10,509	
		39,487		36,698	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,132)		(1,100)	
Net current assets			37,355		35,598
Total assets less current liabilities			163,893		176,295
income funds					
Restricted Funds			8,241		7,205
Unrestricted Funds			155,652		169,090
			163,893		176,295

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 19 July 2023

Valerie Bolan, AVP West Berkshire

Patricia Campbell, AVP Oxfordshire

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value.

Unrealised gains or losses are recognised each year within the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
	3,448	2,720

3 Legacies and donations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Legacies	-	1,083
Donations AFIA	4,573	5,503
	4,573	6,586

4 Total resources expended

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Restricted funds		
Grants -'Away From It All' (A.F.I.A)	3,537	1,882
Unrestricted funds		
Subscriptions	17,976	8,940
Direct charitable expenditure		
Overseas and worldwide funds incl literacy development	5,994	3,880
Literature	6,082	6,212
Focus	4,351	3,884
Britain and Ireland Fund	118	170
Other Diocesan projects	4,276	1,896
Branch and Deanery projects and other activities	2,610	781
	23,431	16,823
Support costs		
Salaries	8,302	6,287
Insurance	450	450
Printing, postage and stationery	2,783	4,080
Telephone	340	340
CMS License fee	3,210	3,210
All other costs	730	1,515
	15,815	15,882
Governance costs		
Officers' and Committee expenses	2,672	1,046
Independent examiner	1,450	1,100
	4,122	2,146
Total resources expended	64,881	45,673

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 7 of them were reimbursed a total of £2,672 travelling and office expenses (2021: 8 were reimbursed £1,046).

6 Fixed asset investments

	£
Market value at 1 January 2022	140,697
Purchases at cost	-
Change in value in the year	(14,159)
Market value at 31 December 2022	**126,538**
Historical cost	
At 31 December 2021	**34,921**
At 31 December 2022	**34,921**
Barclays Wealth Unit Funds	43,333
CCLA Investment Fund Units	83,205
	126,538

7 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift aid claims	4,000	3,000
Legacies	-	2,976
	4,000	5,976

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	2,132	1,100

9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds: Incoming Resources & Transfers	Movement in funds: Outgoing Resources & Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
"Away From It All" (AFIA	7,205	4,573	(3,537)	8,241
As 31 December 2022	**7,205**	**4,573**	**(3,537)**	**£8,241**

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming Resources & Transfers	Outgoing Resources & Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£
"Away From It All" (AFIA)	3,584	5,503	(1,882)	7,205
As 31 December 2021	**3,584**	**5,503**	**(1,882)**	**7,205**

The "Away From It All" Fund is used to provide grants to families who need financial support for short holidays.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Investments	126,538	-	126,538
Current assets	31,246	8,241	39,487
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,132)	-	(2,132)
	155,652	8,241	163,893
Unrealised gains included above:			
On investments (see below)	91,616	-	91,616
Reconcilliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets.			
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2022	105,775	-	105,775
Realised in year	-	-	-
Decrease in market value in year	(14,159)	-	(14,159)
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2022	91,616	-	91,616

11 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2022 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Expiry date:		
Within one year	718	1,434
Between two and five years	-	718
	718	2,152

12 Employees

During the year there was 1 part-time employee (2021-1 part-time employee)

	2022 £	2021 £
Salary costs	8,060	6,104
Pension	242	183
	8,302	6,287

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Oxford
Charity registration no.	249723
Registered office	The Mothers' Union Office, CMS House, Watlington Road Oxford OX4 6BZ
Independent Examiner	Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants Victoria House, 10 Broad Street, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3LH
Bankers	CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Trustees serving on the date the report was approved

Mrs Maureen Weston	Former President
Mrs Rachel Buckley	Acting Area Vice President, North Bucks
Mrs Christine Beynon	Acting Area Vice President, South Bucks
Mrs Patricia Campbell	Area Vice President, Oxfordshire
Mrs Jean Vaughan	Acting Area Vice President, East Berkshire And Unit Co-Ordinator, Action and Outreach
Mrs Valerie Bolan	Area Vice President, West Berkshire
Mrs Jenny Searle	Unit Co-Ordinator, Fundraising and Communications
Revd Canon Rita Ball	Unit Co-Ordinator, Prayer and Spirituality
Revd Mrs Louise Butler	Acting Unit Co-Ordinator, Finance & Administration
Mrs Rosie Jackson-Kilham	General Trustee
Revd Lady Denise Brown	General Trustee

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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, SORP 2015 (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011.

Structure, Governance and Management Governing document

Constitution (2010, revised 2014). The charity is an unincorporated association affiliated to the worldwide Mothers' Union (which is incorporated by Royal Charter). It is a membership organization covering the geographical area of the Church of England Diocese of Oxford (roughly Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire). Its affairs are managed by its own Trustee body.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are drawn from the membership. Most, including the Diocesan President and Area Vice-Presidents, are directly elected by members; but some specialist positions (e.g. Treasurer) are filled by appointment by the trustees. The Chaplain, who is appointed by the Bishop of Oxford in consultation with the Diocesan President, is not a trustee

Public benefit statement

In managing the affairs of the charity the Trustees have taken into consideration the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit, and the specific guidance relating to charities for the advancement of religion. AFIA holidays, for example (see Object 5 below), are offered according to need, irrespective of beneficiaries' religious or political affiliation, age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or marital status; and all applications for AFIA support have to be made by an appropriate referral agency, such as a social services department or GP practice.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable Objects of the charity are:

. 1) To promote and support married life

. 2) To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children

. 3) To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship, and service

. 4) To promote conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children

. 5) To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Most of the charity's work is at grassroots level. As branches or in other groups, members engage in micro-projects to meet local needs as they arise. They also raise

money from the public, which is forwarded, along with their own voluntary contributions, to Central MU to further the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Board of Trustees remained unchanged during 2021. They were Maureen Weston (Diocesan President), Louise Butler (Finance & Administration), Jenny Searle (Fundraising & Communication), Denise Brown (acting Prayer & Spirituality), Rosie Jackson-Killham (General Trustee) and five Area Vice Presidents namely Tricia Campbell, Valerie Bolan, Jean Vaughan, Christine Beynon and Rachel Buckley. The new Chaplain, Rev Mary Harwood, was in attendance. The Board of Trustees met six times during 2021. All these meetings were online except for the last one in November which was in person.

Membership stood at 955 at the end of 2021. Although many new members have joined, the rate of members lost was 9.8%

Diocesan Membership has increased over the year and the Trustees have focused on helping them feel more included by organising regular online meetings and services of compline as well as communicating by phone and email. These were organised by the five Area Vice Presidents.

A Diocesan Spring Meeting took place on Lady Day, 25 March, online with interviews from the Nigerian Diocesan President of Southwark and The Chair of The Congo Church Association.

Our Annual Wave of Prayer (April 20 - 22) took place online and members could access it via the website. During this time members were encouraged to pray for all our worldwide Link Dioceses.

Children Heard and Seen works with families of prisoners and members supported it by knitting 200 chicks which carried a cream egg which were given to children at Easter. Members also collected and bought many pairs of wellington boots and sleeping bags plus games for outdoor activities to support a Family Weekend Camp in July. For Christmas, members were encouraged to knit stars which were put in "goody" bags for the children.

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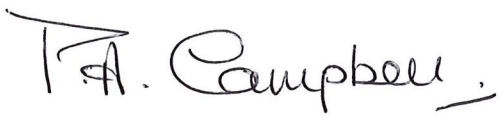
Independent Examiner

A motion to appoint a new independent examiner will be tabled at the AGM

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Valerie Bolan, AVP West Berkshire



Patricia Campbell, AVP Oxfordshire

21 September 2022

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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Stuart Bates FCA CTA
Wenn Townsend
10 Broad Street
Abingdon
OX14 3LH

.... September 2022

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	3	1,083	5,503	6,586	27,556
Subscriptions		23,097	-	23,097	21,653
Investment income	2	2,720	-	2,720	2,703
Gift aid		3.026	-	3,026	2,800
Other charitable activities		17,889	-	17,889	15,849
Total		47,815	5,503	53,318	70,561
Expenditure					
Grants payable		-	1,882	1,882	2,176
Subscriptions		8,940	-	8,940	7,888
Direct charitable expenditure	4	16,823	-	16,823	34,571
Support costs		15,882	-	15,882	14,182
Governance costs		2,146	-	2,146	2,030
Total	4	43,791	1,882	45673	60,847
Net income before gains and losses on Investments		4,024	3,621	7,645	9,714
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		18,209	-	18,209	(1,184)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		22,233	3,621	25,854	8,530
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		146,857	3,584	150,441	141,911
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		169,090	7,205	176,295	150,441

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (Comparative figure)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income			
Donations and legacies	21,796	5,760	27,556
Subscriptions	21,653	-	21,653
Investment income	2,703	-	2,703
Gift aid	2,800	-	2,800
Other charitable activities	15,849	-	15,849
Total	64,801	5,760	70,561
Expenditure			
Grants payable	-	2,176	2,176
Subscriptions	7,888	-	7,888
Direct charitable expenditure	34,571	-	34,571
Support costs	14,182	-	14,182
Governance costs	2,030	-	2,030
Total	58,671	2,176	60,847
Net income before gains and losses on Investments	6,130	3,584	9,714
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	(1,184)	-	(1,184)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4,946	3,584	8,530
Fund balances at 1 January 2020	141,911	-	141,911
Fund balances at 31 December 2020	146,857	3,584	150,441

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		**140,697**		112,788
Current assets					
Stocks		**826**		1,412	
Debtors	7	**5,976**		18,180	
Cash at bank and in hand		**19,387**		8,580	
Cash at bank and in hand - Branches		**10,509**		10.481	
		36,698		38,653	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	**(1,100)**		(1,000)	
Net current assets			**35,598**		37,653
Total assets less current liabilities			**176,295**		150,441
Income funds					
Restricted Funds			**7,205**		3,584
Unrestricted Funds			**169,090**		146,857
			176,295		**150,441**

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 21 September 2022

Valerie Bolan, AVP West Berkshire

Patricia Campbell, AVP Oxfordshire

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value.

Unrealised gains or losses are recognised each year within the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Investment income

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Investment income	**2,720**	2,703

3 Legacies and donations

	2021 £	2020 £
Legacies	**1,083**	21,796
Donations AFIA	**5,503**	5,760
	6,586	27,556

Two legacies were received in the year amounting to £1,200 and there was a reduction of £117 in the balance of the amount receivable from the estate of Olive Bunker of which £2,976 is still outstanding.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 **Total resources expended**

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Restricted funds		
Grants -'Away From It All' (A.F.I.A)	1,882	2,176
Unrestricted funds		
Subscriptions	8,940	7,888
Direct charitable expenditure		
Overseas and worldwide funds incl literacy development	3,880	4,056
Literature	6,212	7,165
Relief funds	-	944
Focus	3,884	4,185
Special appeal	-	15,330
Britain and Ireland Fund	170	55
Other Diocesan projects	1,896	1,888
Branch and Deanery projects and other activities	781	948
	16,823	34,571
Support costs		
Salaries	6,287	6,134
Insurance	450	430
Printing, postage and stationery	4,080	3,212
Telephone	340	340
CMS License fee	3,210	3,210
All other costs	1,515	856
	15,882	14,182
Governance costs		
Officers' and Committee expenses	1,046	1,030
Independent examiner	1,100	1,000
	2,146	2,030
Total resources expended	45,673	60,847

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 8 of them were reimbursed a total of £1,046 travelling and office expenses (2020: 6 were reimbursed £1,030).

6 Fixed asset investments

	£
Market value at 1 January 2021	112,788
Purchases at cost.	9,700
Change in value in the year	18,209
Market value at 31 December 2021	**140,697**
Historical cost:	
At 31 December 2020	**25,221**
At 31 December 2021	**34,921**
Barclays Wealth Unit Funds	46,391
CCLA Investment Fund Units	94,306
	140,697

7 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift aid claims	**3,000**	2,800
Legacies	**2,976**	12,796
Prepayments AFIA Holiday Grants	**-**	2,584
	5,976	18,180

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	**1,100**	1,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

9 Restricted funds

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming Resources & Transfers £	Outgoing Resources & Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
"Away From It All" (AFIA)	3,584	5,503	(1,882)	7,205
Transfers from Unrestricted Funds	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	**3,584.**	**5,503**	**(1882)**	**7,205**

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming Resources & Transfers	Outgoing Resources & Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
"Away From It All" (AFIA)	-	5,760	(2,176)	3,584
At 31 December 2020	**-**	**5,760**	**(2,176)**	**3,584**

The "Away From It All" Fund is used to provide grants to families who need financial support for short holidays.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
Investments	140,697	-	140,697
Current assets	29,493	7,205	36,698
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,100)	-	(1,100)
	169,090	**7,205**	**176,295**
Unrealised gains included above:			
On investments (see below)	105,775	-	105,775
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets			
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2021	87,566	-	87,566
Realised in year	-	-	-
Increase in market value in year	18,209	-	18,209
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2021	**105,775**	**-**	**105,775**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

11 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2021 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	1,434	1,434
Between two and five years	718	2,152
	2,152	3,586

12 Employees

During the year there was 1 part time employee (2020 – 1 part time employee)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salary costs	6,104	5,955
Pension costs	183	179
	6,287	6,134

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

England & Wales - Charity number 249723

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 249723

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Oxford
Charity registration no.	249723
Registered office	The Mothers' Union Office, CMS House, Watlington Road Oxford OX4 6BZ
Independent Examiner	Noel & Co Chartered Accountants 4 Parliament Close. Prestwood Great Missenden, Bucks HP16 9DT
Bankers	CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Trustees serving on the date the report was approved

Mrs Maureen Weston	Diocesan President
Mrs Rachel Buckley	Area Vice President, North Bucks
Mrs Christine Beynon	Area Vice President, South Bucks
Mrs Tricia Campbell	Area Vice President, Oxfordshire
Mrs Jean Vaughan	Area Vice President, East Berkshire
Mrs Valerie Bolan	Area Vice President, West Berkshire
Mrs Jenny Searle	Unit Co-ordinator,Fundraising and Communications
Rev Lady Denise Brown	Acting Unit Co-ordinator, Prayer and Spirituality
Revd Mrs Louise Butler	Unit Co-ordinator, Finance & Administration
Mrs Rosie Jackson-Kilham	General Trustee

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

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THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
(Incorporated by Royal Charter)
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, SORP 2015 (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011.

Structure, Governance and Management Governing document

Constitution (2010, revised 2014).The charity is an unincorporated association affiliated to the worldwide Mothers' Union (which is incorporated by Royal Charter). It is a membership organization covering the geographical area of the Church of England Diocese of Oxford (roughly Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire). Its affairs are managed by its own Trustee body.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are drawn from the membership. Most, including the Diocesan President and Area Vice-Presidents, are directly elected by members; but some specialist positions (e.g. Treasurer) are filled by appointment by the trustees. The Chaplain, who is appointed by the Bishop of Oxford in consultation with the Diocesan President, is not a trustee

Public benefit statement

In managing the affairs of the charity the Trustees have taken into consideration the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit, and the specific guidance relating to charities for the advancement of religion. AFIA holidays, for example (see Object 5 below), are offered according to need, irrespective of beneficiaries' religious or political affiliation, age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or marital status; and all applications for AFIA support have to be made by an appropriate referral agency, such as a social services department or GP practice.

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)
(Incorporated by Royal Charter)
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable Objects of the charity are:

. 1) To promote and support married life

. 2) To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children

. 3) To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship, and service

. 4) To promote conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children

. 5) To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Most of the charity's work is at grassroots level. As branches or in other groups, members engage in micro-projects to meet local needs as they arise. They also raise money from the public, which is forwarded, along with their own voluntary contributions, to Central MU to further the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Board of Trustees remained unchanged during 2020.The Board of Trustees met six times during 2020 and there were four General Meetings at different venues for all members. The new Chaplain, Rev Mary Harwood, was in attendance
Membership stood at 1056 at the end of 2020. Although many new members have joined, the rate of members lost was 7.5%
Spring Meetings were planned to take place in four different venues throughout March and the beginning of April. The theme was "Creative Prayer". Three of these events occurred before the national lockdown on 23rd March.
The lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic was a major disruption to our plans for 2020 as meetings, services and other events had to be cancelled or postponed immediately. An extraordinary meeting of the Trustees was held online to discuss the financial crisis being experienced at Mary Sumner House, our headquarters in London. They had launched a £1 million appeal.
AGM and Autumn Meeting This was held online in October when over 60 people were able to hear the Annual Reports of our activities and our guest speaker, the new Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Olivia Graham, who gave an excellent talk on "The Five Marks of Mission". This was recorded and is available on our website.
Emergency Action was taken when several members started making scrubs, scrub bags and masks which were needed by hospitals, GP surgeries, care homes and home carers. This need was advertised through our monthly e-Newsletter. Also the Daily Hope free phone number was widely advertised to encourage members isolated at home to access prayers, hymns and words of encouragement.

Our Wave of Prayer took place from 20 – 22 April. Although this was available in hard copy in our magazine called Focus, our chaplain also recorded the service online, which was available on our website. This was very informative and inspiring as we remembered our Link Dioceses in Nigeria, DRC, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea and Southwark.
Away From It All holidays were cancelled this year.
Hospital Projects A lot of craft was produced plus toiletries and refreshments for local hospitals These included premature baby quilts, clothes and Angel Pockets. The knitted crosses on squares were used by the Chaplaincy to be given to a patient in need of prayer. Ronald McDonald House was established as a purpose built children's hospital at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford which we continue to support.
New Projects include supporting Baby Basics with knitted clothes, Children Heard and Seen by providing 200 Advent Calendars for families of prisoners, Clewer Training to raise awareness of Modern Day Slavery and campaigning with 16 days of activism against gender based violence including writing to MPs, services and vigils. We also started our MU Oxford Facebook page with daily prayers.
Christmas cards for Bullingdon and **Woodhill Prisons** were collected from many branches during the autumn. About 2000 were given to the Chaplains who distributed them to the men.
This year has been very challenging as there were so many disappointments but members of Mothers Union are prayerful and resilient and have rallied round to help each other and their communities in many different ways.

Related Parties

The Society is affiliated to the Central MU, whose headquarters are at Mary Sumner House (MSH), London. The Society has particular links of fellowship and prayer with its link dioceses, which are Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania), Kinshasa (D R Congo), Ahoada and Warri (Nigeria) and Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), and Southwark in the UK.

The Society has no financial dealings with its linked dioceses. Members support the work of the Mothers' Union World-Wide by contributing to the funds administered by the central Mothers' Union.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The detailed accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 are shown on pages 7-14. The accounts show an excess of operating income over expenditure on unrestricted funds of £6,130 and a gain of £3,584 on restricted funds, giving a net overall increase in funds of £9,714 (2019:deficit in the year of £4,718). Our investment portfolio showed an unrealised loss of £1,184 in the year compared with a gain of £15,218 in the prior year, and this reduced the net increase in fund balances to £8,530

In 2019 the Central Mothers Union introduced a direct debit scheme for subscriptions, which Oxford Diocese supported as the trial diocese. 48% of our members took advantage of this scheme in 2020 (2019 – 43%). Under the scheme, instead of Oxford Diocese collecting members' subscriptions and paying over to the Central MU their share, the Central MU collected the full subscription and reimbursed Oxford Diocese with just their share. Net subscription income for the diocese funds at £13,765 was 10% lower than 2019.

During the year an interim legacy distribution of £9,000 was received from the estate of Mrs Olive Bunker. The total legacy was £21,796, the balance of the funds being received in 2021 The Central MU launched an emergency appeal for funds in 2020 to help with their anticipated deficit because of loss of income due to Covid restrictions and Oxford Diocese contributed £15,300 to this appeal. £7,000 of this came from the above legacy, £6,000 from diocesan funds and £2,300 contributed by branches.

Donations to support our Away From It All (AFIA) holidays were £5,760 compared with £8,493 in 2019. Holidays amounting to £4,760 were approved although some of these will not be taken until 2021.

The charity's total funds as at the end of December 2020 were £150,441 (2019: £141,911). Approximately 75% of these funds are held as investments in CCLA investment funds and Barclays Wealth Unit trusts. Cash balances are held either in a CCLA deposit account, plus cash held as working funds at the charity's principal bankers, or in branches' accounts.

Policy on reserves

The historic reserves of the charity are well in excess of anticipated annual expenditure. The present trustees have continued with the policy established by previous trustee bodies, which is not to add to charity's reserves, but to use them to fund projects which promote its charitable Objects. In particular, reserves are used as required to support the restricted fund for Away From It All (AFIA) holidays.

Independent Examiner

A motion to appoint a new independent examiner will be tabled at the AGM

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Maureen Weston Diocesan President

Geoffrey Ball Diocesan Treasurer

12 September 2021

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

* examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
* to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was conducted in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An 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 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

   have not been met; or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Linda Noel FCA
Noel and Co Chartered Accountants

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Dated:16-September-2021

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	3	**21,796**	**5,760**	**27,556**	**8,493**
Subscriptions		**21,653**	**-**	**21,653**	**24,985**
Investment income	2	**2,703**	**-**	**2,703**	**3,049**
Gift aid		**2,800**	**-**	**2,800**	**3,548**
Other charitable activities		**15,849**	**-**	**15,849**	**29,730**
Total		**64,801**	**5,760**	**70,561**	**69,805**
Expenditure					
Grants payable		**-**	**2,176**	**2,176**	**15,113**
Subscriptions		**7,888**	**-**	**7,888**	**9,692**
Direct charitable expenditure	4	**34,571**	**-**	**34,571**	**29,171**
Support costs		**14,182**	**-**	**14,182**	**15,850**
Governance costs		**2,030**	**-**	**2,030**	**4,697**
Total	4	**58,671**	**2,176**	**60,847**	**74,523**
Net income before gains and losses on Investments		**6,130**	**3,584**	**9,714**	**-4,718**
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		**-1,184**	**-**	**-1,184**	15,218
Transfers between funds		**-**	**-**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**4,946**	**3,584**	**8,530**	10,500
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		**141,911**	**-**	**141,911**	131,411
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		**146,857**	**3,584**	**150,441**	141,911

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF OXFORD)

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes		2020 £		2019 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	**7**		**112,788**		113,972
Current assets					
Stocks		**1,412**		1,470	
Debtors	**8**	**18,180**		3,522	
Cash at bank and in hand		**8,580**		8,842	
Cash at bank and in hand - Branches		**10,481**		15,105	
		38,653		28,939	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	**(1,000)**		(1,000)	
Net current assets			**37,653**		27,939
Total assets less current liabilities			**150,441**		141,911
Income funds					
Restricted Funds			**3,584**		-
Unrestricted Funds			**146,857**		141,911
			150,441		**141,911**

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 16 September 2021

Maureen Weston (Diocesan President) Geoff Ball (Diocesan Treasurer)

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value.

Unrealised gains or losses are recognised each year within the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

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2 Investment income

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Investment income	**2,703**	3.049

3 Legacies and donations

	2020 £	2019 £
Legacies	**21,796**	-
Donations AFIA	**5,760**	8,493
	27,556	8,493

The legacy was received from the estate of Olive Bunker. All amounts due to The Mothers' Union Oxford have been accounted for in the current year.

4 Total resources expended

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Restricted funds		
Grants -'Away From It All' (A.F.I.A)	**2,176**	**15,113**
Unrestricted funds		
Subscriptions	**7,888**	**9,692**
Direct charitable expenditure		
Overseas and worldwide funds incl literacy development	**4,056**	**4,874**
Literature	**7,165**	**8,107**
Relief funds	**944**	**1,611**
Focus	**4,185**	**4,773**
Special appeal	**15,330**	**1,724**
Britain and Ireland Fund	**55**	**110**
Other Diocesan projects including Parenting	**1,888**	**2,750**
Branch and Deanery projects and other activities	**948**	**5,222**
	34,571	**29,171**
Support costs		
Salaries	**6,134**	**5,327**
Insurance	**430**	**495**
Printing, postage and stationery	**3,212**	**4,386**
Telephone	**340**	**340**
CMS License fee	**3,210**	**3,210**
All other costs	**856**	**2,092**
	14,182	**15,850**
Governance costs		
Officers' and Committee expenses	**1,030**	**3,697**
Independent examiner	**1,000**	**1,000**
	2,030	**4,697**
Total resources expended	**60,847**	**74,523**

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5 Trustees

None of the trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 6 of them were reimbursed a total of £1,030 travelling and office expenses (2019: 7 were reimbursed £3,697).

6 Fixed asset investments

	£
Market value at 1 January 2020	113,972
Disposals at cost.and valuation	-
Change in value in the year	-1,184
Market value at 31 December 2020	**112,788**
Historical cost:	
At 31 December 2020	**25,221**
At 31 December 2019	**25,221**
Barclays Wealth Unit Funds	39,698
CCLA Investment Fund Units	73,090
	112,788

7 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Gift aid claims	**2,800**	3,522
Legacies	**12,796**	-
Prepayments AFIA Holiday Grants	**2,584**	-
	18,180	3,522

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	**1,000**	1,000

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9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Movement in funds: Incoming Resources & Transfers £	Outgoing Resources & Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
"Away From It All" (AFIA)	-	5,760	(2,176)	3,584
Transfers from Unrestricted Funds	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	**-**	5,760	(2,176)	3,584

The "Away From It All" Fund is used to provide grants to families who need financial support for short holidays.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Investments	112,788	-	112,788
Current assets	35,069	3,584	38,653
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
	146,857	**3,584**	**150,441**
Unrealised gains included above:			
On investments (see below)	87,566	-	87,566
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets			
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2020	88,750	-	88,750
Realised in year	-	-	-
Decrease in market value in year	1,184	-	1,184
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2020	**87,566**	**-**	**87,566**

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11 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2020 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	**1,434**	**1,434**
Between two and five years	**2,152**	**3,586**
	3,586	**5,020**

12 Employees

During the year there was 1 part time employee

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salary costs		
Pension costs	**5,955**	**5,180**
	179	**147**
	6,134	**5,327**