

Mothers' Union
Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 December 2022

Mothers' Union - Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (249726)
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2022

Mothers' Union in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich is alive and well, energetic and vibrant! Transforming Now so that we can meet the challenges of the future, while maintaining our core values. Last year saw many funerals, but with these also came thanksgiving to God for lives well-lived and much loved: friends and family members will be sorely missed.

The Queen After the joy of celebrating our Patron Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in the summer, it was with sadness that, on behalf of our members, we acknowledged her passing.

Transformation Now The theme for this Triennium is "Transformation - Now!". Here, in our diocese, we began the process of transformation and with renewed enthusiasm and impetus started introducing new ways of doing / being Mothers' Union. Significant changes were happening.

Social Media and Technology We adapted and changed the way we used technology which enabled us to continue meeting together. Using Zoom, YouTube services, online streaming of services from MSH, Facebook, WhatsApp and other social media groups.

Communication between Mary Sumner House and the membership also changed with the introduction of a restructuring programme, updating technology, reorganising the administration and employing new staff. We too reviewed, updated and extended our database and contacts in order to reach more people and forge closer links within the diocese.

Services around the diocese We engaged with more diocesan events, attended Cathedral worship, the Vocations Fair, we served on the Diocesan Mission and Ministry team and as the Bishop's representative attended Diocesan Synod meetings.

Listening to members views through our Re-imagining coffee mornings enabled us to respond, and pledge our commitment to three specific areas in the Reimagining conversation. Our monthly newsletter name changed to reflect the new era from "Peculiar Times" to "Transformation - Now!" to represent a post-covid turning point.

Annual subscription Arrangements were updated, with the introduction of direct debit payments (as well as cheques) for annual subscriptions, thus reducing the workload of branch treasurers.

Fellowship Groups Some branches, who might otherwise have closed due to lack of people to manage the accounts and administration, have switched to become Fellowship Groups, a new format trialled this year which removes the need for branch officers and admin tasks but which allows members to continue to meet in Faith, Fun and fellowship.

Communities of Interest The previous units of Action and Outreach, Faith and Policy, Communication and Finance have been transformed in to a new concept of Communities of Interest (COI). Action and Outreach is transformed to Development COI, Faith and Policy transformed to two COIs, that of Faith COI and Policy COI, with Communication transformed to Media and PR COI.

Communities of Interest are not just about the people who take the roles of a COI Lead or officer within that COI. This new format enables all members to become part of whichever Community of Interest they wish. Whether their focus is prayer, craft work, campaigns or making Mothers' Union visible. We urgently need someone to help us with Publicity and Communication and Prison work.

Strategy We continued with our ABC strategy (AFIA, Befriending and Clewer, the partnership with Mothers' Union to address issues of modern day slavery.

Mothers' Union events With the lifting of covid restrictions, I had the opportunity to attend many happy and social events such a Fellowship Group Pancake Party, a Strawberry Tea and a Garden Party, along with several other occasions speaking at branch meetings, being interviewed on Mothering Sunday by Radio Suffolk, and twice being invited to talk about the work of Mothers' Union within the context of church services.

On two occasions I was delighted to support new young clergy at their licencing services. It was also a joy to be able to attend Area events like the North Suffolk Quiet Day, the I-Chameleon fund-raising shop in Halesworth, and Ipswich Area Coffee Mornings.

Thank you We thank God for all those who have contributed much to Mothers' Union in our diocese during 2022, and in particular are grateful to the members of our Trustee Board - for Jeanette, Sandra, Sue and Val who have continued into a second term of office; for our Officers and Community of Interest leads, website and MUE sales, and for Catherine's spiritual input in her first year as our Chaplain.

And we thank God for the support of our Bishops, senior staff in the diocese, clergy (local and otherwise), readers and lay elders.

We also thank those who are "unseen" such as Alan Forsdike in supporting Catherine, and Keith Foulds who so often plays the organ for us at our special services, the staff at the Salvation Army HQ and our printers. But special thanks as always must go to Beryl for everything she does on our behalf in her admin role, and for all those who work with her behind-the-scenes.

Linda Ginn
Diocesan President
16th March 2023

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Diocesan Receipts Account for year ending 31st December 2022

	Total Funds £	MSH Unrestricted Funds £	MSH Designated Funds £	Diocesan Unrestricted Funds £	Diocesan Designated Funds £
For Mary Sumner House (MSH)					
Literacy & Financial Education (Designated)	925		925		
Britain & Ireland Development (Designated)	630		630		
Overseas Relief Work (Designated)	912		912		
Overseas Development (Designated)	1,040		1,040		
Provident Fund (Designated)	495		495		
Mothers' Day Appeal	0	0			
Summer of Hope Appeal	1,049	1,049			
Christmas Appeal	90	90			
Subscriptions 2023	6,741	6,741			
Subscriptions 2022	7,026	7,026			
Subscriptions 2021	100	100			
Subscriptions 2020	15	15			
General Funds	407	407			
Sub Total	19,430	15,428	4,002		

For Diocesan MU

Easy Funding for AFIA	166				166
AFIA	209				209
Womens' Refuge	40				40
Prisoners' Cards	211				211
Indoor Members	400				400
Diocesan Members	220				220
Over 90 Members	100				100
Ipswich Area	590				590
North Suffolk Area (NSA)	1,615				1,615
Gift Aid	0			0	
Subscription 2023	1,124			1,124	
Subscriptions 2022	1,055			1,055	
Subscriptions 2021	16			16	
Subscriptions 2020	7			7	
Donations	0			0	
General Fund	1,486			1,486	
Church Services	239			239	
Interest	333			333	
Sundries	143			143	
MUe Dividend	889			889	
Sub Total	8,843			5,292	3,551

Sub Total MSH and Diocese	28,273
Deduct receipts from Branches (page 5)	18,013
Sub Total	10,260
Petty Cash Receipts	0
Branch Receipts (page 5)	19,587
MUe Sales	9,945
Grand Total	39,792

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Diocese Payments Account for year ending 31st December 2022

	Total Funds £	MSH Unrestricted Funds £	MSH Designated Funds £	Diocesan Unrestricted Funds £	Diocesan Designated Funds £
To Mary Sumner House (MSH)					
Literacy & Financial Education (Designated)	925		925		
Britain & Ireland Development (Designated)	530		530		
Overseas Relief Work (Designated)	767		767		
Overseas Development (Designated)	710		710		
Provident Fund (Designated)	300		300		
Mothers' Day Appeal	0	0			
Summer of Hope Appeal	1,049	1,049			
Christmas Appeal	0	0			
Subscriptions 2023	3,129	3,129			
Subscriptions 2022	6,986	6,986			
Subscriptions 2021	100	100			
Subscriptions 2020	15	15			
General Funds	407	407			
Sub Total	14,918	11,686	3,232		

Diocesan Payments

Easy Funding for AFIA	0				0
AFIA	797				797
Womens' Refuge	0				0
Prisoners' Cards	204				204
Indoor Members	592				592
Diocesan Members	299				299
Over 90s Members	66				66
Ipswich Area	670				670
North Suffolk Area	1,517				1,517
Gift Aid	0			0	
Keith Foulds Retirement Gift	61			61	
General Fund	100			100	
Trustees / Officers Expenses	253			253	
Conferences	317			317	
Hire of Halls	120			120	
DBS Checks	206			206	
Insurance	450			450	
Postage	19			19	
Printing & Stationery	182			182	
Purchase of Leaflets	13			13	
Website	42			42	
Zoom Subscription	144			144	
Bank Charge	96			96	
Sundries	665			665	
MUe Dividend	0			0	
Transfer to Designated Funds from General Fund	500			500	
Sub Total	7,313			3,168	4,145

Sub Total 22,231

Petty Cash Payments 0
Branch Payments (page 5) 4,747
MUe Purchases 9,714

Grand Total **36,692**

Note: The branch payments exclude members' subscriptions and donations which are accounted for in the above analysis

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Branch & Deanery Summary to 31 December 2022

	£			
Receipts				
Members' Subscriptions	9,650			
Refreshments	1,798			
Collections	1,306			
Fundraising	3,864			
Donations	1,333			
MUe Materials	167			
Outings	445			
Other income	1,024			
Total Receipts	<u>19,587</u>			
		Payments to Diocese	Payments by Branches	
		£	£	
Payments to Diocese Accounts				
Members' Subscriptions		12,700		
Donations		5,313		
Payments by Branch or Deanery				
Mue Materials			394	
MSH (paid direct)			382	
Speaker Expenses			616	
Postage & Stationery			187	
Hall Hire			747	
Refreshments			296	
Outings			593	
Other expenses			1,532	
Total Payments	<u>22,760</u>	<u>18,013</u>	<u>4,747</u>	
Net Payments	3,173			

FUND MOVEMENT SUMMARY

Monetary Resources at 1 January 2022 (Held by 32 Branches & 1 Deanery)	12,736
Net Payments	3,173
Monetary Resources at 31 December 2022 (Held by 28 Branches & 1 Deanery)	<u>9,563</u>

Note: During 2022 Ipswich St Augustines branch closed (some members transferred to Rushmere St Andrews branch) & Mildenhall branch closed. Clare & Hoxne branches became Fellowship Groups.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

	£
Diocesan Fund Balances at 31 December 2022	43,937
Branch & Deanery Balances at 31 December 2022	9,563
MU Enterprises Assets at 31 December 2022	<u>5,296</u>

Consolidated Balances	<u><u>58,796</u></u>
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Represented by:

CBF Church of England Investment Fund	9,124
CBF Church of England Deposit Account	4,647
CAF Bank Current Account	15,202
CAF Bank Gold Saver Account	14,902
Petty Cash	62
Held by Branches & Deanery	9,563
MU Enterprises Stock & Bank Balance	<u>5,296</u>

Consolidated Balances	<u><u>58,796</u></u>
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Liabilities to Mary Sumner House at 31 December 2022

Subscriptions	3,652
Donations	<u>861</u>

Total	<u><u>4,513</u></u>
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Literature Account (MU Enterprises)

Stock at 31 December 2022	4,187
Bank Balance	1,109
Cash	<u>0</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>5,296</u></u>
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Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on
17th October 2023

Linda Ginn
Diocesan President & Chair of Trustees

MOTHERS' UNION – DIOCESE OF ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mothers' Union – Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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.

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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statements

I have completed my examination and 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.

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.

DJ Franklin
Chartered Accountant

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18 October 2023