

Diocese of Southwark Mothers' Union

Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2021

Vision

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling.

Mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We can do this through supporting strong relationships within the family and promoting reconciliation at all levels.

Values

We are firmly rooted in voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration. Our governance, leadership and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide. We are inclusive and work with people of all faiths and none.

Aim

The Aim of the Mothers' Union is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In particular we aim to:

- uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding;
- encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church;
- maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians, united in prayer, worship and service;
- promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children;
- help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Objectives and Activities

Together with members across the world, our objectives are:

- **Strengthen** communities all over the world
- **Help** the most disadvantaged at home
- **Shape** how we advocate for the rights of families
- **Build** supportive, loving relationships
- **Develop** our own relationship with God.

Achievements & Challenges

The MU theme in 2021 has been ***Rebuilding hope and confidence***: To consider how we might achieve this and to support us for the next three years the Trustees agreed to develop a strategy for the Mothers' Union in Southwark. This strategy has been to help us to respond more effectively to our Aim and Objects and focuses on how we might flourish together.

Strengthening communities all over the world

The Mothers' Union across Southwark continues to be active in raising funds for community development, emergency relief and support for the MU worldwide.

In spite of the challenges facing local branches a significant number of members were involved in fundraising for:

- ***Summer of Hope appeal***: A number of members braved the parks and paths locally by taking part in either a 5 km or 4 1.25 km walks during August (Horley, Grove Park, St Mark's Surbiton). Collections and other fundraising activities also took place in other branches (Catford St John's, St Barnabas Sutton, St Dunstan's Cheam, St Mark's Surbiton, Belmont St John's, Christ Church Purley)
- ***Away from it All (AFIA)***: Many branches established creative ways of raising significant sums including: Raffles (St Mildred's Addiscombe); selling Christmas puddings (Sutton St Nicholas); selling crafted Christmas cards (Grove Park), Bring and Buy and craft sales (Mortlake with East Sheen, St John's Catford, Mitcham Parish Church, St Barnabas Sutton) and cream teas & coffee mornings (Old Coulsdon).
- ***Make a Mother's Day Project***: Supported with donations on Mothering Sunday (eg St Mildred's Addiscombe)

Helping the most disadvantaged at home

Across the Diocese a number of MU funded projects are supported as well as those initiated by local branches:

Away from it All

Each of these holidays supported families with really significant needs, thanks are given for all who continue to fundraise for this important offering. Compared to last year, 2021 has been a good year for holidays. We sent 11 families away to Combe Haven's caravan park at St Leonard's on Sea, East Sussex. Most of them had a week there, with 2 families having 4-night holidays in the October half term.

We had also supported a special school in South London where the children have profound disabilities and complex needs, by paying for 2 children to attend the holiday play scheme in the October half term. The money was used to fund 1 on 1 care during the week.

In total we sent 27 adults and 31 children away; with the 2 children supported at the school, this totalled 60 people who benefited from AFIA. The cost of the holidays in the summer had risen considerably from the previous years; the average cost for a week being £1400, compared with £800-£900 in 2019.

Being on a holiday is seen as a good learning opportunity and good for the family's mental wellbeing. It also enables the children to build vocabulary and enables them to discuss different experiences.

Thank you,
Mothers' Union,
it had been the
experience of a
lifetime

Some of the situations, families who had AFIA holidays were dealing with included:

- A child with sickle cell
- Families who suffer from poor living conditions
- Death of a sister in childbirth
- 2 children with autism (characterised by sensory needs, communication and interaction difficulties)
- Families facing difficulties in dealing with lockdown
- A single mum, with very limited means and no support from the father.
- Mum with depression and anxiety and the daughter with anxiety

Supporting families of those in Prison: After the small Easter packs were posted to children other envelope packs were given to children after visits as there is no play area. Also, a Boredom Buster magazine for the prisoners which Officers had to print and distribute. Jan Gosling had a small input in both these initiatives. With regards to the envelope packs Jan was able to contribute several items and was happy to purchase them as it made her feel part of the team. As the year progressed longer visits were allowed subject to lateral flow tests and take-home packs – 1 per child each month were provided.

Communicating English: In May the Thursday afternoon group at St Augustine's reopened, helping men, women and teenagers. Young children were not permitted to maintain social distancing and complying with other Covid regulations. Having closed through August Cynthia met with refugees in the local park. Two families joined in their walks so Cynthia and a friend offered to take them to visit London. They had a brilliant day and to begin the trip they visited Southwark Cathedral and Comfort was there! A lovely moment - especially as one family was from Nigeria.

The group at St. Augustine's South Croydon. It is now called Tea and Talk and is open to all refugees and asylum seekers - men, women and children. The emphasis is on 'friendship and support' with learning English. Some members of the group have been attending a monthly mid-week communion service followed by lunch at Christ Church Purley. The MU at Christ Church were also involved in supporting practically and financially a Christmas lunch for 30 refugees in December. This could be the start of something more.

Sadly, the refugees keep coming and many families have been contained in one room unable to mix with others. Prisoners and refugees have been particularly isolated this past year. The MU continues to remember all those in need in our prayers. Cynthia continues to offer support to other branches considering action in their area.

Advocate for the rights of families

Gender-Based Violence: Each year the MU engages in the global campaign - 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. In 2021 in response to the Diocesan strategy. A small team from the Diocese facilitated a 'No More 1 in 3' workshop on 25 November to which all were invited whether MU members or not.

With the focus on "Home is the unsafest place for a woman to be" 65 participants assembled on Zoom to hear a range of speakers including Mandy Marshall Director for Gender Justice at the Anglican Communion, Bekah Legg, CEO Restored, and several MU members. Lots of useful information was shared which showed what is being done in the UK and internationally and how we can all help in even a small way. What could have been a very harrowing evening turned out to be a positive experience and we all went away feeling inspired to get involved.

A recording of the event was circulated to those who were unable to attend and links made with attendees who wanted to learn more about the work of the MU.

Other associated events that took place during the year included:

- A talk from 'Justice in Fashion' which challenged all of us to think carefully about where we buy our clothes and how much of the industry is held together through modern day slavery (Caterham).
- A presentation by Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus and the work they were doing to raise awareness about modern day slavery – here and now in our communities. This was open to MU and non-MU members across the Tandridge Deanery.
- Six members in Horley handing out leaflets in the town before sharing a brief time of worship leading into the 3 minutes silence for 'No More 3 in 1'.
- Prayer and reflection: holding services and leading the intercessions in Sunday services (Croydon Deanery, Christ Church Purley, St Augustine's Grove Park, Caterham St John's).

Supporting local women in need: As a Diocese the MU is connected to a number of women's refuges where members facilitate the collection and delivery of gifts and essential items throughout the year. These items range from toys and books, clothing and toiletries as well as nappies, sanitary equipment, make up and a wide range of gifts.

- In St Mildred's, Addiscombe two members sorted through more than 700 items, donated from across the community, supporting more than 50 families facing very stressful situations.
- In Horley 30 members supported 11 women and 25 children in the refuges in Redhill with more than 130 items including gift sets for Christmas for children to give to their mothers. By connecting this project across the parish, the MU were able to raise awareness of the permanent and increasing effect of domestic abuse and at the same time support women in need and their children. A new venture to raise the profile of MU has been to give 'Mum & Baby Baskets' to new mums



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- Across Sutton Deanery the MU collected towels, bedding and household goods which completely filled 2 cars, for the local women's refuge and the many families they support in the local community. This included the collection and delivery of crockery, bedding and kitchenware for those moving out of the refuge as well as a Christmas tree (donated by Homebase) along with Christmas treats and decorations.

Building supportive, loving relationships

Nurturing membership: The main focus for many Branches in 2021 has been to continue to nurture its membership at a time when many felt incredibly vulnerable. The increasing use of technology has been seen as a vital lifeline for local groups to keep in touch. This has been facilitated through the use of Zoom, WhatsApp groups and email as well as the telephone.

However, for those members without access to technology significant work has been done to reduce their risk of isolation through the use of phone calls and access to printed material. Members have demonstrated love and care by keeping these individuals connected as well as offering practical support when particularly older members have been self-isolating.

Where members have been able to meet in fellowship meetings have included a wide range of topics, both spiritual (personal vocations, features of the church, personal reflections, Creation, World Day of Prayer) and personal passions (music, craft activities). Some have been about the work of the MU (AFIA, Parenting, Tea @3) and also some which connect the MU with the work of others in the church (charitable projects overseas). On other occasions members have met face to face to rekindle relationships at a variety of social events.



Supporting the vulnerable: The MU members have continued to support those suffering from or caring for people in the community.

This has included links to those in hospital, care homes or house bound. Sadly, the successful project known as Tea @ 3 at the Evelina Children's Hospital (based at St Thomas' Hospital) is still on hold as a result of the pandemic however much has still been achieved:

- **Care for the housebound and elderly:** Reaching out to all who feel vulnerable has been an essential part of the MU's work this has included
 - visiting members of the congregation and supported neighbours through lockdown (Grove Park, St Barnabas Sutton, Caterham, St James Malden)
 - providing gifts of flowers and cards delivered to members to encourage and cheer them up particularly when isolating (Old Coulsdon)
 - Delivering prescriptions for local residents (St Dunstan's Cheam)
- **Gifts for premature babies, hospital and care homes:** With skills being demonstrated in the diocese, members have been busy this year. Here are some examples of the contributions made:
 - 60 knitted prayer squares and 21 pairs of knitted hearts for patients and staff of local hospital and residential homes as a way of supporting strangers (Horley)
 - Providing 20 toiletry bags for use at the hospital for those coming in as emergency admissions helping those who are experiencing a traumatic time in their lives (Horley)
 - Fiddle sleeves for the residents of a local care home (e.g., Horley, Gipsy Hill)
 - Blanket squares for baby blankets and Cardigans for premature babies (e.g., St Barnabas Sutton, St John's Old Malden)

As part of the wider church mission MU branches have also been involved in supporting

- **Food banks:** Members both individually and as part of wider church collections support food banks (St Matthews Redhill, St Mark's Surbiton, Gipsy Hill)
- Also donating items to **South Norwood Kitchen** following a plea for food/ essentials boxes (Riddlesdown)

Engaging with families locally: Branch members also continue to engage with local families leading and participating in a range of spiritual, social and practical activities along with their church communities. This includes:

- **School children:** Members in Horley distributing hand crafted wooden prayer crosses and a card to 35 Year 6 pupils as they left primary school
- **Baptism support:** This takes place in many forms with members involved in services and providing flowers for the parents, cards for Dads, bible stories and prayer books, anniversary cards (Old Coulsdon, Caterham, Sutton St Barnabas, St James Malden, St Matthew's Redhill, St John's Old Malden, St Mark's Surbiton)



- ***Children in church:*** Providing books and book bags with colouring materials for small children attending services (Old Coulsdon). Helping with Junior Church, Mum's and Toddler groups and reading bible stories to young children during the main service (St Barnabas Sutton, St Matthew's Redhill, Caterham St John's, St Mark's Surbiton). 200 Christmas Angels with a biblical greeting and created and wrapped by the MU and craft group given as outreach to children and parents at the Toddler Group, Christingle and Carol Service (Sanderstead)
- ***Mothering Sunday:*** Being part of the Mothering Sunday celebrations providing cards and flowers for distribution (e.g., Grove Park, Caterham, St Mildred's Addiscombe, Gipsy Hill)
- ***Caring for others:*** Loaves and fishes lunch club, Wedding cards to couples married in church (St Dunstan's Cheam), Magnolia Club supporting people with dementia and their carers (Gipsy Hill)

Developing our own relationship with God

Throughout the year the Mothers' Union in Southwark has continued to witness in prayer and worship, although to begin with branches were still connecting online. As the year progressed more opportunities to meet in worship became face to face.

Diocesan events and activities

- Monthly Cathedral prayers as well as area and deanery mid-day prayers supported online through zoom with contributions from members across the diocese.
- Diocesan retreat at Wychcroft
- A well-attended Diocesan Advent service held at St Mildred's in Addiscombe
- Wave of prayer circulated and shared amongst all members
- Annual festival service in October at the Cathedral

Area and Deanery events

- Twice monthly – moving to monthly gathering of branch members for midday prayers and discussion with an open invitation to those in the Reigate area, providing links with those who are isolated as well as raising awareness so the work of the MU worldwide
- Deanery Lady Day services and prayers for 16 days of activism

Branch engagement

- Regular emails that keep members connected through prayer, the use of the MU prayer diary, the wave of prayer and local members (e.g. Old Coulsdon)
- Corporate communion services in local churches supported actively by local MU members (e.g. Old Coulsdon, Caterham)

- Coulsdon, St John the Evangelist held monthly corporate communion and monthly “Pray, Knit and Chat”
- Participating in Thy Kingdom Come (following the Novena service, Leading Prayer walks)
- Celebrating Mary Sumner day – leading the service, readings and intercessions, (e.g., Tadworth, Caterham)
- Monthly prayer meetings now in person (Redhill Holy Trinity)
- Meetings focused on spiritual readings reflections and poetry (St Mildred’s Addiscombe)
- Prayers by Candlelight to reflect and pray for children, grandchildren and families in general at the start of the school year.



Moving forward in 2022

The 2021 theme of Re-building hope and confidence has shown how members have been rebuilding connections activities and reaching out to others in need. In recognition that the effects of COVID-19 will continue to be felt across the world for years to come the MU seek in 2022 to now help us to move forward with ***Transformation – Now***. In line with the Diocesan strategy ***Flourishing Together*** members are called to transform the MU in Southwark so it is recognised as an integral, relevant and visible part of the Church of England’s Mission for Prayer, Action and Outreach.

In doing so conversations are happening across the diocese to help members:

- Build confidence in promoting the MU as a Christian organisation focused on faith in action.
- Demonstrate the impact that the MU has in responding to social injustice in families
- Continuing to work alongside church leaders and partner organisations in delivering local ministry and mission
- Playing a part in the wider church structure (PCC/ Deanery synod etc)
- Establish strong governance and build membership.

Safeguarding

As an organisation concerned with Christian principles and ministry in family life, the nurture and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of Mothers’ Union. Both individually as members and collectively as an organisation, Mothers’ Union fulfils its duty to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, doing everything possible to ensure that they are safe when involved in Mothers’ Union activities.

Safeguarding policies and practices issued by the Anglican Church, and the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) charter for the safety of people within the churches of the Anglican Communion are used as the basis for the MU in Southwark. In line with the duties of the Board the trustees have

- reviewed safeguarding policies and procedures at the first meeting of the year
- nominated a member to have an overview of the safeguarding aspects of the Mothers' Union activities across the diocese (Susan Gibbin)
- reviewed the roles in Mothers' Union and ensure that recruitment is in line with good safeguarding practice.

As well as ensuring Trustees are aware of policy and practice, guidance continues to be shared with all members to help establish strong practice at a local level. Strong links are encouraged with local Parish Safeguarding officers and training is made available through the Church of England and Southwark Diocesan Safeguarding teams:

- <http://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-events/>
- <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding/training>

Data Protection

As an organisation the Diocese of Southwark Mothers' Union takes its duties under the relevant Data protection legislation seriously. Its actions are guided by Diocesan policy and advice from Mary Sumner House. Work is underway to ensure access to privacy notices are available through the web site and in hardcopy. Guidance to role holders has been circulated along with consent forms to be used in line with Diocesan and Central MU advice. The Trustees have made it a priority to maintain good Information Governance practice and provide support to all those responsible for holding personal data.

Financial Review 2021

Under the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees have prepared a statement of accounts for 2021 which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Mothers' Union Southwark Diocese. Full details can be found in the Annual Accounts.

Accounting Policies: The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law.

Financial performance – General and unrestricted funds: General Funds represent the funds of the Trustees that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Trustees. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Trustees are also unrestricted. In 2021, £15,000 within the General Funds was held in the designated contingency fund.

In 2021 total income into unrestricted funds was £23,002. Of this income £27,799 was spent from unrestricted funds to support the administration and mission of the Southwark Diocesan Mothers' Union. The net result however for the year was an excess of expenditure over income of £4,797 on unrestricted funds. This was managed through the use of reserves which totalled £45,090 at the beginning of 2021. Unrestricted funds totalling £55,372 were carried forward at 31st December 2020.

Financial performance - Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

There were restricted donations totalling £37,395 in the year (this includes money sent to MSH which contributes to the leadership, administration and mission of MU worldwide). These are given to support all the various Diocesan and Mothers' Union Central funds (these are set out in the accounts). The total balance of restricted funds at 31st December was £20,707

Receipts: Collections, subscriptions, donations and interest are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Funds raised through any other sources, including through sales of literature purchased from Mothers' Union Enterprises (MUe) are accounted for gross.

Payments: Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Reserves Policy: Reserves are defined as income that becomes available and which is to be expended at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their objects, but which has not yet been spent, committed or designated. The Trustees recognise the need to hold reserves to allow protection of the core activities in the event of income shortfalls and to promote balanced strategic planning. Through prudent housekeeping over a number of years, the reserves have been built up to the current level and include a legacy of £26,989 received in 2016.

The Trustee Board budgets and plans its expenditure and intends to maintain reserves that will protect the Charity against income shortfalls. A sum of £15,000 has also been set aside in a designated fund to rent and equip a Diocesan Mothers' Union Office should the present premises become unavailable, and to cover the secretary's salary for 6 months in an emergency.

Investment Policy: The Trustees continue to invest in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.

Communication

The Southwark Mothers' Union continues to use a range of tools for communicating with its members and the wider community.

This includes our allocated space on the Southwark ***Diocesan website*** where information about the organisation, services, the wave of prayer and projects and publications are posted.

<https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/faith-in-action/mothers-union/> .

There has been a steady flow of visitors however we are unable to offer a facility for people to ask questions (other than by 'contact us) or add comment. During the year we had about 250 visits to the page with the basic information being the most popular.

There has also been an active use of **Twitter** https://twitter.com/MU_Southwark . There have been 673 tweets, 97 followers - both figures have been rising steadily with 3,255 visits to our page.

The **Facebook** page has been very successful - sharing information from the wider MU community - nationally and internationally - as well as events and activities within branches and the Diocese.

<https://www.facebook.com/MothersUnionSouthwarkDiocese>

During the year There has been a steady flow of readers with a good proportion using the info in some way – liking, commenting or sharing - Project news is particularly popular as well as ‘issues.’ We have 299 followers and a reach of about 1100.

Although early days we have been looking at who we can post our own content on **YouTube**. Access to the workshop held in November last year as part of the no more 3in1 campaign can currently be found on this platform.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOiZMZeFsknxv4Z8n2GTACA>

Thanks to Margaret Simmons for all she does to keep us connected and online.



Leadership and Governance

Leadership

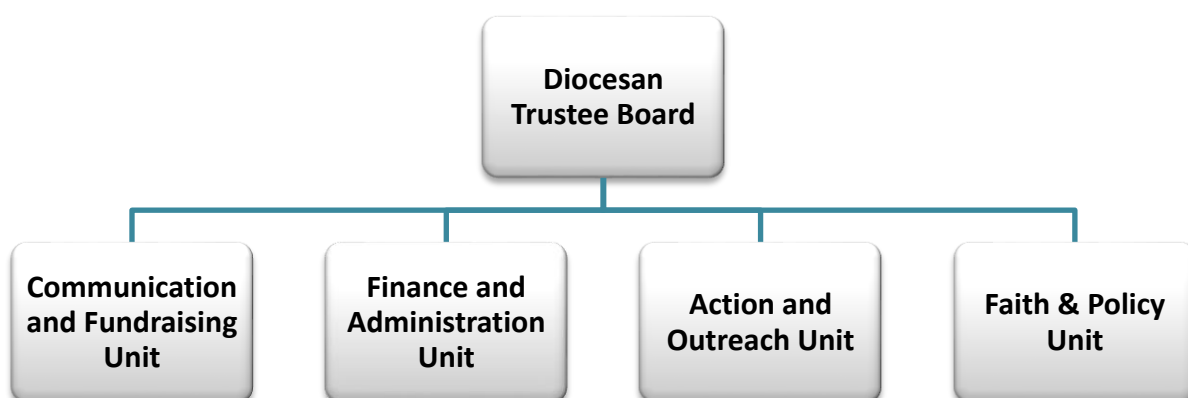
The affairs of the Mothers' Union in the diocese are managed by the Board of Trustees. Under the Diocesan Constitution and Handbook, revised 2005 and regularly reviewed, the Trustees are elected on a triennial basis. The Trustee Board have been in office since 1 January 2019 and from January 2022 will have either stood down or been nominated for election for a further three years. Thanks are given to all those who have given so much of their time and energy to the organisation.

All subscribing members of the MU in the diocese are entitled to vote for the Diocesan President and Unit Co-ordinators; members from each geographical Area vote for their own Vice President and two area representatives on the Trustee Board. To date no election has been held due to a lack of candidates.

The Honorary Treasurer, appointed by the Trustees continues to keep a close eye on the MU's financial governance. Jean Cartwright is thanked for her continued service. In addition to those trustees that represent the branches within the diocese and those that hold unit lead roles there is an opportunity to appoint three additional members on the Board. These individuals are co-opted onto the Trustee Board for the triennial because of their specific skills.

In 2021 there were no additional co-opted members on the Board. The Diocesan Chaplain (Rev'd Esther Foss) is appointed after consultation between the Diocesan Bishop and the Southwark MU President. Also appointed by the Trustee Board are a number of officers listed in Annex 1. The Trustees also employ a part-time secretary, who manages the office and provides administrative support for the Trustee Board.

Governance



The Trustee Board met four times in 2021 and the Council twice (in addition to the AGM for 2021). During these times meetings continued to be held mainly on zoom however the Council meeting in October was held in hybrid form. Thanks to all those who helped manage the technology.

Within the Southwark Diocesan Mothers' Union, the work of the four units continue to report to the Trustee Board and to Diocesan Council, coordinating diocesan activity and advising on policy and performance.

In addition, The Mothers' Union (Southwark Diocese) Vice presidents and area representatives of the four geographical areas (Croydon, Kingston, Reigate and Woolwich) continued to link with their deaneries and branches (in line with the Church of England parish and synod structures). The challenges of maintaining branches continues to be a challenge as members seek to keep connections and encourage membership to look a new at how they operate.

As well as routine monitoring of activities and financial performance the Trustees also:

- Approved the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy which was presented at the March Council meeting with a facilitated discussion and bible reflection led by the MU Chaplain Esther Foss.
- Launched a three-year strategy for the Southwark MU titled 'Flourishing together'. This was shared widely at Branch leaders' meetings and the Diocesan council in October. A number of initiatives have already been implemented including a closer connection with the Diocesan ministry matters programme (3in1 workshop in November) and an annual planner to guide Branches in their programme planning.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is arranged for July at which meeting the Annual Report and Accounts will be presented to the membership. The AGM is open to all members although voting rights at Diocesan Council are restricted.

Membership / Volunteers

In 2021, there were 56 branches in the Diocese to which 987 branch members belong, in addition to 50 diocesan members, a total of 1037. Numbers of members and branches are sadly falling and a number of initiatives have been taken to widen the membership with some success across the Diocese.

There have also been a number of people who have celebrated significant anniversaries as part of the MU (Margaret Munt and Jeane Dunsford – 60 years)

Indoor Members are also well supported by local Branches as well as the additional support of the Diocesan Indoor member correspondent Olu Akitoye. In 2021, 1 new member was added to the list, 7 sadly passed away and 2 moved out of the diocese.



Member training and development

During 2021 branches continued to be supported with information, policies and presentations at Council meetings. In *March (Equality Diversity and Inclusion)* and *October (Strategy)* council meetings

Branch leader meetings are now well established with the Diocesan President however more formal training events to support officers were not possible in 2021. It is proposed that moving forward these could be facilitated through online training sessions and events organised on an area basis

In some areas of the Diocese, branches highlighted significant difficulties in securing leadership capacity to develop and grow their membership. Supporting these areas will be a high priority in the coming year as restrictions start to lift.

Members were also kept in contact through the newsletter which went online as well as resources and programmes of activity through the active work of the communications lead, cascaded down through VPs and area representatives.

Feedback from local Branches

The engagement of members at branch, deanery and area level is evident through regular reports to trustees as well as in the wide-ranging feedback within this report. Although many branches would normally hold monthly or quarterly meetings, and events throughout the year, many of these have not been possible. Nevertheless, this report provides evidence of the hard work members have continued to do to find ways to offer fellowship and wider community engagement as well as prayer and learning.

Each initiative has been part of our Aim, Purpose and Mission and leaves a lasting legacy on families here in the Diocese and worldwide. The Trustees are proud of the achievements of Southwark Mothers' Union members who offer friendship, care and love to many families within the Diocese and throughout the world.

Administrative Information

The Mothers' Union Southwark Diocese is under the patronage and sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese. It is affiliated to its parent charity, The Mothers' Union (Reg. Charity No. 240531, headquarters at Mary Sumner House, Westminster), but is an autonomous organisation.

Registered office:

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Trustee Board members are appointed for three years from 1 January 2019. A list of Trustees and other officers can be found in Annex 1.

Report Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 20th June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Comfort Idowu-Fearon
Diocesan President (Southwark MU)

Annex 1

List of Trustees and officers

Trustees (appointed from 1 January 2019)

Diocesan President	Comfort Idowu-Fearon
Vice President for Croydon	Sally Steele
Vice Presidents for Woolwich	Jennifer Davis & Catherine Hall
Vice President for Reigate	Penny Lohead
Vice President for Kingston	Wendy Moss
Fundraising and Communications Unit Coordinator	Penny Lohead & Margaret Simmons
Finance and Administration Unit Coordinator	Joy Morrall
Faith and Policy Unit Coordinator	Cathy Brown (from June 2019)
Croydon Area Representatives	Olu Akitoye & Cathy Brown
Woolwich Area Representatives (2019 & 2020)	Althea Smith & Grace Adeoye
Reigate Area Representatives	Jennifer Kempself & Susan Gibbin
Kingston Area Representatives	Eastlyne Douglin & Vacancy

Attendees (non-voting)

Hon Treasurer	Jean Cartwright
Diocesan Secretary	Anne Love
Chaplain	Revd Esther Foss
Diocesan Safeguarding lead (co-opted)	Susan Gibbin (Also Trustee)

Other Officers

Away From It All (AFIA) Coordinator	Sally Steele
Action and Outreach Unit Coordinator	Cynthia Smith
Newsletter Editor	Val Green
Training Officer	Francesca Turner
Indoor Member Coordinator	Olu Akitoye
Gift Aid coordinator	Ann Squirrell



Mothers' Union Southwark Diocese
Registered Charity Number 249815

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending
31 December 2021

Prepared by Jean Cartwright, Hon Diocesan Treasurer

Examined by Anthony J Kett, FCA

Mothers' Union Southwark Diocese - Registered Charity Number 249815
Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 2021

Balance Sheet

2020		2021	
	Fixed Assets		N/A
	Current Assets		
77,000	CBF Deposit	62,000	
8,126	Current Bank Account	13,307	
676	High Interest Savings	676	
25	Cash in Hand	25	
79	MUE Stock	69	
0	Debtors	0	
10,800	Branch funds	11,602	
96,706	Total Assets		87,680
	Current Liabilities		
0.00	Current Liabilities	0.00	
(438)	Barclaycard	0.00	
(438)	Total Liabilities		0
97,144	Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		87,680
	Capital & Reserves		
105,245	Retained Balances	97,144	
(8,101)	Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year	(9,464)	
97,144	Retained Capital & Reserves		87,680

Mothers' Union Southwark Diocese Accounts 2021

Consolidated Fund Receipts

2020		Unrestricted Funds	Diocesan Restricted	MSH Restricted	Total
	MSH Fund Receipts				28,125
16,958	Subscriptions			20,688	
970	Overseas Fund (f)			1,358	
1,661	Relief Fund (f)			997	
65	B&I Development Fund (f)			10	
0	Fabric Fund (f)			0	
506	MSH Projects (g)			3,800	
3,371	MSH General Fund (f)			1,272	
	Diocesan Fund Receipts				9,270
7,239	AFIA (a)		9,215		
0	Choir		0		
304	SCIP (b)		55		
0	Indoor Members (c)		0		
40	Overseas V&V (d)		0		
0	Closed branches (e)		0		
	Unrestricted Fund Receipts				
12,038	Diocesan Subscriptions	10,371			10,371
2,746	Diocesan Donations	1,138			1,138
5,274	Tax Recovered - Gift Aid	2,962			2,962
993	Turnover Related Grant	753			753
	Receipts from Sales				
172	General	10			10
3,507	MUE Literature	3,793			3,793
	Activities				
179	Festival Services	803			803
0	Retreat	3,060			3,060
20	Refreshments	37			37
0	General	0			0
	Other Receipts				
4	Sundry	0			0
0	Gifts	0			0
0	Special Events	0			0
	Investment Income				
1	High Interest Savings Account	0			0
460	CBF Deposit Account	76			76
56,506	Total Receipts	23,002	9,270	28,125	60,397

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Consolidated Fund Payments

2020		Unrestricted Funds	Diocesan Restricted	MSH Restricted	Total
	Payments to Mary Sumner House				28,125
16,958	Subscriptions			20,688	
970	Overseas Fund (f)			1,358	
1,661	Relief Fund (f)			997	
65	B&I Development Fund (f)			10	
0	Fabric Fund (f)			0	
506	MSH Projects (g)			3,800	
3,371	MSH General Fund (f)			1,272	
	Diocesan Grant Making				14,739
3,907	AFIA (a)		14,720		
0	SCIP (b)		0		
37	Indoor Members (c)		18		
0	Overseas V&V (e)		0		
0	Choir		0		
295	Closed Branches (d)		0		
	Diocesan Fund Payment to				
10,100	MSH Emergency Appeal (i)				
	Trustees and Units				
134	Trustees' Costs	76			76
0	Trustees - Unit Travel	17			17
	Activities				
500	Activities - General	75			75
15	Activities - Festival Services	542			542
9	Activities - Retreats	3,320			3,320
153	Activities - Unit Conferences	250			250
7	Activities - Refreshments	19			19
0	Activities - Speakers' Expenses	0			0
0	Activities - Communicating English	0			0
(3)	Stock adjustment	10			10
	Total Payments				47,172
	Purchases				
520	Purchases - Southwark News	0			0
3,620	Purchases - MUE Literature	4,020			4,020
144	Purchases - General	351			351
	Total Purchases				4,371
	Other Payments				
12,807	Secretary's Salary	13,425			13,425
636	Office Admin and Payroll Services	446			446
31	Secretary's Expenses	10			10
430	Insurance	0			0
5,074	Rent	5,175			5,175
50	Gifts	50			50
0	Sundry Costs	0			0
0	Bank Charges	14			14
	Total Overheads				19,121
61,998	Total Payments	27,799	14,739	28,125	70,663

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Analysed Summary of Fund Movements in Year

	Balances 31/12/2020	Receipts 2021	Payments 2021	Net Income/ (Expenditure) in Year	Balances 31/12/2021
Restricted Funds					
Diocesan Funds					
Away from it All (a)	16,208	9,215	14,720	(5,505)	10,702
Diocesan Choir	83	0	0	0	83
SCIP (b)	3,135	55	0	55	3,190
Indoor Members (c)	1,718	0	18	(18)	1,700
Closed Branches (d)	286	0	0	0	286
Overseas V&V (e)	4,746	0	0	0	4,746
Total Diocesan Funds	26,175	9,270	14,739	(5,469)	20,707
Mary Sumner House Funds					
Central Subscriptions	0	20,688	20,688	0	0
MSH Overseas (f)	0	1,358	1,358	0	0
MSH Relief (f)	0	997	997	0	0
MSH B&I Dev (f)	0	10	10	0	0
MSH Fabric (f)	0	0	0	0	0
MSH Projects (g)	0	3,800	3,800	0	0
MSH General (f)	0	1,272	1,272	0	0
Total MSH Funds	0	28,125	28,125	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	26,175	37,395	42,864	(5,469)	20,707
General Diocesan Funds	45,090				40,303
Stock	79				69
Current Liabilities	0				0
Contingency (h)	15,000				15,000
Total General Funds	60,169	23,002	27,799	(4,797)	55,372
Total Funds	86,344	60,397	70,663	(10,266)	76,078
Branch Funds (net)	10,800	48,089	47,286	802	11,602
Retained Capital and Reserves	97,144	108,486	117,950	(9,464)	87,680

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Consolidated Branch Analysis

2020		2021
	Opening Branch Balances @ 1 January brought forward	
11,456	Branch Consolidated Bank Accounts	9,275
1,952	Cash in Hand	1,525
13,408	Total Branch Balances	10,800
	Receipts	
15,888	Subs - MSH	19,144
11,134	Subs - Diocese	9,427
1,586	Subs - Branch	1,805
283	Subs - Deanery	272
548	Publications - MUE Literature	637
3,905	Donations	3,318
710	Teas etc	481
268	Collections at Services	837
0	MU Speakers	0
176	Other Receipts - Sundry	148
145	Other Receipts - Gifts	30
663	Other Receipts - Special Events	2,315
4,339	Fund Raising - General	9,093
784	Fund Raising - Boxes	581
1	Bank Interest Received	2
40,428	Total Receipts 2021	48,089
	Payments	
15,860	MSH Subs Payments to Diocese	19,383
11,123	Diocese Subs Payments	9,572
0	Donations	0
715	Publications - MUe Literature	673
3,704	Diocesan Funds	6,171
6,292	MSH Central Funds	6,313
2,452	Branch Projects	1,253
1,025	MSH Projects	670
270	Meetings - Hall Hire	205
125	Meetings - Speaker's Expenses	183
399	Meetings - Admin	343
42	Meetings - Teas	28
6	Church Service Costs	287
185	Special Events Costs	1,843
169	Deanery Subs paid by Branches	134
258	Gifts	136
0	Banners	0
413	Sundry Costs	73
0	Bank Charges	20
43,037	Total Payments 2021	47,286
10,800	Closing Branch Balances @ 31 December	11,602
9,275	Branch Consolidated Bank Accounts	10,224
1,525	Cash in Hand	1,379

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Notes

1. Employees – no employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

Funds

- a) Away From It All (AFIA) - provision of holidays for deprived families within Southwark Diocese.
- b) SCIP - supporting children affected by imprisonment (within Southwark Diocese).
- c) Indoor Members - a diocesan fund to support housebound members.
- d) Closed Branches - money held for 10 years according to the diocesan regulations pending branch re-opening, in which case a refund is made to the branch. If the branch has not re-opened after 10 years, money is taken into the General Fund. In 2021 no money was transferred into the General Fund.
- e) Overseas Visits and Visitors Fund - a diocesan fund for visits to recognised MU links and MU-related gifts and resources.
- f) Funds administered centrally by Mary Sumner House. These include the Overseas Fund, Relief Fund, Britain and Ireland Development Fund (B&ID Fund) and Fabric Fund. Donations are also sent to the General Fund at Mary Sumner House to be used when needed.
- g) MSH Projects. The number of fundraising initiatives launched or continued by Mary Sumner House during the year were affected by the pandemic. Some branches sent money directly to Mary Sumner House; others sent donations via the diocesan accounts. The amount sent in 2021 was £3800.41 for the following projects:
£ 272.00 Make a Mother's Day
£3528.41 Summer of Hope Appeal

Contingency

- h) Money held under the agreed reserves policy to cover rent of office etc in an emergency.
- i) Payment from Diocesan Fund in 2020 to the MSH Emergency Appeal

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28 September 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES,
MOTHERS' UNION SOUTHWARK DIOCESE**

I report on the accounts of the Mother's Union, Southwark Diocese (Charity no. 249815) for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

As trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

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

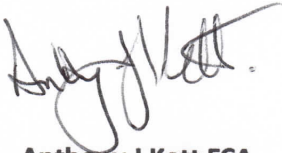
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Mother's Union, Southwark Diocese 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 I 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with Section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony J Kett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony J Kett FCA