

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER) BRANCH

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S 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 WIDER FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS, UNITED IN PRAYER, WORSHIP 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: The AIM of the Society is the advancement of Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. The PURPOSE of the Mothers' Union is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER.
- East Sussex
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£71,382	£65,866	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,655	£70,383	-	-
2022-12-31	£59,183	£59,618	-	-
2021-12-31	£64,201	£58,385	-	-
2020-12-31	£64,201	£58,362	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michele Scott White	Chair	2019-01-01
Andrew Ronald Anderson		2025-01-01
Chysandra Lesley Tout		2025-01-01
Deborah Matthews		2022-01-01
LESLEY BRYANT		2022-10-15
Rev Susan Anne Foster		2022-01-01
Rosemary Elizabeth Harman		2025-01-01
Victoria Hall-Smith		2025-01-01

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Patrons

The Right Revd. Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester
Andrew Blackman, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex
Lady Emma Barnard, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex

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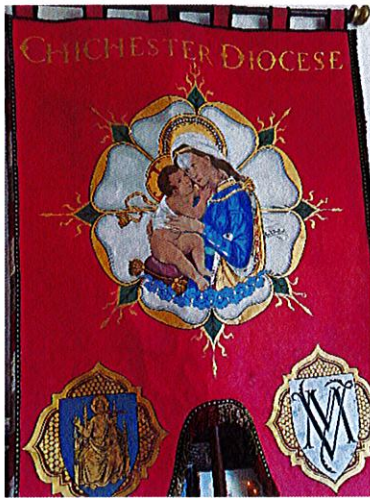
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Annual Report 2024



Introduction: 2024 is the last year of this triennium and was another busy year. We have continued to move forward with our reimagining for the Branches through innovative ways including using Bitesize Metamorphosis.

Members met together, sharing, and praying together. We had trustee meetings in person, and a quiet day. All our Diocesan Projects are continuing well.

Our Worldwide Wave of Prayer services on 26th -28th February were well attended by all. Maria Greco again produced a lovely service which went out to every member in the November edition of our Link magazine.

We welcomed a new Editor for The Link, Mrs Maria Radford.

Members started to embrace the national project "Rise Up" with the Spring Gathering on 4th May focussing on this, with a presentation from Kathryn Anderson (Provincial President), worship tailored to the subject and making peace Doves.

There were exciting highlights in 2024 with members meeting Her Majesty Queen Camilla and visiting Buckingham Palace for a Garden Party!

On Thursday 28th March Patricia Barrett from St Michaels and All Angels Mothers' Union Lancing attended the Royal Maundy Service at Worcester Cathedral and received 2 purses of Maundy Money from Her Majesty Queen Camilla.

Her Majesty Queen Camilla on a very rainy 16th May came to St Mary's Church, Rye, East Sussex. Her Majesty wanted to hear about local projects. I, Chris Emson, Shelley Jebb, Brenda Snashall and Kathy Redman, spoke to her about Away From It All holidays (AFIA), Ministry of Cake and Citizenship Ceremonies. Other local Charities were there, and it was a very special day for all involved.

On Tuesday 21st May Linda Porter and her husband, Richard attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, in recognition of their work for AFIA. For the last 10 years they have both cleaned, repaired and overseen the general maintenance of our Selsey caravan. They have done the meet and greet and been the first point of contact for the families who have been on holiday there.



Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC) has been run and funded by Mothers' Union for over 20 years. During the Covid pandemic of 2020 all the East Sussex and most of the West Sussex Family Contact Centres closed. EFCC was the last one standing!

The trustees realised the need for a qualified Social Worker to be employed at EFCC to meet the family's needs. It was accepted that whilst our membership volunteered at EFCC, we were not able to finance a qualified Social Worker. It was agreed to reach out other similar Charities to share the project. The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work Charity (FSW) was the best choice as they employ Social Workers, and we have similar aims and objectives. We went into partnership with FSW giving £5,000 per annum towards the cost and pay for Michelle Smart who became the EFCC Co-Ordinator.

FSW is a larger charity than ours and has the expertise to expand the much-needed work across both East and West Sussex. Our trustees agreed unanimously that as the EFCC project became self-sufficient Mothers' Union would withdraw financial support in this project on 31st December 2024. Members still volunteer.

Working in partnership with FSW has shown we are a stronger force for the love of Christ together.

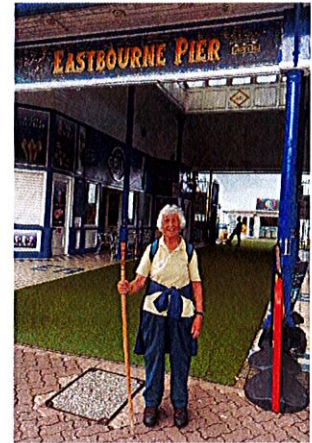
We have looked at different ways to fundraise, including Legacies and accessing funds outside of the membership for our main Diocesan project, Away From It All holidays (AFIA).

The members themselves have embraced "The Travelling Caravan", which has toured the Diocese this year. It has been a fun way to Fundraise! A model of a caravan was made from a shoe box and inside contained a map of the Diocese, AFIA leaflets and a diary. Members would hold an event for AFIA; have the caravan on display mark on the map where the caravan had been and write up the diary about the event and how much was raised. This helped raise awareness outside membership of our wonderful project.



In June we were again invited to the South of England Show, in the Church Tent. We met there over a cup of tea the regional funding team for Barclays Bank. They were impressed enough to organise a fun event at East Grinstead where the Premier League Football Cups for both men and women were on display and supplied a wonderful raffle. All proceeds came to the AFIA project. Barclays have intimated they wish to continue supporting AFIA.

This year Pam Brooks a Diocesan Member was 90 years young. To celebrate this event, she decided to walk 90 miles for 90 years from 5th to 16th July, raising funds for the national project; Literacy in Burundi. She set off from our Selsey caravan, and walked 10 miles every day, with different members meeting up with her along the way. She finished her walk at our Winchelsea Caravan where she had tea and cake, and a rest! It is a reminder to us that age is just a number.



Elections took place through the year and a new Diocesan President was elected, Mrs Michele White and with her a new trustee board for the next triennial.

We have during 2024 touched the lives with Christ's love of over 1700 adults and 700 children with our Diocesan Projects, that is hundreds of families.



I have not included in these figures the number of lives touched by Branch projects across the two counties in the Chichester Diocese.

Greater detail of the Diocesan projects is written in this report by the Members and staff running them.

Safeguarding: The society is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all. In 2023 we adopted the national Mothers' Union policy and procedures. Mothers' Union Diocese of Chichester has no serious incidents to report to the Charity Commission for the year 2024.

Away From It All Holidays (AFIA): Christine Bright is our Diocesan AFIA Lead; she reports: -

2024 Has been another very successful year for AFIA with both caravans in full use throughout the summer months.

Each year we open for the Easter holidays; March/April and close for the winter at the end of October after the half term holiday; this gives us a holiday season of 26 weeks.

Risk assessments have been done on both caravans as well as PAT (portable appliance testing) on the electrical appliances as well as Boiler servicing. One of the things to come out of the Risk assessment was the need for skirting round the bottom of the caravan at Selsey to prevent a child from crawling underneath. Winchelsea already has skirting installed when the veranda was added last year. I am awaiting a quote for the cost of this from the site at Seal Bay, Selsey.

The first guests stayed in both vans the week following easter weekend. Again, my very grateful thanks to Brenda Snashall and her team from Rye and to Linda and Richard Porter and the team from Selsey who week by week through the season meet and greet and sort out any problems as well as making sure the caravans are clean and tidy for the next family coming in.

Winchelsea held 2 Open Days, on 24th April and 4th October.

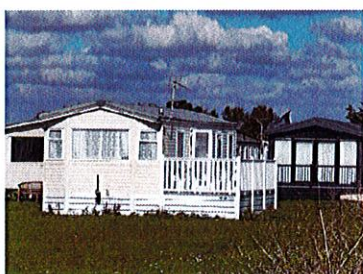
On Saturday 20th April the Open Day was well supported by members from the Eastbourne District. We had been a little late inviting the Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex and other supporters from local Councillors, Churches and the Masons; it was agreed to hold another Open Day later in the year.

Friday 4th October the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman CStJ , met some of the team from Rye who run the Winchelsea Caravan, including Brenda Snashall, Chris Emson and Janet Sherwood. Supporters and outside Donors also came including Reverend Jonathon Meyer, Rector of the local parish Church, the Deputy Mayor of Rye, Mr Andrew Stuart, the Rother District Council Rep, Cheryl Creaser and Mr David Oliver, from the local Masonic Lodge.



- 13 referred families stayed at Winchelsea made up of 21 children and 15 adults.
- We also offer spaces in term time at a suggested donation of £25 per night.
- This has been taken up by 9 bookings at Winchelsea for 7 MU members, 2 families or friends of MU and 1 Vicar. Some for a full week, others for a few days or a weekend.
- 14 referred families to Selsey made up of 28 children and 21 adults with quite a few single parent families at both sites.
- Just 3 bookings by MU members at Selsey.

The families who are referred the breakdown for 2024 are as follows: -



Winchelsea, 8 from The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work (FSW), 1 from Social Worker Lewes, 1 from MU, 1 from staff member in Church House, and 1 from a Key Worker.

Selsey, 1 from food bank, 1 from a children and family worker S. Andrew, 2 from a

WSCC young carers key worker, 2 from Parish Priests, and 2 Mothers' Union Members, with remaining 6 families from FSW.



These are the breakdowns, but does it show the impact? In both caravans we leave a comment book. These give a better idea of the impact of our holidays.

Thank you so much for this get away. Me and my son's 1st ever holiday together. So was amazing.

Had a lovely time away. Thank you.

Good Morning. We would like to thank you again for offering us this wonderful break. We're having a fantastic time here and making a lot of happy memories. Kind Wishes

Some more comments from our guest books:

We are so grateful for the caravan holiday it is lovely inside. We have made some memories to last a lifetime.

Best part was the outdoor kids play park and indoor swimming pool, thank you had the best time. One 10 year old child wrote.

The caravan is amazing with so much thought put in with each touch – lego, films, games, buckets and spades – we had everything needed.

A very successful season, a few problems here and there but upholding our aim to help families in adversity.

This project only works because of the outstanding work done by the local Branches

to the caravans and certain members who are prepared to give of their time every week.

Prisons: Scilla Page our Prison Liaison Officer reports:-

At HMP Ford, Claire Haine, the Lead Family Engagement Worker from Prison Advise and Care Trust (PACT), is firmly in charge and is well funded to lay on Family Days, buy toys and keep the paper and pencils stocked up. PACT also pay travelling expenses to volunteers. PACT is a Christian organisation, and prayers are sent round for volunteers to join in.

5 members of the Mothers Union continue to support family visits and family days at Ford Prison. My thanks to Diane Clack who has left after a long period of diligent service. We volunteer as part of the much larger PACT organisation, who run training and manage a team of 10 volunteers in Ford and teams in many other prisons in England.

Signed Christmas cards were sent to both prisons, and MU was warmly thanked by the prisons' chaplaincies

I would encourage anyone who wishes to work for family cohesion in our prisons to do so through PACT. There is a 2nd team at HMP Lewes, where new volunteers will also be very welcome. They have a Christian foundation and are experienced in helping prisoners and their families both in jail and when released.

Mothers' Union central, based in Mary Sumner House, are organised into communities of interest. Our prisons' community is led by Emily Brailsford.

Flourishing Families: Diane Clack our Diocesan lead for Flourishing Families, reports:-

It is forty years since I joined Mothers' Union, and it remains a privilege to be part of a global organization, committed to supporting and improving the quality of family life. Much has changed since Mary Sumner's vision nearly 150 years ago, but our commitment, passion and hard work remain the same.

In the year 2000, the 'Passionate about Parenting' program was launched to train facilitators to lead groups. Inviting parents/carers to attend a 'parents' group' could be misinterpreted by suggesting an inadequacy in the care given to the family; I find that those attending these groups are usually good parents/carers, who want to improve their skills!

At the end of 2019 a revision of the facilitator training programme began. Our first meeting was at Mary Sumner House, and then technology enabled us to meet during Lockdown, and included members from across the world. The need for children to be nurtured in a safe and loving environment does not change, but societal differences determine the way it is delivered.

In 2023 and following extensive research, a team from Mary Sumner House produced a revised facilitator training programme and 6 session outlines. This was looked at by experienced facilitators and other stake holders and was trialled at 'Coffee Tots' in Coventry. We felt that while the structure for the session outlines had been given, the sessions needed to be further developed to make them more accessible for facilitators to deliver. Karen, Deborah, Diane and later Stephanie Mooney from Mary Sumner House, met through the Spring and Summer of 2024 and produced a pilot draft of 5 sessions, ready to be delivered to groups of parents/carers.

Families have always had to deal with issues which cause them strife. We hope a 'Flourishing Families' group will develop as a self-help group, where participants can support each other as they build up mutual trust and feel safe to share the challenges of family life. The sessions are mindful of the well-being of the participants and are designed to consider wider family and other relationships.

Please pray for this work and for the delivery of the pilot schemes.

Citizenship Ceremonies: Throughout East Sussex members attend and run the refreshments for Citizens Ceremonies. As can be seen by our Worldwide Prayer Links many of the people who apply for British Citizenship will have known Mothers' Union in their countries of origin.

Brighton: Maria Greco, Trustee reports: -

Mothers' Union continues to be involved in the welcome to new citizens at the ceremonies in Brighton Town Hall. These ceremonies happen monthly on the first Monday of the month. There are two ceremonies, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The average number of people on each date is 100, to include new citizens and their guests as well as local dignitaries.

The ceremonies are solemn but the Mothers' Union welcome with tea and cakes afterwards is fun, touching, family oriented and multicultural, as people from a great variety of origins and cultures get together to celebrate an important rite of passage in their lives.

Whether the group of new citizens and their families is big or small, whether the ceremonies happen regularly every month or just when they are needed, we have a chance to meet new people, share in their joy and above all listen to their stories. The new citizens come from all around the world; as a rule, each group of thirty includes people from 20+ countries. It is impossible to work out how many come from each country, but we can name Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East as areas where a lot of new citizens come from.

Thanks to Brighton Council who give a grant of £780 per annum to help with costs of travel, parking and ingredients.

Lewes: Christine Smith, Citizenship Coordinator for Ringmer Branch reports:

One more Ceremony than usual for the Ringmer Branch this year. We have already provided and served refreshments following the Ceremonies at Southover Grange in Lewes in April, August and September and December this year. On each occasion there have been 20 people attending to swear or make their oath of allegiance to King Charles III before receiving their Certificates of British Nationality.

They have been drawn from across the globe, countries such as Spain, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Syria, Ghana, Nigeria, Brazil, the USA, the Philippines and Indonesia, all with different stories to tell. Each new citizen is permitted to bring two guests, and all are invited (sometimes instructed!) to stay for the Great British institution of Tea and Cakes following the ceremony.

Four members of the Ringmer Branch attend on each occasion and others willingly provide cakes and biscuits along with tea, coffee and milk etc. We are always warmly welcomed by the team of Registrars - similarly the two Dignitaries who are in attendance speak highly of the Mothers' Union (MU) as an organisation and the invaluable work it does.

Everyone is very appreciative of the refreshments; a great deal is made of them being "homemade" and we have been asked to pose for several photographs. It really is a pleasure to be part of such a special day for so many people and to show the face of the MU in a good way.

Crowborough: Mary Sumner, Heathfield Branch reports:

We have 10 candidates and 1 friend with them. It is a small place in Crowborough. Myself and another member of the Mothers' Union attend, and we serve tea, coffee and biscuits. They always enjoy the time we have together at the end. The mayor and the Lord Lieutenant also join us to chat, and we have a laugh and make a happy atmosphere for all. We have two sessions, one at 10am and one at 12pm. A busy day, but very rewarding.

One lady from Italy told us we were the cream of the crop tea

Eastbourne: Trish Clarke, Polegate Contact reports:

Once again it was a joy to serve tea and cake at these ceremonies. There have been 4 this year. We are always made very welcome by the town hall staff and the Lady Mayor comes for a sneak preview to decide which cake she fancies.

Both she and the Lord Lieutenant speak very warmly about the Mothers' Union and the work we do. It is so nice to chat with our new citizens who come from so many different countries.

Hastings: Chris Emson Bexhill District Trustee reports:

Bexhill District attended 3 ceremonies this year in Hastings Town Hall with up to 60 guests and new citizens at each ceremony.

It is a real privilege to be part of this special day for our new citizens. HM Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman CstJ or his deputy and the Mayor always make a point

of thanking the Mothers' Union and introducing us, often recommending their favourite cakes or savouries! The Town Hall staff hover about at the end hoping for some leftovers.

It is a real privilege to be able to witness this very special day for our new citizens and we are proud to do our part.

Ministry of Cake (MOC): Christine Emson Trustee reports: -

Many branch projects come under the heading of MOC; however, MOC is there to support all medical staff, to let them know we are there for them, through all difficulties. All volunteers who go onto the wards are attached to the Hospital Chaplaincy teams and undergo NHS volunteer training either online or in person.

Worthing Hospital West Sussex: This project is running in the Brighton District Area and my thanks to all the members and Branches who support us both in prayer and by fund raising.

We didn't expect our daughter so had no clothes for her, and you strangers cared enough to think for us.

Members from St Andrew West Branch, and St George East Worthing Branch have been busy supporting this project. Memory bags, emergency wash bags including new baby grows have been going into the (neo natal) Beeding ward and delivery suite.

Members were taking cakes onto Bluefin Children ward, and Beeding each Monday afternoon for staff and parents. It is with sadness I must report that due to illness, accidents and clerical errors we have had to suspend Ministry of Cake, at Worthing Hospital for the foreseeable future. Sadly, this was put on hold in October due to ill health of members. It is on hold now until we can access new volunteers and have them complete the NHS training.

Worthing Hospital is in the parish of St Georges Church; since the Sanctuary area within Worthing Hospital has been moved downstairs there is less space in the Chapel area for large services. The Chaplain, Allison Becker has been blessed with a large, warm, and modern church in St Georges. The larger services are now held there which is lovely as both branches work well together.

There has been one service in October for families who have lost babies, where members formed a small choir to sing when the families could not and then serve tea, cake and a listening ear when needed.

Conquest Hospital Hastings East Sussex: This project runs in the Bexhill District Area; thanks go to all members and Branches who support the work in prayer and by fundraising.

Bexhill District is still maintaining a weekly visit to the special baby unit and the maternity wards in the Conquest hospital. Unfortunately, there are only 4 of us now so we have to be very organised.

The staff are very supportive and make us very welcome and it is such a privilege to listen to families, especially in the Special Baby Unit, who are watching their little angels growing stronger. We have some who don't make it, and we pray that our presence has been of comfort.

One Mum said last week that she remembered me from the last baby she had and how welcome the cake and chat was.

It is a real joy to be able to welcome new babies on the maternity wards.

Members of Brede branch are still supplying emergency wash bags for the Conquest Hospital, targeting older adults who are unexpectedly admitted.

*Can't thank you enough,
the emergency wash
bag – saved my life.*

This is a simple outreach, but not to the families who in a strange environment receive a helpful gift, or slice of cake and a friendly smile. Sometimes just being there is what is most important.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC): EFCC has continued as a joint project with The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work (FSW). A £2,942 grant in 2024 was given to FSW towards the running costs of the project.

Michelle Smart Senior Family Support Practitioner/EFCC Co-ordinator reports:-

Over the past year, 21 families have used Eastbourne Family Contact Centre. Since November 2023 we have had an influx of referrals which has meant pre visit meetings at nearly every session. The result being, we were at full capacity throughout this year.

Five families in 2024 have moved on. We currently have 5 families attending regular contact sessions: the maximum being 6-7 (depending on the number of children). During 2024 2 of the non-resident parents were female.

Our plan to offer supervised contact sessions was delayed due to the administration involved in setting this up. It came into practice in Autumn of 2024. It is run simultaneously with supported contact on a Saturday

Referrals are now from the courts, CAFCASS, Social Services, self-referrals and solicitors. More recently we have had referrals from children services whereby families are on a Child protection plan. We currently have a waiting list for supported contact running with 2 families on it.

One parent said that by coming to EFCC they soon realised it was 'all about the children' and she and her ex-partner have put their differences to one side for the sake of their child.

Some of the children are separated from their parents due to domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues. However, when their parents come to us, to have contact with their children they have worked with other agencies to address their problems, so they are not a high risk.

Face-to-face training has been re- introduced, and we have enjoyed using the Gateway Centre for our training needs.

We don't always get to hear follow-up stories, but there have been some successful outcomes whilst at the contact centre.

Please keep us in your prayers for the expansion of supervised and supported contact for families.

Worldwide Links: Caroline Sewell our Worldwide Links Officer reports: -

I am in communication with 3 of our link MU dioceses as follows; Margaret in Seoul, Korea, Bishop Monday in Mundri, South Sudan and Nesta in Madi and West Nile, Uganda.

Interestingly I communicate via WhatsApp with Nesta and Bishop Monday and email with Margaret,

My role is therefore I reflect much easier than it was for others not so many years back!

Seoul, South Korea: Our contact here is a member of one of the biggest churches in Korea. She says they have a few MU groups and Girls Friendly Societies.

Margaret, my contact shared that they elected a new MU president, but it had obviously been hard to find someone as everybody is very reluctant to take on the role. Together, they attend a zoom meeting with Mary Sumner House.

She explains that the main work of the church's MU is to study the Bible, support priests and church projects; Margaret is involved in the comprehensive business of three MU dioceses.

They used to provide lunch after services before Covid, but it has become very hard now to find volunteers and they have hired 5 women to do this, so the members do not have to do it. Everyone is very happy about this!

The Seoul Diocese MU also support priests when they visit members houses by taking Holy Communion to them.

We often both remark on the similarities of our own Diocesan MU work and that of Seoul's.

Mundri, South Sudan: Bishop Bismark Monday Avokaya is our contact in Mundri. He is quite chatty about his personal life and occasionally about his life as Bishop of Mundri and his theological stand points. He is very conservative in his beliefs in keeping with many in Africa.

His wife Rina has written in past years to us, but she spends a lot of time in Kampala in neighbouring Uganda. The family was displaced during the years of the civil war and some of them continue to live there. The Bishop's son in law was killed in a road accident at the end of last year so Rina spends a lot of time supporting her daughter and her 4 granddaughters there in Kampala I think the Bishop has been quite traumatised by his son in law's death and the taking on of the responsibility for the education of his granddaughters and this has formed the whole content of his correspondence this year.

I'm sure he will greatly appreciate our prayers.

Madi and West Nile, Uganda: News from Nesta in Madi and West Nile has been sparse this year. What we do know is that they are a busy MU involved in supporting the sick, organising conference; in particular recently for women leaders, educating about Gender Based Violence and encouraging the young and old alike.

Their latest project this year was to raise funds to construct an eating house but sadly funds ran out after the building of the first wall, and it has not been completed. It seems they have many of the same challenges that we have here in Chichester.

Isuikwato in Nigeria: I still have no contact with this Mothers' Union Link, whilst some other Dioceses are slowly reaching out from Nigeria, our Link here has not yet. Please pray for the work they will be doing and for us to once again be in communion with each other.

Modern Day Slavery: Reverend Sue Foster continues as our Modern-Day Slavery Ambassador and Trustee, she reports:-

The numbers of those living in slavery has increased to 49.6 million worldwide which is an increase of 10 million, and children make up nearly a quarter of these people.

There are at least 136 thousand in the UK who are in different types of slavery, from sexual exploitation, county lines, forced labour, domestic servitude and criminal exploitation. This is a huge problem not only here but throughout the world.

We are called to do what we can where we are and to that end, I continue to visit branches of Mothers' Union to raise awareness of this awful crime.

Over these past months I have visited Selsey branch and All Saints Eastbourne. I have also had zoom meetings with my fellow Ambassadors from Sussex and Surrey.

During this Triennial I visited 19 branches, a Rotary Group, a Friday club and preached at two churches in the Diocese. These visits have enabled me to raise awareness of Modern slavery to nearly 300 people.

I continue to keep in touch with my fellow Ambassadors in Sussex and Surrey, while also using the Clewer web site to update me with what is happening throughout the UK and abroad.

During September I was asked by the Coventry Diocesans President to do a presentation on zoom for her Trustees and others.

This reminded me again how we can share information and that we are not alone trying to fight this horrendous crime against men, women and children.

Let us all be aware of those who live their lives under the influence of others and have very little or no opportunity to live the life God wants them to.

We can all do our bit, whoever we are and wherever we live.

We are all valued in God's eyes, and he wants us to have the freedom to enjoy life and not be controlled or live under the influence of others.

I have been elected for another three years as Trustee and will continue to visit throughout the Diocese, raising awareness.

Summary: 2024 has been a busy and productive year for the membership of Mothers' Union.

AFIA is an expensive but very worthwhile project to upkeep. A total of £18,015.95 was spent on both caravans for 2024. The fundraising by branches and individuals is greatly appreciated. Another way of raising funds is through legacies which have helped to pay for the veranda on the caravan at Winchelsea last year and skirting round the caravan at Selsey this year, recommended after a risk assessment was carried out at the beginning of the season.

To grow our projects, we need to grow our membership and find more partners to work with. It is unfair and impossible to expect our members to finance all the projects.



Members are working towards change looking closely on how and where we meet, this has meant that none of our branches have closed, and our membership has not changed this year and is still 796.

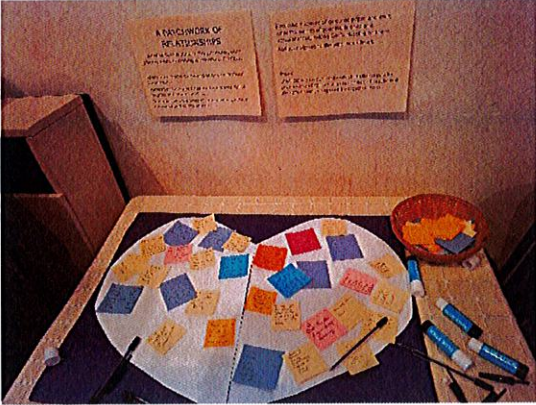
We have strengthened our ties with the Diocese through our work on the Diocesan Committees. We have representation on The Diocesan Overseas Committee (DOC), and the Diocesan Committee for the Common Good. I have continued as a member of Diocesan Synod.

Whilst our Overseas Prayer Links are not the same as the Diocese, because of sitting on the DOC we have continued to work as a conduit between the Diocese and Mary Sumner House.

Proving we are all around the world, but we are just around the corner too. It has been important therefore to continue strengthening our links with our sister Diocesan Charity – Family Support Work (FSW) and forge new links with others.

During this last triennial Hayley Cole, our administrator, has worked incredibly hard as have all the trustees and Officers across the Diocese, my thanks to you all.

This is the end of my term of office, during these the last 5 years, the trustees and I have strived to ensure that as our Mothers' Union steps into 2025, she is stronger and more focussed on the needs of our members and the communities in which we live and serve.



It is now a time to begin anew and to grow and serve those in our communities. How do we begin? We need to step outside of what we know, to learn the needs of those we do not know and have the faith to start something new. The project may fail; but nothing is without any hope at all even in failure; to do nothing is without hope.

We say there is always tomorrow but tomorrow can start today. When we choose change, when we choose connection, when we choose a different path. For that is how we will meet each other, and

the things we long for. That is how we learn, and move ahead, we watch, we listen, we look, we share. But nothing is of consequence but this..... to simply Begin, Begin, Begin. Then the story will unfold exactly as it should.

We can make a difference if we just look, listen, and act, but we have to begin.

Karen Hill

Karen Hill
Diocesan President

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Chichester

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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Charity address	Garton House 22 Stanford Avenue Brighton East Sussex BN1 6AA
Registered Charity number	249826
Trustees	Mrs Karen Hill Mrs Michele White Mrs Christine Bright
Mrs Lesley Bryant	Mrs Christine Emson Revd Sue Foster Mrs Maria Greco Revd Emma Ham-Riche Mrs Deborah Matthews
Officers	Mrs Hayley Cole - Diocesan Administrator Revd Margaret Constable - Diocesan Chaplain
Bankers	Barclays Bank
Independent Examiners	Shoreline Accountants Limited

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Vision and Mission

Vision

Our vision is a world where everyone prospers. We actively pursue this vision through prayer and action, helping to build confident people and resilient communities. Our movement seeks to bring about justice, challenge prejudice and advocate change.

Mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide. We do this by helping to nurture strong relationships at all levels, promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally.

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 world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;
- promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; and
- help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Organisational Structure

The charity is run by the Trustees

Trustees

Those who served during the year were as follows:

Mrs Karen Hill
Mrs Michele White
Mrs Christine Bright
Mrs Lesley Bryant
Mrs Christine Emson
Revd Sue Foster
Mrs Maria Greco
Revd Emma Ham-Riche
Mrs Deborah Matthews

Officers

Mrs Hayley Cole - Diocesan Administrator
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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Performance and Financial Review

For 2024, the total incoming resources of our funds were £71,382.43 (2023: £75,655.15) and are detailed in the financial statements.

Income from Subscriptions decreased by £1394 to £29,117 (2023: £30,511). Income for our major projects, AFIA and EFCC, decreased by £19,199.23 to £9189.19 (2023: £28,388.42). Districts and Branches continued their support with contributions to the General Fund.

There was a surplus in the accounts at 31 December 2024 of £74,657.52.

As part of the charities commitment to secure the continued running of the Diocesan's main project the Away From It All (AFIA) caravans, during 2024 the trustee board agreed to transfer £12,100 from the main AFIA fund into AFIA reserve fund; this is shown as a receipt into the AFIA reserve and the 'main' AFIA fund in receipts is therefore reduced by £12,100 to £9,090.11. The AFIA reserve was set up to ensure funding was available for unforeseen costs incurred on the two diocesan caravans and act as a fund for future replacement of the caravans should the need arise.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustee Board's policy to maintain a balance on funds and running costs which are up to 24 months' worth of payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations and the unexpected drop in membership. In particular, this would cover running costs of AFIA and EFCC, plus general Diocesan expenditure. The closing balance of the Project Fund this year of £41,877.98 (2023: £41,229.79) represents about 23 months. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above fulfil this requirement of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mrs H Cole



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

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 Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE 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 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:

- 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.

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Mark Boxall
Chartered Accountant
Shoreline Accountants Limited



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	29,117.00		29,117.00	30,511.00
Gift Aid	7,532.95		7,532.95	0.00
Away from It All Holidays (AFIA)		9,090.11	9,090.11	28,188.42
Family Contact Centre (EFCC)		99.08	99.08	200.00
MuE	3,814.72		3,814.72	3,302.07
AFIA Reserve		12,100.00	12,100.00	0.00
MSH Projects	260.00		260.00	512.00
Meetings	704.32		704.32	764.42
Other Income	8,347.30		8,347.30	12,107.24
Bank Interest		316.95	316.95	70.00
	49,776.29	21,606.14	71,382.43	75,655.15
PAYMENTS				
Subscriptions	17,285.00		17,285.00	15,489.00
AFIA		18,015.95	18,015.95	24,578.34
Family Contact Centre		2,942.00	2,942.00	5,000.00
MuE	3,820.38		3,820.38	1,655.68
AFIA Appeal/Reserve	0.00		0.00	0.00
MSH Projects	560.00		560.00	279.00
Insurance	792.95		792.95	584.99
Trustee expenses	654.29		654.29	301.18
Administrator Expenses	904.45		904.45	530.76
DP Expenses	980.53		980.53	1480.16
Meetings	388.76		388.76	381.08
Card processing Fees	6.23		6.23	5.10
Printing & Stationery	4,250.00		4,250.00	5,083.20
Wages & Administration	9,889.06		9,889.06	8,899.28
Other Expenditure	5,376.01		5,376.01	6,115.70
	44,907.66	20,957.95	65,865.61	70,383.47
Net receipts (payments) in year	4,868.63	648.19	5,516.82	5,271.68
Cash funds at 1 January	33,427.73	41,229.79	74,657.52	69,385.84
*Opening balance adjustment				
*Closing balance adjustment	34.52			
Cash funds at 31 December	38,330.88	41,877.98	80,208.86	74,657.52

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Barclay's - Community Account	51,093.54	57993.67
Barclay's - Active Saver	29,045.00	16628.05
Petty Cash	70.32	48.55
	<u>80,208.86</u>	<u>74,670.27</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Stocks	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Caravan	<u>18,423.75</u>	<u>21,675.00</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES</u>		
Project Fund	5,295.65	5295.65
AFIA	12,832.98	21758.82
EFCC	0.00	2842.92
AFIA APPEAL/RESERVE	23,749.35	11332.40
	<u>41,877.98</u>	<u>41229.79</u>

Approved by the trustees on 14/02/2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Mrs H Cole
Diocesan Administrator


Mrs D Matthews
Chair,
Finance & Services


Mrs M White
Diocesan President

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

NOTES FOR THE ACCOUNTS THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resource

Incoming resources are recognised when received by the Charity.

1.3 Resources used

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.5 Restricted Funds

Away From It All Holidays (AFIA) provides free holidays for families who otherwise would not have one due to lack of resources.

Away From It All Reserves (AFIA Reserves) was instigated for 2022 for funding of unforeseen costs incurred on the two diocesan caravans and a fund for future replacement of the caravans should the need arise.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC) provides supported contact between absent parent and children.

Project Fund is for projects which the Board of Trustees deem suitable for funding.

1.6 Depreciation Policy

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation rate is 15% calculated to write down the cost of each asset each year over its expected useful life. Impairment reviews are carried out as and when evidence comes to light that the recoverable amount of a functional fixed asset is below its net book value due to damage, obsolescence or other relevant factors.

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

NOTES FOR THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Grants receivable

		Restricted funds
		2024
		£
Legacy from Richardson	(AFIA)	£750.00
Legacy from J.Porter	(AFIA)	£3000.00
The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work	(AFIA)	£2520.00
		Unrestricted funds
		2024
		£
Brighton & Hove City Council	(Brighton Citizenship ceremonies)	£780.00
Mary Sumner House	(MUe sales related grant)	£750.87

3 Grants payable

		Restricted funds
		2024
		£
The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work	(EFCC)	£2942.00

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for
families around the world.
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your
love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of
marriage and family life.
Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and
worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands
across the world.
In Jesus' name.

Amen

The Prayer of Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.

Amen

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER) BRANCH

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Christian care for families

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Patrons

The Right Revd. Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester
Andrew Blackman, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex
Lady Emma Barnard, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex

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Annual Report 2023

Introduction: 2023 is the middle year of this triennium and has been another busy year; it has been exciting, as we have moved forward with our reimagining for the Branches. Rewarding as we have made new friends in the Charity world and cemented old friend ships too.

Our patron Mrs Sara Stonor HM Vice Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex's term of office ended in 2023; Mrs Stonor has been an outstanding supporter of Mothers' Union (MU) and has supported our projects and programmes through her work as HM Vice Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex. The trustee board voted unanimously to offer Mrs Stonor to receive Life Membership of Mothers' Union we were delighted she accepted this offer and in May 2023, she was enrolled.

The trustees are delighted that HM Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex Mr Andrew Blackman CstJ has accepted our invitation to be a Patron for our charity.

In May, members voted in favour of accepting the amended Constitution. The updated Regulations are to be voted on at the Members Meeting in May 2024.

In June, members had a refreshment stand in "The Sanctuary" at the South of England Show, Ardingly. It is always wonderful to work with our colleagues in Church House.



Members held services and marched with placards supporting 'No More 1 in 3' and the launch of 'RISE UP' MU's anti domestic abuse campaign in both York during the MU annual gathering in September and across the diocese during the 16 days of activism held 25th November to 10th December.



Since 2005, Scilla Page has been in charge and now currently part of the team who volunteer in the visiting room play area in HMP Ford.

It takes a certain strength of character to go into any prison every week and volunteer to help both families and offenders to find a way to have a relationship. I cannot quantify the good Scilla Page our Prisons Liaison Officer has done in strengthening family ties, and therefore making a better community when offenders leave HMP Ford and return home. This work and dedication were recognised by HM Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex Lady Emma Barnard who successfully recommended Scilla to be a guest at HRH Princess of Wales Royal Carol Service held at Westminster Abbey on 8th December 2023.

Our diocesan 'Comper' banner that is housed in the Lady Chapel at Chichester Cathedral, received some much-needed conservation work.

During 2023 we touched the lives of over 1700 adults & 700 children with Christ's love through our Diocesan Projects, which is hundreds of families.

During 2023 members met together, sharing, and praying together. We had trustee meetings in person and hybrid using zoom, and a quiet day. All our Diocesan Projects are continuing well.

Our Worldwide Wave of Prayer services on 26th -28th February were well attended by all, but it was requested that an A5 service sheet be compiled for each member to use in their own homes for 2024 as well as together. Maria Greco took up this challenge and produced a beautiful service.

We have not included in these figures the number of lives touched by Branch projects across the two counties in the Chichester Diocese.

Safeguarding: The society is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all. In 2023 we adopted the national Mothers' Union policy and procedures. Mothers' Union Diocese of Chichester has no serious incidents to report to the Charity Commission for the year 2023.



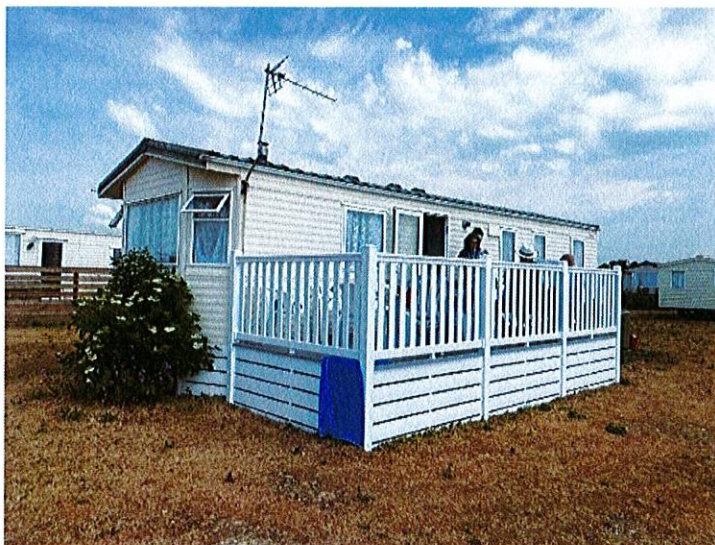
Away From It All Holidays (AFIA): Christine Bright is our Diocesan AFIA Lead; she reports:

Delighted to report that we are still able to give free holidays to local families who would not be able to afford a holiday. Both caravans were well used during the summer; June, July and August completely full for both and the Selsey caravan was also busy during September and most of October.

Each year we open for the Easter holidays; March/April and close for the winter at the end of October after the half term holiday; this gives us a holiday season of 26 weeks.

We had very few families stay during April and May; nothing really gets going until the May half term.

Winchelsea held an open day in June to commemorate the new veranda that was fitted to the Winchelsea caravan this season, which is a huge improvement. We received a legacy and money from the Masons, which enabled us to do this. There are plaques on the veranda to explain the donations.



Selsey were unable to hold an open day due to the number of holiday bookings!!

35 families had holidays in our caravans, this breaks down to 13 families stayed at Winchelsea, and 22 at Selsey; this meant some 25 adults and 23 children went to Winchelsea and 41 adults and 37 children to Selsey.

Referrals for families to enjoy an AFIA holiday arrive with us through different organisations. The breakdown for 2023 is as follows:

Winchelsea caravan referrals: 1 from a Parish Priest, 2 from Mental Health Therapist, 2 from NHS Social Worker in Lewes, 4 from The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work (FSW).

Selsey caravan referrals: 1 from Safe in Sussex, 2 from Parish Priests, and 2 Mothers' Union Members, with remaining 14 families from FSW.

These maybe the breakdowns, but does it show the impact! In both caravans, we supply a guest comments book, one family left this:

"Dear Linda, & everybody involved in Mothers Union,

Thank you so much for giving us this unforgettable holiday to cherish and remember for the rest of our lives! We can't even start to tell you how much it meant to us! We definitely needed a break from everyday stress and pressures.

We haven't been on holiday for 5 years. We don't have any family here, as they all live in South Africa! We had the Covid epidemic, lockdowns and I went through a separation. It's been extremely stressful, and money is so tight.

Thanks to you all, you have made it possible for us to rest, reflect and give us the best family time we could have asked for. You made a real difference in our lives, and we will be forever grateful. Thank you, so much. You are making a real difference in people's lives.

Thank you so much once again x"

A very successful season, a few problems here and there but that is the nature of the families we are helping. Upholding our aim to help families in adversity.

The most popular dates for AFIA bookings are the school holidays; these are always snapped up first. Families with children under school age are offered holidays for the weeks that fall outside of the main school holidays. However, we always have some time during the season that is not taken by our referred families. The trustees agreed that after all the referred families have been booked, we offer the caravans for a daily fee of £25 per night to our clergy and members to stay. In 2023, we had one clergy family, and two MU members and their families' stay at Winchelsea, and three MU member's and their families' stay at Selsey.

"You made a real difference in our lives, and we will be forever grateful"

This project only works because of the outstanding work done by the local Branches to the caravans and certain members who are prepared to give of their time every week.

Huge thanks to Linda at Selsey for whom it has been nonstop every week through the Summer Months, meeting and greeting our guests.

Many grateful thanks to Brenda at Winchelsea for organising, ordering and arranging the fitting of the veranda, as well as meeting and greeting families and cleaning the caravan.

Prisons: Scilla Page our Prison Liaison Officer reports:

Five members of Mothers' Union continue to work under the Prison Advice and care Trust (PACT) umbrella at HMP Ford. The lead Family Support Worker is Claire Haine, whose main responsible is for the men and their families. She keeps a record of the people using PACT services and of the additional workers.

The play area is covered by volunteers, who Claire recruits through the PACT system. Sadly, none of the 12 people who expressed an interest in joining us last year, has come onto the rota. There are four visiting sessions each week and these are usually covered with a single volunteer. The days when we always had two people are gone. Visitor numbers have increased, but not back to the level they were at before Covid. On Saturdays and Sundays there are usually 3 or 4 small children playing with ride on toys or sitting at the table with their parents. The older children may come in to borrow a game or

We are supporting 4 families in the play area at each session.

acquire paper and pencils, but most are content to sit with their father and talk. On average, we are supporting [4 families in the play area at each session](#).

Claire is very fortunate to have MU members who can organise the rota online, Mary Lewis, and I liaise closely with the Chaplaincy, Philippa Dabin.

The last Family Day was a much quieter affair than some I've witnessed, but none the worse for that. There were crafts for the parents and children to share and some party games with small prizes. Father Christmas appeared and the prison kitchen provided food. The prison officers were less involved than sometimes. The occasion when the Governor turned up and played her trumpet with the offender's rock band, will, I fear, never be repeated.

Christmas Cards were delivered to Anna Glenton, from the Chaplaincy in HMP Lewes. She needed 80 this year and to the Anglican Chaplain at Ford, Steven Gurr, who took 100. I am still holding 450 signed cards for Christmas 2024.

Flourishing Families: Diane Clack is our Diocesan lead for Flourishing Families, she reports:

The Britain and Ireland pilot of this global programme started in May 2023; it is an exciting new program, which is aimed at helping parents, be more positive about themselves and their abilities to have happy, healthy families. The materials will be delivered at a local level to parents/carers in small groups with facilitators working in pairs.

So far there have been two full day workshop hosted by Chichester diocese and two evening zoom sessions. Workshops focus on Facilitation Skill Practice, Safeguarding and how best to deliver the material. The pilot training is being facilitated by Staff from Mary Sumner House (MSH) and an MU member and Parenting Trainer. All training should be completed by June 2024.



Three dioceses are currently involved in the pilot (and 15 members from Chichester, Guildford and Rochester dioceses attended the launch on the 27th May 2023). The parents' group materials were also piloted in Coffee Tots in Coventry (an initiative supported by MU) in the summer term and within the MSH team in August and September.

Everyone who is interested in being part of the Flourishing Families team has been asked to complete an application form and to offer two references. This is currently being followed with support from the Safeguarding Lead.

We are intending to start rolling out this gentle, self-help programme across our Diocese in 2024.

As one mum said, *"For me it can't come quick enough, I need a safe space to talk about my concerns and how I feel, without judgement"*.

Ministry of Cake (MOC): Christine Emson Trustee reports:

Many branch projects come under the heading of MOC; however, MOC is there to support all medical staff, to let them know we are there for them, through all difficulties. All volunteers who go onto the wards are attached to the Hospital Chaplaincy teams and undergo NHS volunteer training either online or in person.

Worthing Hospital West Sussex: This project is running in the Brighton District Area and my thanks go to all the members and Branches who support us both in prayer and by fundraising.



Members from St Andrew West Worthing Branch and St George East Worthing Branch have been busy supporting this project. Memory bags, emergency wash bags including new baby grows have been going into the (neo natal) Beeding ward and delivery suite. As well as taking cakes onto Bluefin Children's ward, and Beeding each Monday afternoon for staff and parents. One new mum said, *"I can't thank you enough, our*

daughter was weeks early and I was out shopping when I went into labour, I had nothing!! It all happened so quickly I don't know what I'd have done without your lovely wash bag and the baby grow too".

Worthing Hospital is in the parish of St Georges Church, since the Sanctuary area within Worthing Hospital has been moved downstairs there is less space in the Chapel area for large services. The Chaplain, Rachael Bennet has been blessed with a large, warm, and modern church in St Georges. The larger services are now held there which is lovely as both branches work well together.

There have been 2 services one for families who have lost babies in June, where members formed a small choir to sing when the families could not and then serve tea, cake and a listening ear when needed. We have also been together for a memorial service of a young Doctor in September, showing hospitality and Christ's love.

"I don't know what I'd have done without your lovely wash bag and the baby grow too"

There are plans for MU Members at Hurstpierpoint to resume the MOC at Queen Alexandra Hospital in the coming months.

We still have no input into St Richards Hospital Chichester.

Conquest Hospital Hastings East Sussex: This project runs in the Bexhill District Area; thanks go to all members and Branches who support the work in pray and by fundraising.

The Conquest is in Hastings, we do not have any members in Hastings, and therefore members must travel, often some distance to volunteer in the hospital. Our volunteer team from Rye Branch takes cakes onto the wards is now only four members; we all

“It doesn’t matter how bad the day is, suddenly we know we will get a treat, and that you care enough never to let us down”

attended a training course organised by the Hospital on the 4th September. We cover 2 Tuesday mornings per month.

Members of Brede branch are still supplying emergency wash bags for the Conquest Hospital, targeting older adults who are unexpectedly admitted.

These may seem to be simple projects, but when men and women are working under pressure, a small thing like a homemade piece of cake, can help them know they are valued, as one doctor at Worthing said, *“When you come onto the ward you can feel the atmosphere lighten. It doesn’t matter how bad the day is, suddenly we know we will get a treat, and that you care enough never to let us down”*.

Worldwide Links: Caroline Sewell our Worldwide Links Officer reports:

I am in communication with our link MU dioceses as follows: Margaret in Seoul, Korea, Bishop Monday in Mundri, South Sudan and Nesta in Madi and West Nile, Uganda.

Margaret shared the news of a new MU President in April. There seems to be much emphasis on the celebration of the work of former missionaries. Here in her own words:

“We have a new president of Korean province, so we hope she makes the balance of 3 dioceses of Korea and keeps and develops the work of Korean province.

There's the competition of hymn in Busan diocese in March. We want Many members of Busan churches will participate in it. And there's Mary Sumner day, big event in August. If you have prayer, please let me know.”

She says they are well and do not currently have any new projects planned.

Nesta shared that over the last year there has been a busy schedule. The MU have been praying for the sick, helping the needy, organising conferences to renew or rebuild their faith, educating communities about the dangers of GBV, organising youth seminars, mobilising resources for the church. They are also constructing an eating-

house to generate an income for the MU. It was quite humbling to read how hard they work and the emphasis on community and living out their faith. She has also shared that there is a high mortality rate in mothers giving birth and the devastation that brings. Nesta is always encouraging trust in the Lord.

Here in her own words:

“Because with God nothing is impossible, may the almighty God lead you”

Bishop Monday in South Sudan had been a sometimes-prolific communicator and sometimes silent. Given the unsettled nature of life in South Sudan, I think this is very understandable. Here he is in his own words in reply to my concerns about the violence that erupted last spring in neighbouring North Sudan:

“Thanks for the greetings. We are fine and too far away from the troubles of Khartoum/ Sudan. We are in South Sudan now a separate Country. Yet we are still concerned about our fellow Christian brothers and sisters over there who are being affected and thanks.”

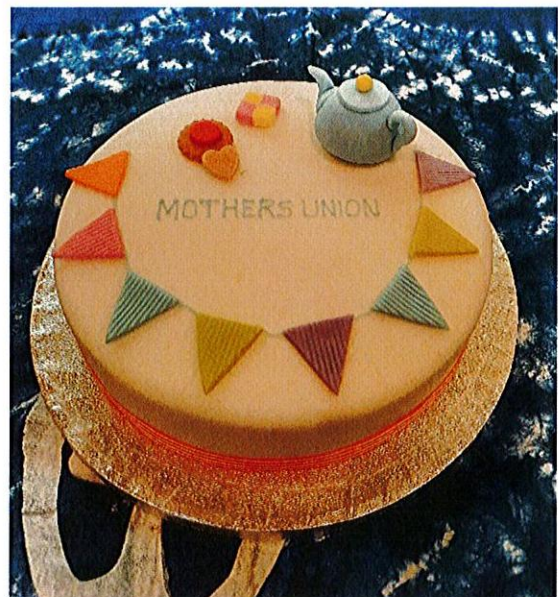
Very recently Bishop Monday sent photos and videos from the celebrations of the dedication of a new church.

Interestingly I communicate via WhatsApp with Nesta and Bishop Monday and email with Margaret, my role is therefore I reflect much easier than it was for others not so many years back!

Citizenship Ceremonies: Throughout East Sussex members attend and run the refreshments for Citizens Ceremonies. As can be seen by our Worldwide Prayer Links many of the people who apply for British Citizenship will have known Mothers' Union in their countries of origin.

As one new citizen said, *“Seeing Mothers' Union here is like having a little bit of our old home as we go forward with our new home”.*

Brighton: The Citizenship ceremonies at Brighton have taken place in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall every first Monday of the month. There are two ceremonies, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. At each ceremony, there is an average of thirty new citizens with their guests. The new citizens come from all around the world; as a rule, each group of thirty includes people from 20+ countries. It is impossible to work out how many come from each country, but we can name Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East as areas where a lot of new citizens come from.



Our group of Mothers' Union volunteers comprises three regular members from Denton and Seaford Branches and a variety of occasional helpers, some from MU and some just joining us when they can out of friendship and the goodness of their hearts. We also have a small group of willing cake makers who contribute regularly.

Everything we provide is homemade. Brighton council gives us a £65 monthly contribution towards ingredients and other supplies, which comes in handy, as we are providing for around 120 people each month. Staff at the Registry Office are very happy to help us in any way they can: setting up, transporting heavy bags, tidying up afterwards, etc. The dignitaries attending the ceremonies always make a point of mentioning Mothers' Union, directing people to our leaflets and publicity that we display on the table and encouraging them to ask us about our organization.

Some comments:

"I work as an administrator at a Sixth Form College. I am going to display your leaflet on our noticeboard. Young people must know about you and your wonderful work."

"I come from Africa. Of course, I know about Mothers' Union. My mum and my gran are members!"

"So happy with this warm welcome. Thank you for making this special day even more special."

Maria Greco, Denton Branch

Crowborough: I and one other member attend the ceremonies held in the Crowborough Offices. In 2023, we had 6 ceremonies held on regular intervals on 3 days. 2 ceremonies on each day, one at 10am and one at 12noon. There are 10 candidates at each ceremony with their families.

On arrival, we are always made welcome, and they are so grateful for our presence. We have the run of the kitchen in the offices in Crowborough. Once we have laid the table out and the kettles are ready, we are introduced to HM Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman CstJ and the Chairman of the County Council or their representative.

"So happy with this warm welcome. Thank you for making this special day even more special."

We are permitted to watch the ceremony and watch the candidates say their pledges. We are always mentioned by the officials and thanked. We then serve coffee, tea and biscuits and chat to everyone while they wait for their photos to be ready. It is a lovely time for all. We are proud to

be included in this event. Then we clear away, repeat for the next session, and start again. A very rewarding day for everyone.

Mary Sumner, Heathfield Branch

Eastbourne: We so enjoy attending these moving ceremonies. We are always made very welcome by the Town Hall staff. We can sit and watch the ceremony before making the tea afterwards. The Mothers' Union is always spoken about by the mayor he really enthuses about what the Mothers' Union does both locally and worldwide. It is a joy to chat with the new Citizens who are always so proud of their achievement. We have had four ceremonies so far this year.

Trish Clarke, Polegate Branch

Hastings: We have attended three citizenship ceremonies in Hastings Town Hall. We cater for approx. 60, 20 are the new citizens, and if there is anything left over the town hall staff are queuing up.

It is a real privilege to be part of this special day for our new citizens. HM Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman CstJ and Mayor always make a point of thanking the Mothers Union and recommending their favourite cakes or savouries!

After the official ceremony whilst they are having their photos taken, we have a chance to chat to the citizens and their supporters who come from all over the world.

Christine Emson, Bexhill District Trustee

Lewes: Miles of smiles from around the world! Ringmer Branch continue to provide and serve the refreshments for the Citizenship Ceremonies at Southover Grange in Lewes. There were three citizenship ceremonies in 2023; two at Southover Grange and one at Crowborough as the Grange was undergoing renovations. In total over those 3 days, 60 new British citizens were sworn in and upwards of 150 family friends and dignitaries were served refreshments.

The new British citizens came, quite literally, from across the world - from Syria, India, Czech Republic, Rumania, Venezuela, Gambia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Colombia and Nepal. The day clearly means a great deal to them all- many were very smartly dressed and there were plenty of beaming smiles!

As always, the MU were made to feel very welcome, much being made of the very British tradition of tea and cake! It remains a privilege to be part of the occasion.

Christine Smith, Citizenship Coordinator for Ringmer MU

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC): EFCC has continued as a joint project with The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work (FSW). In 2023, a £5,000 grant was given to FSW towards the running costs of the project.

***We have supported
24 children to see
their non-resident
parent and helped
17 parents.***

Michelle Smart Senior Family Support Practitioner & EFCC Co-ordinator reports:

During this year I have processed and pre-visited **20 referrals**, these are for supported contacted, during the

process 3 families managed to find a way forward without using the Contact Centre.

This year, [we have supported 24 children](#) to see their non-resident parent and helped 17 parents with these arrangements. This breaks down to 14 fathers and 3 mothers who had supported contact with their children.

Parents often say, *"Thank you so much for all you do."*

Families look on the Contact Centre as a safe space. *This year one father travelled from Cornwall to see his children. Mum and Dad found they could talk and get on well culminating in the mother deciding to move from East Sussex to Cornwall so their children could be nearer to their dad.*

We continue to receive referrals, many of which require supervised contact, which is very different from supported contact. However, we are now in the process of becoming accredited by National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) to offer supervised contact and hope that we can offer this to families soon.

***"Thank you
so much for
all you do."***

I am in the process of negotiating more availability during the week at the Gateway Centre. We have been praying for the right person to support me with supervised contact; they must have experience of dealing with supervised contact. Our prayers were answered; a friend of one the volunteers have just retired from working with social services for the past 20 years and is very keen to work with us. She is also a committed Christian.

I am also training up one of the volunteers to become a deputy co-ordinator. Having worked solo for the past 3 years, it is nice to finally have a colleague work alongside me. She also has experience of working in a contact centre. Please keep us in your prayers for the expansion of supervised contact and for more volunteers to come and join us.

Modern Day Slavery: Reverend Sue Foster continues as our Modern-Day Slavery Ambassador and Trustee, she reports:

I visited seven branches in 2023 including, Horsham, Heathfield, Hellingly, Preston Friday Club, Brede, Lancing, Seaford and spoken to 120 people. The meetings included folk who were connected but not members of Mothers' Union; this is encouraging as awareness is spreading to other organisations and people. Everywhere I have been, I have been warmly welcomed and have had excellent feedback on a very difficult subject.

I am forever grateful for the opportunity these branches and groups have given me to share this huge problem with them and the importance of keeping our eyes open and a willingness to report anything we see that does not look right.

My thanks again go to the Clewer Initiative for the resources and training on their website. Their posters and information are a wonderful resource to draw upon, as I continue to share awareness with others.



I leave at each branch posters to be displayed also I leave leaflets and contact details for the Modern Day Slavery help line. I have had a warm welcome everywhere and feedback has been good. Many have limited knowledge of modern slavery, so hopefully these visits have encouraged all to be more aware of what is going on around them and a willingness to report anything that does not look right.

These visits have encouraged all to be more aware of what is going on around them

I have continued to meet with my fellow Ambassadors from Sussex and Surrey, and my thanks go to them for their support and varied insight and experiences.

This subject is so important, especially for vulnerable adults and children within our society.

We can make a difference if we just look, listen, and take action.

God bless.

Summary: 2023 has been a busy and productive year for the membership of Mothers' Union.

Our Away From It All holidays (AFIA) gave more free holidays than ever before, having a waiting list, which was used of families who wanted one of our holidays.

To grow our projects, we need to grow our membership, and find more partners to work with. It is unfair and impossible to expect our members to finance all the projects.

Our projects come from an awareness of the needs in our communities

Members took on board the need to change how and where we meet, this has meant that none of our branches has closed, and our membership has increased by 14 from 781 to 795.

We have strengthened our ties with the Diocese through our work on the Diocesan Committees. We have representation on The Diocesan Overseas Committee (DOC), and the Diocesan Committee for the Common Good. I have continued as a member of Diocesan Synod.

Whilst our Overseas Prayer Links are not the same as the Diocese, because of sitting on the DOC we have continued to work as a conduit between the Diocese and Mary Sumner House.

Proving we are all around the world, but we are just around the corner too. It has been important therefore to continue strengthening our links with our sister Diocesan Charity – Family Support Work (FSW) and forge new links with others.

Hayley Cole, our administrator, has worked incredibly hard as have all the trustees and Officers across the Diocese, my thanks to you all.

Mothers' Union is a grassroots movement of men and women, who pray with their feet moving. Our projects come from an awareness of the needs in our communities and are result through prayer. Our roots in our communities go deep, we have and can still with the Father's help work and love making our communities understand each other better, changing attitudes, making our communities a better place to thrive.

In these uncertain times of war, recession, and uncertainty, members continue to work and look forward with hope. As Nesta in Madi and West Nile, Uganda *"because with God nothing is impossible, may the almighty God lead you"*.

Karen Hill

Karen Hill
Diocesan President
Chichester Mothers Union



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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Charity address	Garton House 22 Stanford Avenue Brighton East Sussex BN1 6AA
Registered Charity number	249826
Trustees	Mrs Karen Hill Mrs Michele White Mrs Christine Bright Mrs Christine Emson Revd Sue Foster Mrs Maria Greco Revd Emma Ham-Riche Mrs Deborah Matthews
Officers	Mrs Hayley Cole - Diocesan Administrator Revd Margaret Constable - Diocesan Chaplain
Bankers	Barclays Bank
Independent Examiners	Shoreline Accountants Limited

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Vision and Mission

Vision

Our vision is a world where everyone prospers. We actively pursue this vision through prayer and action, helping to build confident people and resilient communities. Our movement seeks to bring about justice, challenge prejudice and advocate change.

Mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide. We do this by helping to nurture strong relationships at all levels, promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally.

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 world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;
- promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; and
- help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Organisational Structure

The charity is run by the Trustees

Trustees

Those who served during the year were as follows:

Mrs Karen Hill
Mrs Michele White
Mrs Christine Bright
Mrs Christine Emson
Revd Sue Foster
Mrs Maria Greco
Revd Emma Ham-Riche
Mrs Deborah Matthews

Officers

Mrs Hayley Cole - Diocesan Administrator
Revd Margaret Constable - Diocesan Chaplain

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Performance and Financial Review

For 2023, the total incoming resources of our funds were £75,655.15 (2022: £59,183.10) and are detailed in the financial statements.

Income from Subscriptions increased by £2,219 to £30,511 (2022: £28,292). Income for our major projects, AFIA and EFCC, increased by £12,131.30 to £28,388.42 (2022: £16,257.12). Districts and Branches continued their support with contributions to the General Fund.

There was a surplus in the accounts at 31 December 2023 of £74,657.52.

A few adjustments have been made to the overall figures as follows:

- Due to a misallocation in 2020 £15,000 has now been moved from Restricted funds to Unrestricted; this is in relation to a donation sent to Mary Sumner House.
- £434.84 has been deducted from the unrestricted due to misallocation during the Account Package change over in 2021
- £1771.80 has been added to the unrestricted fund from the restricted fund due to the amount being misallocated to the wrong column in 2022.

Reserves Policy

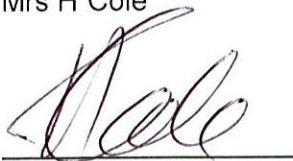
It is the Trustee Board's policy to maintain a balance on funds and running costs which are up to 24 months' worth of payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations and the unexpected drop in membership. In particular, this would cover running costs of AFIA and EFCC, plus general Diocesan expenditure. The closing balance of the Project Fund this year of £41,229.79 (2022: £42,349.71) represents about 16 months. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above fulfil this requirement of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mrs H Cole



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

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 Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE 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 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:

- 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.

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Mark Boxall
Chartered Accountant
Shoreline Accountants Limited



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	30,511.00		30,511.00	28,292.00
Gift Aid	0.00		0.00	3,025.96
Away from It All Holidays (AFIA)		28,188.42	28,188.42	14,738.72
Family Contact Centre (EFCC)		200.00	200.00	1,518.40
MuE	3,302.07		3,302.07	2,607.21
AFIA Appeal/Reserve		0.00	0.00	0.00
MSH Projects	512.00		512.00	1,080.00
Meetings	764.42		764.42	972.07
Other Income	12,107.24		12,107.24	6,947.31
Bank Interest		70.00	70.00	1.43
	47,196.73	28,458.42	75,655.15	59,183.10
PAYMENTS				
Subscriptions	15,489.00		15,489.00	15,460.00
AFIA		24,578.34	24,578.34	12,953.06
Family Contact Centre		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,157.59
MuE	1,655.68		1,655.68	1,515.07
AFIA Appeal/Reserve	0.00		0.00	1,737.60
MSH Projects	279.00		279.00	801.00
Insurance	584.99		584.99	584.99
Trustee expenses	301.18		301.18	393.70
Administrator Expenses	530.76		530.76	1,140.26
DP Expenses	1480.16		1480.16	864.15
Meetings	381.08		381.08	1,787.45
Card processing Fees	5.10		5.10	7.31
Printing & Stationery	5,083.20		5,083.20	5,153.67
Wages & Administration	8,899.28		8,899.28	9,303.64
Other Expenditure	6,115.70		6,115.70	2,759.12
	40,805.13	29,578.34	70,383.47	59,618.61
Net receipts (payments) in year	6,391.60	-1,119.92	5,271.68	-435.51
Cash funds at 1 January	10,699.17	58,686.67	69,385.84	69,477.94
Closing balance adjustment	16,336.96	-16,336.96		343.41
Cash funds at 31 December	33,427.73	41,229.79	74,657.52	69,385.84

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Barclay's - Community Account	57993.67	64054.39
Barclay's - Active Saver	16628.05	5295.65
Petty Cash	48.55	35.80
	<u>74670.27</u>	<u>69385.84</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Stocks	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Caravan	<u>21,675.00</u>	<u>25,500.00</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUND</u>		
<u>BALANCES</u>		
Project Fund	5295.65	5295.65
AFIA	21758.82	18148.74
EFCC	2842.92	7642.92
AFIA APPEAL/RESERVE	11332.40	11262.40
	<u>41229.79</u>	<u>42349.71</u>

Approved by the trustees on 23/02/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs H Cole
Diocesan Administrator



Mrs C Bright
Chair,
Finance & Services



Mrs K Hill
Diocesan President

NOTES FOR THE ACCOUNTS
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resource

Incoming resources are recognised when received by the Charity.

1.3 Resources used

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.5 Restricted Funds

Away From It All Holidays (AFIA) provides free holidays for families who otherwise would not have one due to lack of resources.

Away From It All Reserves (AFIA Reserves) was instigated for 2022 for funding of unforeseen costs incurred on the two diocesan caravans and a fund for future replacement of the caravans should the need arise.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC) provides supported contact between absent parent and children.

Project Fund is for projects which the Board of Trustees deem suitable for funding.

1.6 Depreciation Policy

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation rate is 15% calculated to write down the cost of each asset each year over its expected useful life. Impairment reviews are carried out as and when evidence comes to light that the recoverable amount of a functional fixed asset is below its net book value due to damage, obsolescence or other relevant factors.

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

**NOTES FOR THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

2 Grants receivable

		Restricted funds
		2023
		£
Rye Masonic Lodge	(AFIA)	£2195
The Cherry Tree St Georges Charitable Trust	(AFIA)	£5000
		Unrestricted funds
		2023
		£
Brighton & Hove City Council	(Brighton Citizenship ceremonies)	£735
Chichester Diocesan Fund & Board of Finance	(Flourishing Families & General Fund)	£3581.74
Legacy from J.Dowrick	(Flourishing Families)	£600
Mary Sumner House	(MUE sales related grant)	£658.63
Rye Masonic Lodge	(Flourishing Families)	£500

3 Grants payable

		Restricted funds
		2023
		£
The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work	(EFCC)	£5000
		Unrestricted funds
		2023
		£
Mothers' Union Canterbury Province	(Provincial President Expenses 2023)	£100
Mothers' Union Canterbury Province	(Provincial President Expenses 2024)	£100
Sussex Coast Talking Newspaper	(transcription of Link)	£50

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for
families around the world.
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your
love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of
marriage and family life.
Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and
worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands
across the world.
In Jesus' name.

Amen

The Prayer of Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.

Amen

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER) BRANCH

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Diocese of Chichester

Reg. Charity No.249826

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Patrons

The Right Revd. Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester
Sara Stonor, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex
Lady Emma Barnard, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex

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Annual Report 2022

2022 is the beginning of a new triennial for us. There have been highs and lows. We all celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd, and then joined together to watch her funeral, many members not quite believing our national patron was no longer with us.



The commissioning service in September where trustees and officers were sworn in by Bishop Will, was a well-attended and joyous event at St Mary's Church, Horsham. It was at this service we met our new patron, The Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex, Lady Emma Barnard.

Our thanks to the outgoing Lord Lieutenant, Dame Susan Pyper, for her support.

We have finally been able to put the pandemic behind us. Members met together, sharing, and praying together. We had trustee meetings in person and hybrid using zoom. The pandemic has left it scars but I believe we are slowly fighting back! All our Diocesan Projects are now back, and we are moving forward with them.

In 2022, Mothers' Union Diocese of Chichester has touched with Christ's love the lives of over 1600 adults and 600 children with its Diocesan Projects. That's hundreds of families!

Not included in these figures are the number of lives touched by Branch projects across the two counties in the Chichester Diocese.

Away From It All (AFIA):- A very good year for AFIA, records numbers at Selsey this season. Winchelsea was mostly full when it was available. The new shower cabinet was fitted at Winchelsea in September. I haven't seen it but I am told it looks very good. This season we have held open days in May at both sites. These were well attended and appreciated by members. Our members are wonderful in their support of this project. We couldn't finance this without their support.



The Trustee Board greatly appreciate and thank the members and branches for their continued support of the AFIA project.

As I write, both caravans are shut down for the winter. They will re-open at Easter. Going forward, the plan is to fit a veranda to the Winchelsea van, rather like the one at Selsey. Quotes are being investigated now. We would be looking at outside sources for funding for this. We had very few problems this season, there are always one or two hiccups! That is the nature of the families we are

dealing with, many of whom face challenges. Overall, a good season, very much easier than the two Covid Years!

Eighteen families at Winchelsea including a Ukrainian family and one referred via Domestic Violence Agency and **twenty-five families at Selsey**, also with one referral from a Domestic Violence Agency. A total of **72 adults and 91 children had a holiday thanks to Mothers' Union Diocese of Chichester in 2022.**

Two Cream Teas and raffles were held at Seal Bay, Selsey which heightens our profile as well as being a fundraiser.

Grateful thanks to Christine Bright our AFIA Coordinator, Linda at Selsey and Brenda at Winchelsea for all their hard work in looking after the caravans and the guests! Bookings for 2023 will open at the end of January. We are already getting enquiries!

Flourishing Families:-The Mothers' Union's passion to support and encourage parents stems from the very foundations of our now 4-million-member strong worldwide movement.

As we seek to remain relevant to our current context and the issues facing parents and carers today, we have learnt from our challenges and built on the strengths of our Parenting Programme over the past 22 years. This has happened through a review of the Worldwide Parenting Programme in 2019, a formal evaluation of Passionate about Parenting in 2020, a 5-session global process called Reflect and Renew with parenting facilitators and trainers in 2021 and other surveys/zoom sessions.

Mary Sumner House, the headquarters of Mothers' Union, has a new approach, launched in 2022, called Flourishing Families, and Mothers' Union Diocese of Chichester has agreed to be one of the pilot Dioceses for this project. To date, **8 members have volunteered to be part of the pilot as trained facilitators**. It gives us a lead in shaping and refining the programme before it is offered to the rest of our Mothers' Union movement.

The goal is to support and encourage families as their children are develop within safe and nourishing environments. We plan to work as Flourishing Families volunteer teams, adopting a three-stage process in selected areas.

Stage 1: -Trust and understanding has been built in an area, using already established groups- mums and toddlers etc.....

Stage 2: -Establish parents' / carers' groups. Trained facilitators will run six to eight ninety-minute sessions, designed to build confidence and self-esteem, to build communication skills, and to identify issues of concern and possible strategies to tackle them.

Stage 3: -Some groups may choose to continue meeting after the 'group' sessions; these could develop into community action groups or become part of Mothers' Union.

The Flourishing Families facilitators are looking to become part of a team of local members who will include people with a range of skills and passions to fulfil

three basic roles - team leader, coordinator, and facilitator. Perhaps after prayerful consideration you might like to take part as a volunteer? All volunteers will receive high quality training and support.

Mothers' Union Diocese of Chichester is planning for the Flourishing Families pilot scheme to take off at the beginning of 2023. This is only happening thanks to the hard work of Diane Clack - Parenting Coordinator, who has been instrumental in the creation of this project. My thanks to Diane. Your prayerful support would be very much appreciated as we embark on this exciting project.

Mothers' Union in HMP Ford: -Since the beginning of the year, great progress has been made towards getting a new team of volunteers together to support families visiting loved ones in prison. Through word of mouth, parish magazines and pew sheets and the volunteering hub in Bognor Regis we have drawn in **12 new volunteers**.

The Home Office have awarded a contract for supporting families who have members in prison, to charity called Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT). They take over from Spurgeon's Children's Charity, who Scilla Page - MU Prison Liaison Officer, has been working with since 2016.

During the pandemic we were locked out until quite recently, although the Spurgeon's worker got back into the prison and did an excellent job keeping the men in touch with their families using face time.

PACT is now responsible for vetting the new volunteers and making sure they have enhanced DBS clearance. Their main vetting officer, Tara Creasy, has been in touch and has a complete list of the people who wish to join us. It is a long process. Scilla Page met another PACT employee on 16th December and was able to explain what Mothers' Union have been doing in Ford Prison for the last 30 years.

My thanks to Scilla Page and her volunteers for this important work.

Christmas Cards into HMP and Gatwick Immigration

Removal Centre: -Sarah Magrath has made contract with the Anglican chaplain at the Gatwick Immigration Removal Centre and ensured that there were the right number of Christmas cards, 50, for them. 100 cards were delivered to Anna Glenton, the Anglican chaplain at HMP Lewes and 280 went into HMP Ford; the Revd. Andy Kerr is happy to receive them.

At a recent Branch meeting, one of the Chaplains at HMP Lewes said how much the men appreciated receiving the Christmas cards from MU each year.

Some 300 pairs of socks were wrapped and delivered for Christmas Day to the Gatwick Immigration Removal Centre. This is an important outreach and should not ever be underestimated. Thank you All.

Citizenship Ceremonies: - Very happy to report since April the Citizenship Ceremonies have returned in person, across East Sussex. All volunteers have been enthusiastic about coming back. This involves people to welcome the

20 citizens at each ceremony, and their guests as well as dedicated cake makers who very kindly contribute delicious bakes.

This was the schedule for 2022:

- Hastings 2 Ceremonies - 20 citizens and guests at each
- Eastbourne: 2 Ceremonies.
- Lewes: 3 Ceremonies
- Crowborough: 2 Ceremonies, in June and October. 10 citizens
- Brighton: monthly ceremonies 2 ceremonies per date (11am and 2pm), 30 citizens and guests at each.

The organisers of all of the citizenship ceremonies team are very happy to have us back. Brighton regularly contributes towards the cost of cake ingredients.

These events are momentous in the lives of people who wish to be citizens of this country. MU members say it has been a privilege to attend these functions and share with the new citizens of the UK their delight and enthusiasm when they swear their allegiance and sing God Save the KING. Many come from countries where they know Mothers' Union.

It is like having a little bit of my first home with me as I make my life in my new home" (New UK Citizen)

Whilst serving teas and coffee and cakes it gives us a chance to chat to people from all around the world who have made Sussex their new home. We pray for them all.

Thanks to all the teams of MU members from Heathfield, Ringmer, Rye, Seaford and Denton Branches.

Ministry of Cake: -

Conquest Hospital Hastings. - Our ministry of cake has also resumed at last after a long break due to Covid-19. Special Baby Unit have been anxious for us to return. It is a delight to be able to visit first the special baby unit where we are greeted warmly by the staff an amazing bunch of dedicated nurses led by Matron Wendy. Numbers vary from week to week but usually there are 6 plus little ones in specially heated cots all being watched by loving parents and staff.

Members have time to sit and listen to the parents to offer a break of a drink and cake, a shoulder to cry on and an encouraging few moments. Then go into the maternity ward FRANK SHAW where the brand-new parents and babies are also the expectant mums waiting for a caesarean section. This is usually a time of great excitement beautiful new babies and happy smiley parents we get to congratulate them and admire the new arrivals (not allowed to touch).

Members from Rye & Brede also provide emergency wash bags for patients taken into the Conquest unexpectedly.

Worthing Hospital – Finally in October we were allowed into the Children's Ward – Bluefin and the neo-natal unit. The cakes and chats with staff and parents are valued. This is an important outreach.

This takes about an hour and a half we finish in the Chaplaincy office and report back to the lead chaplain if there is any follow up and of course we pray for the wellbeing of the special babies and thanksgiving for all the little ones born at that time.

Members also supply emergency wash bags for Maternity, Memory Bags for the neo-natal unit and gift vouchers to Bluefin for Christmas.



In July the Charity Broadwater Carnival, Worthing made us one of their 5 charities, we had a stall at the carnival, where we took £177 from the stall. Then in October we were invited to Broadwater Fire Station where we received a further £1,350, from the profits of the Carnival.

It is with sadness we have not been able to return to the Trevor Mann Unit at the Brighton RSCH.

Both hospitals are short of volunteers, anyone interested please contact for Hastings where the commitment is once a fortnight - Chris Emson, Worthing is every Monday afternoon, contact me if you are interested.

Project with women's refuge centre for Rother. Our project in the local refuge centre for Rother. When asked last year how a bunch of MU members could help. The manager had a meeting with the ladies and came back to us that they would like to have a veg plot. SOS to members and spades forks, netting, trowels, pots, seeds and plants all turned up and were gratefully received. We were also able to give a sum of money which purchased a large propagator and a garden storage bin. Members look forward to the spring and to hear about their plans for the plot. They have also asked for baby food and blankets; Bexhill District is on the case!

Modern Day Slavery (MDS): -Reverend Sue Foster is our Modern-Day Slavery Ambassador and Trustee her final visits for 2022 took place during October, when Sue visited Hurstpierpoint and Midhurst branches. Interestingly the visit to Midhurst included several folks who had limited links to the church and Mothers' Union, this hopefully opened a wider audience to share awareness of MDS.

Raising awareness during 2022 Revd Sue has travelled to 10 Mothers Union branches and one Rotary Club Meeting throughout the Diocese. She has been invited to preach in St Georges, Worthing, and Wivelsfield Parish. Raising awareness of Modern-Day Slavery is vital.

In the leafy lanes of Sussex MDS is a huge problem. It is so important that we talk to each other, keep our eyes open and be willing to report any incident we feel isn't right. This will help to keep children and vulnerable adults safe.



Huge thanks to the Clewer Initiative for their resources, training and information provided on their website. If you haven't had a visit, then please do contact Revd Sue who is now taking bookings for 2023.

A huge thanks to Revd. Sue Foster, Trustee and Modern-day Slavery Ambassador

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC): - MU has continued to support this joint project with Family Support Work (FSW), with a £5,000 grant to FSW towards the running of the project. This project could not have continued without FSW's expertise.

Over the past 12 months, EFCC have supported a total of 22 families. Several have now moved on and just recently there has been an influx of referrals. There have had lots of enquiries from parents, solicitors and children services since taking on our own referrals. **Michelle processed 18 referrals from January – April 2022.** Undertaking the Enhanced Supervised Contact training with NACCC last year, helped enormously with processing referrals. For example, making risk assessments, gathering information and when to refer onto a supervised contact centre.

This year 2 volunteers have stepped down. In March after a PR drive with posters, leaflets and an advert for volunteers was put out throughout Eastbourne and surrounding areas. **3 new volunteers were recruited** who started in May. **A further 3 potential volunteers contacted EFCC** looking for volunteer opportunities. One has worked in a contact centre before which is a real blessing.

"The staff are amazing, so supportive and friendly. The children love coming to the Contact Centre" (Parent)

Since September Michelle sent out a total of 10 referrals forms for people requesting the use of the contact centre. So far, half of those have come back and had their pre-visits and are now using the contact centre or about to over the coming weeks.

A lot of referrals are due to domestic violence or poor mental health. Some are waiting for final court hearings, and some are in the process of legal proceedings. As parents move on, EFCC should have space to take on more referrals but it's likely there will need to be a waiting list in the 2023 as EFCC are nearly at full capacity.

"I can't fault the contact centre; you provide a fantastic service" (Parent)

FSW received a substantial donation for EFCC from a well-wisher and Michelle have been purchasing more educationally diverse toys. We now have an excellent range of toys for all ages which are both educational and inclusive.

"When I am here, I am at my best"
(Child)

We have had some great feedback from children and parents using the contact centre and it is heart-warming to see children slowly begin to relax and have special time with their absent parent. There have been some great outcome stories of people moving on and lots of positive feedback from reviews.

The children love the new toys and parents have commented on how nice they are.

Warm Hubs: - For many reasons outside of our control by September there were grave concerns about people not having enough money to eat and heat their homes. Branches decided to tackle this problem in intuitive ways. Some members invited their neighbours into their homes on a Sunday afternoon, for a chat, cuppa and cake. Better to heat one home than 4. Advice was given to these members on being safe.

West Tarring Branch went into a formal partnership with their parish church – St. Andrew, and by using the links the young family's worker Vicki (who is also a MU member), went through the local schools for young families who were "premium families". These families were offered a warm hub at The Old Palace, church hall, every Tuesday 3-6pm, where the children have a hot meal and parents have soup and bread. There are plenty of healthy snacks and a hot cuppa for Mum or dad, craft and colouring are available for the children. There is also an opportunity for the parents to take home a bag of groceries.

They started after October half term and will stop on 28.3.23; they are **feeding up to 24 children and 11 adults**. This Branch turned a simple November Coffee morning into a pre-Christmas Fair. They looked to outside funding from Worthing Lions, and received £370 from a Father Christmas Street collection, and a further £250 from a lucky Charity drawer. A **HUGE** thanks go to FSW and Turning Tides who have shared food.

Worldwide Links: -_We continue through Caroline Sewell our Overseas Rep to keep in contact with our Overseas Prayer Links. Lambeth 2022 was a wonderful way to contact both our Links and the Diocesan ones. It gave our membership the opportunity to meet entertain and speak with Diocesan/Provincial Presidents of the Mothers' Union both at a local level and at Chichester Cathedral.



As a result of Lambeth 2022 we held in October an Overseas Members Day to highlight how our Overseas projects are chosen we were ably assisted by MSH, Robert Dawes - Head of Development; we also shared a moving video message from our link MU in Mundri.

My thanks to Caroline for keeping our contacts and members in touch so we know what to pray for and they know our needs too.

Seoul – South Korea: - Over the last year members have been raising money through the MU church network to send to Myanmar. This money was used to help and support families, particularly young women and children.

Pre-Covid, money would have been raised through a bazaar and selling things normally. The MU are hoping that next year this will resume.

In addition, we learned that there will be an election for a new MU diocesan president in October.

Mundri, South Sudan: - We continue to enjoy a real time and lively contact with the Bishop of Mundri, +Bismark and occasionally his wife, Rina. It was great to hear that their home has at last been renovated after being destroyed during the conflict in December 2013 when all their valuables were also looted. They have now moved back into it.

Rina shared that they too were looking for a new diocesan MU leader as the current one was due to retire,

+Bismark and Rina attended the Lambeth Conference and afterwards went to stay with friends in Birmingham. It was very interesting to hear what the challenges and blessings of the conference had been. It had clearly been a time of learning that had been welcomed but also a great sadness and frustration at what the bishop referred to as, 'a huge expansion of difference in the gap between the member provinces of the Global North and the Global South'. The gap being between the different attitudes and responses to same sex relationships. In conclusion the bishop wonders what this says about the future of the Anglican Communion and is very much aware of the challenges ahead.

Madi and West Nile, Uganda: - Our contact Victoria in Madi and West Nile who has been so generous with her communication has now moved to the Pennsylvania in the US to study for a Master of Arts in Religion focusing on Christian Ministry and Missiology.

In November Nesta the new Diocesan President has been in touch with Caroline via WhatsApp and has asked us to keep them all in our prayers as 'things are not ok, and many are struggling to make ends meet as the cost of living has gone so high'.

Isikwuato, Nigeria: - Sadly we still have no communication with our MU diocese here although a few tentative feelers have been put out. So do keep this link in your prayers and we will let you know if we make contact!

Caroline communicates several times a year about subjects ranging from Covid, the rise in the cost of living, family challenges and how they run and fund their MU branches, to the effects of civil war and the challenge of the huge difference in attitude to LGBTQI people between the global south and the global north.



It is an interesting and varied conversation and important to keep in our prayers.

Summary: -

As can be seen 2022 has been another busy and productive year for the membership of Mothers' Union.

Whilst some branches have thrived reinvigorated after the Covid-19 pandemic others felt they could not continue. As a result of this in July 2 members attended the Re-imagining Mothers' Union conference in Liverpool. This is important as 4 Branches closed earlier this year. St Michaels and St Peters in Bexhill, Cuckfield and Colemans Hatch. The trustees are now looking to see new ways that we can have membership. Some of the members whose Branches closed have become Diocesan Members.

We have strengthened our ties with the Diocese through our work on the Diocesan Committees. We have representation on The Diocesan Overseas Committee (DOC), and the Diocesan Committee for the Common Good. I was delighted to accept the invitation from Bishop Martin to continue as a member of Diocesan Synod.

Whilst our Overseas Prayer Links are not the same as the Diocese, as a result of sitting on the DOC we have worked as a conduit between the Diocese and Mary Sumner House over 2022, which resulted in £15,000 of the Harvest Appeals going to Mothers' Union, for work within the Diocesan links and especially some of the money being used for MULOA (Mothers' Union Listening, Observing, Action) in Sierra Leone.

We are all around the world, but we are just around the corner too. It has been important therefore to strengthen our links with our sister Diocesan Charity – Family Support Work (FSW) and forge new links with Safe in Sussex and other Domestic Violence Agencies, and Turning Tides.

Hayley Cole, our administrator, has worked incredibly hard this year and found time to run the Beachy Head Marathon raising hundreds of pounds for Mothers' Union projects. Your trustees and Officers across the Diocese have worked hard too, my thanks to you all.

In a time of troubles and uncertainties such as these we must shine a Christ light into the darkness. The more we reach out into our communities with our projects in Christ's love, the more Christians will be trusted, and as one of the parents from the warm hub said, "You don't judge us, you just love us".

Karen Hill

Karen Hill

Diocesan President

Chichester Mothers' Union.



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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Charity address	Garton House 22 Stanford Avenue Brighton East Sussex BN1 6AA
Registered Charity number	249826
Trustees	Mrs Karen Hill Mrs Michele White Mrs Christine Bright Mrs Christine Emson Revd Sue Foster Mrs Maria Greco Revd Emma Ham-Riche Mrs Deborah Matthews
Officers	Mrs Hayley Cole - Diocesan Administrator Revd Margaret Constable - Diocesan Chaplain
Bankers	Barclays Bank
Independent Examiners	Shoreline Accountants Limited

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Vision and Mission

Vision

Our vision is a world where everyone prospers. We actively pursue this vision through prayer and action, helping to build confident people and resilient communities. Our movement seeks to bring about justice, challenge prejudice and advocate change.

Mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide. We do this by helping to nurture strong relationships at all levels, promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally.

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 world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;
- promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; and
- help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Organisational Structure

The charity is run by the Trustees

Trustees

Those who served during the year were as follows:

Mrs Karen Hill
Mrs Michele White
Mrs Christine Bright
Mrs Christine Emson
Revd Sue Foster
Mrs Maria Greco
Revd Emma Ham-Riche
Mrs Deborah Matthews

Officers

Mrs Hayley Cole - Diocesan Administrator
Revd Margaret Constable - Diocesan Chaplain

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Performance and Financial Review

For 2022, the total incoming resources on our funds were £59,183.10 (2021: £86,997.08) and are detailed in the financial statements.

Income from Subscriptions increased by £5,097 to £28,292 (2021: ££23,195). Income for our major projects, AFIA and EFCC, decreased by £8,409.18 to £16,257.12 (2021: £24,666.30). Districts and Branches continued their support with contributions to the General Fund.

There was a surplus in the accounts at 31 December 2022 of £69,385.84.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustee Board's policy to maintain a balance on funds and running costs which are up to 24 months' worth of payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations and the unexpected drop in membership. In particular, this would cover running costs of AFIA and EFCC, plus general Diocesan expenditure. The closing balance of the Project Fund this year of £42,349.71 (2021: £45,939.41) represents just over 8 months. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above fulfil this requirement of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mrs H Cole



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

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 Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE 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 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:

- 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.

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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	28,292.00		28,292.00	23,195.00
Gift Aid	3,025.96		3,025.96	0.00
Away from It All Holidays (AFIA)		14,738.72	14,738.72	22,097.07
Family Contact Centre (EFCC)		1,518.40	1,518.40	2,569.23
MuE	2,607.21		2,607.21	2,573.96
AFIA Appeal/Reserve				32,701.20
MSH Projects	1,080.00		1,080.00	
Meetings	972.07		972.07	
Other Income	6,947.31		6,947.31	3,860.09
Bank Interest	1.43		1.43	0.53
	42,925.98	16,257.12	59,183.10	86,997.08
PAYMENTS				
Subscriptions	15,460.00		15,460.00	13,670.00
Away from It All Holidays (AFIA)		12,953.06	12,953.06	10,288.86
Family Contact Centre (EFCC)		5,157.59	5,157.59	8,196.47
MuE	1,515.07		1,515.07	3,700.35
AFIA Appeal/Reserve	1,737.60		1,737.60	32,428.44
MSH Projects	801.00		801.00	0.00
Insurance	584.99		584.99	0.00
Trustee expenses*	393.70		393.70	0.00
Administrator Expenses*	1,140.26		1,140.26	0.00
DP Expenses*	864.15		864.15	0.00
Meetings*	1,787.45		1,787.45	0.00
Card processing Fees	7.31		7.31	0.00
Trustee Expenses, Conferences & Meetings	0.00		0.00	1,627.31
Printing & Stationery	5,153.67		5,153.67	2,210.37
Wages & Administration	9,303.64		9,303.64	10,026.37
Other Expenditure	2,759.12		2,759.12	3,096.03
	41,507.96	18,110.65	59,618.61	85,244.20
Net receipts (payments) in year	1,418.02	-1,853.53	-435.51	1,752.88
Cash funds at 1 January	9,281.15	60,196.79	69,477.94	67,445.00
**Opening balance adjustment				280.06
**Closing balance adjustment		343.41		
Cash funds at 31 December	10,699.17	58,686.67	69,385.84	69,477.94

*In 2021 these figures were combined together under 'Trustee Expenses, Conferences & Meetings' For greater clarity I have now separated them.

**Opening balance adjustment included under restricted funds b/f figure.

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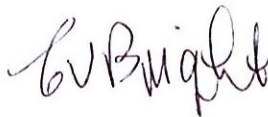
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021
	£		£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>			
Barclay's - Community Account	64054.39		64149.72
Barclay's - Active Saver	5295.65		5294.22
Petty Cash	35.80		34.00
	<u>69385.84</u>		<u>69477.94</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Stocks	<u>1,400.00</u>		<u>1,200.00</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Caravan	<u>25,500.00</u>		<u>29,000.00</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES</u>			
Project Fund	5295.65		5294.22
AFIA	18148.74		26352.25
EFCC	7642.92		11282.11
AFIA APPEAL/RESERVE	11262.40		3010.83
	<u>42349.71</u>		<u>45939.41</u>

Approved by the trustees on 28/02/23 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs H Cole
Diocesan Administrator



Mrs C Bright
Chair,
Finance & Services



Mrs K Hill
Diocesan President

**NOTES FOR THE ACCOUNTS
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resource

Incoming resources are recognised when received by the Charity.

1.3 Resources used

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.5 Restricted Funds

Away From It All Holidays (AFIA) provides free holidays for families who otherwise would not have one due to lack of resources.

Away From It All Reserves (AFIA Reserves) was instigated for 2022 for funding of unforeseen costs incurred on the two diocesan caravans and a fund for future replacement of the caravans should the need arise.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC) provides supported contact between absent parent and children.

Project Fund is for projects which the Board of Trustees deem suitable for funding.

1.6 Depreciation Policy

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation rate is 15% calculated to write down the cost of each asset each year over its expected useful life. Impairment reviews are carried out as and when evidence comes to light that the recoverable amount of a functional fixed asset is below its net book value due to damage, obsolescence or other relevant factors.

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NOTES FOR THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Grants receivable

		Restricted funds
		2022
		£
The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work	(AFIA)	£2380
Mrs Lacy-Tate Trust	(AFIA)	£1000
Mrs Lacy-Tate Trust	(AFIA)	£1000
		Unrestricted funds
		2022
		£
Mary Sumner House	(MUe sales related grant)	£658.63
Brighton & Hove City Council	(Brighton Citizenship ceremonies)	£400.00

3 Grants payable

		Restricted funds
		2022
		£
The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work	(EFCC)	£5000
		Unrestricted funds
		2022
		£
St Mary's Church Horsham	(Use of church for commissioning service)	£100
Sussex Coast Talking Newspaper	(transcription of Link)	£50

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for
families around the world.
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your
love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of
marriage and family life.
Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and
worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands
across the world.
In Jesus' name.

Amen

The Prayer of Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.

Amen

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER) BRANCH

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Patrons

The Right Revd. Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester
Sara Stoner, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex
Susan Pyper, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex

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It would be fair to say as we celebrated the end of 2020, we all felt we had turned a corner with the Covid-19 virus. Things would get easier how wrong we were. Here is a summary of the vital work of the MU in our Diocese.

Away From It All (AFIA) As we came to the end of 2020, we found that both caravans were due to be renewed, at a potential cost of some £100,000. This posed a huge financial problem and after prayer and an emergency Trustee meeting the Board agreed that AFIA was to be our main Diocesan Project, because it shows Christ's love in a practical way. To achieve such a challenge our Trustees decided that the burden needed to be shared and over the next few months, through a Diocesan mailing to Parish PCCs and applications to outside charities – The Lions, Rotary, Community Chests etc, donations, including £11,000 from our Parishes was received. Individual donations were also received from our members.

Following inspection by the site owners at Winchelsea, they agreed that the caravan could be thoroughly refurbished as opposed to being replaced. Even then, the original estimated cost would have been £11,000 but through generosity of local tradesmen and businesses their services were offered at no or low cost so that to date, the refurbishment has cost only £3,500, with some additional work to be completed in 2022.

Our caravan at Bunn Leisure Selsey had to be replaced, but following discussions with the new site owners; they offered us a brand-new caravan for a discounted price of £50,000. Even then they offset this price by generously offering to buy our old caravan, meaning that the cost of the new van was reduced to just £30,000. Our branches fundraised as well as individual members sent money to help buy the Selsey caravan. We were £16,000 short and borrowed this from our General Fund.

Bunn Leisure also offered us fundraising events on site which we took up successfully over several weekends, when teams of members sold cream teas and cakes to the people using the West Sands site, and raffles were held with prizes donated by Bunn Leisure. Two of these events were held during lockdown conditions, when Deborah Matthews Risk Assessment experience became invaluable leading to her becoming our Risk Assessment Officer for Covid-19. We met so many lovely people at these events and were able to promote the work of MU in the community.

The Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex, Mrs Susan Pyper was contacted and with her help we were able to get press interest in West Sussex, and in June 2021 an anonymous donation for the outstanding £16,000 was received.

The brilliant response to our AFIA appeal, no doubt achieved through prayer, has made our Trustee Board consider at length the need in the future to build up sufficient reserves to maintain the necessary costs, including the ground rent for our two caravans. If Covid-19 has taught us anything, it is that we must be better prepared financially, and not rely solely on our membership to fundraise for our AFIA project. As a result, our Reserves Policy has been amended to 12 months from 6 months.

Thanks to the amazing work done by our two local teams in Selsey and Winchelsea and by Christine Bright our manager and bookings Coordinator, our caravans have been fully occupied by needy families throughout the year, 19 families at Winchelsea and 16 in Selsey.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC). The year began with the resignation of the Co-ordinator. However, the Covid-19 lockdown gave us breathing space and Christine Baldock, (Deputy Coordinator) once again stepped up and kept things going. Christine has given the centre years of wonderful service and we are all most appreciative of what she has achieved. Due to health, she resigned her position in the autumn of 2021.

At the end of 2020 we entered into a formal partnership with The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work Charity (FSW), and this included an agreement that over the following 12

months they would take over the Management of the Centre. In April 2021 Michelle Smart, a senior social worker within FSW became the Coordinator of EFCC assisted by a team of MU volunteers, with FSW assuming full responsibility for the Contact Centre at the beginning of January 2022.

Parenting. At a national level the material for the Parenting Programme is being re-written and a re-launch is expected in 2022. At Diocesan level we celebrated 21 years of the Parenting Programme, although due to Covid-19 we have not been able to join parents together.

Ministry of Cake. MU continued throughout COVID to take cake for staff and visiting parents to Worthing Hospital Children and Maternity Ward, although our teams throughout the Diocese have not yet been able to resume actually visiting the wards. Across the Diocese NHS Zoom training has been offered to all members who are involved in this project.

Emergency bags for hospitals and refuges. There are a number of branches who make emergency bags for women taken into hospital or a refuge at very short notice. Covid-19 has made it harder to get the bags where they are needed, although even at the height of lockdown, Brede Branch started to fundraise and supply emergency bags to the Conquest Hospital, Hastings.

Prisons. This year we were limited to taking in Christmas cards for prisoners and a fleeting visit to HMP Ford to deliver new toys. Covid-19 has reduced visiting by families, but we are hoping to revitalise our involvement in Ford prison, if we can recruit an adequate number of volunteers.

Immigrant Removal Centre. Ann Swaine has kept in touch with the Anglican Chaplain at the Gatwick Immigrant Removal Centre. The number of people awaiting deportation varies enormously, but our gifts of socks and Christmas cards have continued and were very welcome.

World-wide. Caroline Sewell is working with Bishop Ruth Bushyager on the Diocesan Overseas Committee to co-ordinate our role in the Lambeth Conference, which is due to take place in the summer of 2022. She also maintains contact with our Link Diocese around the world and supplies members with what our Links want us to prayer for especially during our Wave of Prayer.

Baby baskets. Chichester District have been collecting and knitting for young families and new mothers. They have an established partnership with "Little Bundles", which is run by the National Childbirth Trust. Based in Littlehampton and distribute to needy families in the area.

16 Days of Action against Gender Based Violence. Every District and numbers of branches held services and events on the Saturday 27th of November to draw attention to gender based violence, which is overwhelmingly directed against women. This was supported by all 3 of our Diocesan Bishops.

Modern Day Slavery (Clewer). Reverend Sue Foster of MU was commissioned as a Diocesan Ambassador for MDS in October 2021 and agreed to join the 2022 Trustee Board to oversee the role out of MDS with members.

Citizenship Ceremonies. These did not run during 2021 due to Covid-19 but are due to begin in April 2022, and will be supported by MU in the Diocese.

Website. Our new Diocesan MU website is nearing completion and a HUGE THANK YOU must go to Robert Fitzgerald who has redesigned the website to meet the needs of society today and has given his professional services at no charge.

Staff changes. In January 2021 both Anita Grammer (Secretary), and Andy Anderson (Treasurer) gave their notices to retire. A huge thanks to both for the years of service they have given to Mothers Union, and their support to me. The Trustees made the decision to combine the roles and following advert and interview appointed an Administrator Mrs Hayley Cole in May 2021.

Meetings. Following Covid-19 restrictions, the Trustee Board met regularly on Zoom and in person at Garton House. Similarly, most branches during the year, felt able to meet at least once in person.

Wave of Prayer (WOP) and Lady Day services were on Zoom. Our Chaplain the Reverend Helen Rose conducted the WOP service, with the Lady Day Service being organised by our Cuckfield Branch. Services were well supported and very moving.

The Members meeting and AGM was held on Zoom in May, where members agreed to suspend sections of the constitution pending review. The Trustee Board will be up-dating and rewriting the Constitution following advice from Mary Sumner House (MSH).

We held our October Members Meeting in person in Haywards Heath attended by 100 of our members. We celebrated with a reflective Eucharist Service and took the opportunity to both celebrate 21 years of the Parenting Project with cake and to gather Branch Leaders/Contacts into groups to discuss 'Re-imagining Mother Union'. A discussion document from Branches is being sent for review by the Trustee Board.

Every three years official workers are entitled to nominate and vote for elected members. While appointments are made by the Trustees, Mothers' Union is represented on the following Diocesan Boards: Overseas Council, Clewer Initiative, Lambeth 2022 Committee and Diocesan Synod.

Thanks were given to outgoing Trustees, to Kathryn Anderson the previous DP and now the Provincial President, and to Anita and Andy on their retirement.

Branch Closures. Balcombe in the Crawley District closed in December 2021. Our Membership is a key issue being looked at by our Trustee Board.

Trustee Training. As we come to the end of a Triennial, we felt it prudent to start local Trustee training earlier than usual, just in case Covid-19 caused more lockdowns. Since July, new and current Trustees have been meeting in person. National Training was implemented from November and continues into early 2022 via Zoom.

Finally: A huge personal thank you to all our MU membership for coming through a difficult two years. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, our members have found ways of fundraising under truly difficult circumstances. My thanks to all the outgoing trustees, for all their hard work and enthusiasm in embracing change and thanks to those trustees who are continuing and to those new trustees who join us for the 2022-24 triennial!

As a Trustee Board we have had to look at doing things differently. We cannot and should not always be looking to our membership to fund and fundraise and, as our AFIA project has shown us, outside bodies and other charities will provide funding to maintain projects which fulfil such an important need.

Looking forward, Mothers' Union in this Diocese is financially secure, and our projects are now built on solid foundations. Maintaining and growing our membership is a challenge and the Trustees are focused on seeing what more we can offer members as we go forward. We don't know what the future holds but maybe it has taken 2 years of a Pandemic to test our faith and make us realise we are not always in control – possibly no bad thing! We move forward led by prayer and the knowledge we are needed more than ever in a broken world.

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Performance and Financial Review

For 2021, the total incoming resources on our funds were £86,997.08 (2020: £64,200.51) and are detailed in the financial statements.

Income from Subscriptions decreased by £3,473.50 to £23,195 (2020: £26,668.50). Income for our major projects AFIA and EFCC increased by £4,300.69 to £24,666.30 (2020: £20,365.61). Districts and Branches continued their support with contributions to the General Fund. The largest item of expenditure was the sum of £30,000 paid for the new caravan at Selsey.

There was a surplus in the accounts at 31 December 2021 of £69,762.72.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustee Board policy to maintain a balance on funds which equates to approximately 12 months' worth of payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations. In particular, this would cover running costs of AFIA and EFCC, plus general Diocesan expenditure. The closing balance of the Project Fund this year of £45,504.25 (2019: £38,485.15) represents around 9 months.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above fulfil this requirement of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mrs H Cole



MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

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 Commission under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE 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 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.

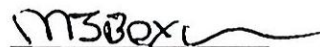
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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 - 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.

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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	2021	2020
	2021	2021	£	£
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	23,195.00		23,195.00	26,668.50
Gift Aid				5,674.91
AFIA		22,097.07	22,097.07	13,325.79
Family Contact Centre		2,569.23	2,569.23	7,039.82
MuE	2,573.96		2,573.96	986.40
AFIA appeal		32,701.20	32,701.20	1,306.20
MSH Projects				648.92
Other Income	3,860.09		3,860.09	8,540.97
Bank Interest	0.53		0.53	9.00
	29,629.58	57,367.50	86,997.08	64,200.51
PAYMENTS				
Subscriptions	13,670.00		13,670.00	11,656.00
AFIA		9,724.02	9,724.02	11,143.19
Family Contact Centre		8,196.47	8,196.47	4,259.57
MuE	3,700.35		3,700.35	786.40
AFIA appeal		32,428.44	32,428.44	
MSH Projects				648.92
Insurance				634.67
Trustee Expenses, Conferences & Meetings	1,627.31		1,627.31	1,011.07
Printing & Stationery	2,210.37		2,210.37	2,242.80
Wages & Administration	10,026.37		10,026.37	8,995.64
Other Expenditure	3,096.03		3,096.03	17,006.58
	34,330.43	50,348.93	84,679.36	58,384.84
Net receipts (payments) in year	-4,700.85	7,018.57	2,317.72	5,815.67
Cash funds at 1 January 2021	13,982.00	53,486.00	67,445.00	61,629.00
Cash funds at 31 December 2021	9,281.15	60,504.57	69,762.72	67,444.67

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Bank A/C	64,149.72		62,159.00	
Deposit A/C	5,294.22		5,293.69	
Cash in Hand	<u>34.00</u>		<u>14.00</u>	
		<u>69,477.94</u>		<u>67,466.69</u>
 <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Stocks		<u>1,200.00</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>
 <u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Caravan		<u>29,000.00</u>		<u> </u>
		<i><u>purchase price spring 2021</u></i>		
 <u>RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES</u>				
Project Fund	5,294.22		5,293.69	
AFIA	26,352.25		13,544.04	
EFCC	11,282.11		16,909.35	
AFIA APPEAL	<u>3,010.83</u>		<u>2,738.07</u>	
		<u>45,939.41</u>		<u>38,485.15</u>

Approved by the trustees on 01/04/22 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs H Cole
Diocesan Administrator



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Chair,
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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

NOTES FOR THE ACCOUNTS THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resource

Incoming resources are recognised when received by the Charity.

1.3 Resources used

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Charitable funds

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1.5 Restricted Funds

Away From It All Holidays (AFIA) provides free holidays for families who otherwise would not have one due to lack of resources.

Away From It All Appeal (AFIA Appeal) was instigated for 2021 to 2022 for funding of repairs to the caravan at the Winchelsea site and payment for a new caravan at the Selsey site.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre (EFCC) provides supported contact between absent parent and children.

Project Fund is for projects which the Board of Trustees deem suitable for funding.

2 Grants receivable

		Restricted funds
		2021
		£
The Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work	(AFIA)	£1750
David Laing Foundation	(AFIA Appeal)	£500
Worthing Lions Club	(AFIA Appeal)	£1500

3 Grants payable

		Unrestricted funds
		2021
		£
Sussex Coast Talking Newspaper	(Transcription of Link 2020)	£50
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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Performance and Financial Review

For 2020, the total incoming resources on our funds were £64,201 (2019: £74,631) and are detailed in the financial statements.

Income from Subscriptions decreased by £3,167 to £26,669 (2019: 29,836). Income for our major projects AFIA and EFCC decreased by £4,894 to £20,366 (2019: £25,260). Districts and Branches continued their support of Central projects raising £649 (2019: £5,873), and with contributions to the General Fund.

The largest item of expenditure was the sum of £11,656 paid to Mary Sumner House for Subscriptions.

There was a surplus in the accounts at 31 December 2020 of £67,468.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustee Board policy to maintain a balance on funds which equates to approximately 6 months' worth of payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations. In particular, this would cover running costs of AFIA and EFCC, plus general Diocesan expenditure. During the year £15,000 was donated to central Mothers' Union funds. The closing balance of the Project Fund this year of £38,486 (2019: £47,208) represents just under 8 months, so we are in a good position should anything unforeseen arise.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above fulfil this requirement of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Mr A Anderson

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Receipts				
Subscriptions	26,669		26,669	29,836
Gift Aid	5,675		5,675	4,818
AFIA		13,326	13,326	15,307
Family Contact Centre		7,040	7,040	9,953
MuE	986		986	2,907
AFIA Appeal		1,306	1,306	467
MSH Projects	649		649	5,873
Bank interest		9	9	40
Other Income	8,541		8,541	5,430
	42,520	21,681	64,201	74,631
Payments				
Subscriptions	11,656		11,656	15,724
AFIA		11,143	11,143	11,694
Family Contact Centre		4,260	4,260	5,377
MuE	786		786	3,246
MSH Projects	649		649	5,873
Insurance	635		635	635
Trustee Expenses, Conferences & Meetings	1,011		1,011	2,230
Printing & Stationery	2,243		2,243	861
Wages & Administration	8,996		8,996	8,921
Publicity	379		379	2,200
Appeal donation	15,000		15,000	-
Other Expenditure	1,604		1,604	3,007
	42,959	15,403	58,362	59,768
Net receipts (payments) in year	(439)	6,278	5,839	14,863
Cash funds at 1 January 2019	14,421	47,208	61,629	46,766
Cash funds at 31 December 2020	13,982	53,486	67,468	61,629

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>					
Barclays - Community Account		62,159		41,308	
Barclays - Active Saver		5,295		20,285	
Petty Cash		14		35	
			<u>67,468</u>	<u>61,628</u>	
<u>Other Assets</u>					
Stocks			<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,482</u>	
<u>Restricted Fund Balances</u>					
Project Fund		5,294		20,285	
AFIA		13,545		11,362	
EFCC		16,909		14,129	
AFIA Appeal		2,738		1,432	
			<u>38,486</u>	<u>47,208</u>	

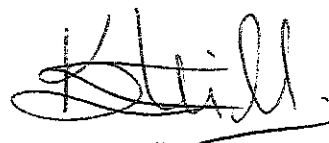
Approved by the Trustees on 8/4/2021 and signed on their behalf by:



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Chair, Finance & Services



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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

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