

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF GUILDFORD) BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 249931

Details

Other names THE MOTHERS UNION - GUILDFORD DIOCESE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1966-11-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE IT'S WIDER UNDERSTANDING. 2) TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH. 3) TO MAINTAIN A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS, UNITED IN PRAYER, 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: Diocesan Forum May and NovemberCRB ClearanceHospital projectPrison WorkFund Raising

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF GUILDFORD
- Hampshire
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£37,531	£45,694	-	-
2023-12-31	£46,307	£46,309	-	-
2022-12-31	£46,328	£52,475	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,007	£31,684	-	-
2020-12-31	£38,696	£58,345	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Diana Wood		2019-01-01
Elizabeth Coral Newhouse		2022-01-01
SHEILA SUTHERLAND		
SYLVIA TAYLOR		2013-01-01

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Christian care for families
Diocese of Guildford



**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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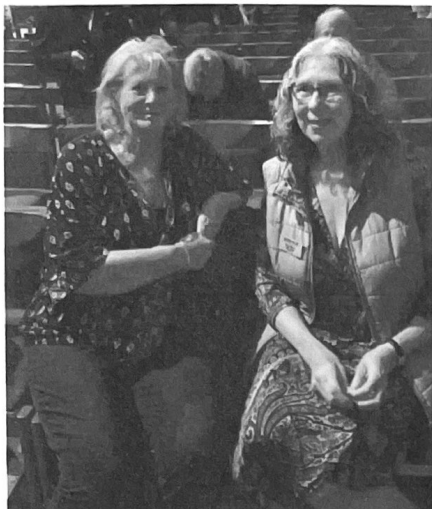
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The finance committee met a number of times during 2024 to review the finances in more detail than time allowed during full trustee meetings.

The diocese continues to operate cautiously and seeks to use its funds prudently to support the aims and vision of Mothers' Union.

We have three bank accounts with Lloyds, a general business account, an account mainly used for members' subscriptions and one for MUE trading. We hold shares administered by the Guildford Diocese Board of Finance and have shares with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund; we also have a deposit account with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. We enjoyed a modest gain in the value of our investments over the year.

Members donate generously and fundraise in a variety of ways to support the work of Mothers' Union. In 2024 projects which we helped to finance including AFIA holidays and days out, support work in local prisons and women's refuges, the Make-a Mother's Day appeal, the Summer of Hope appeal and the diocesan summer party for families in need.



Joint Presidents' Report for 2024

2024 marked the end of a triennium which had seen many changes at Mothers' Union headquarters, Mary Sumner House, and in Guildford Diocese. After much discussion and consultation, a new voting system was put in place in Guildford to elect the Diocesan President and members of the Trustee board. 'One member, one vote' meant that every member had a chance to be involved in the process and to have their voice heard. This was quite a complicated logistical exercise, but the outcome was very satisfactory with over a third of the members casting their votes.

The work of Mothers' Union across the diocese continues to be supported by the Bishop of Guildford and the Bishop of Dorking. We have had regular meetings with Bishop Andrew and were delighted to take up his offer of the use of his garden during Tent Week in June for a tea party for members. Over 100 attended and enjoyed a time of fellowship as well as a chance to hear presentations about MU projects.

We continue to hold Members' Meetings every May and November, and these are now supplemented by Branch Leaders' meetings which offer a further opportunity to keep members up to date with forthcoming events and to get feedback from members. Traditionally the Members' Meetings have been held during the daytime but in May the meeting was held in the evening, giving a chance for members at work during the day to attend.

A new initiative in 2024 was a Grandparenting Day held in October at the Church on the Heath in Elvetham. This was an opportunity for members to explore how they might share their faith with their grandchildren and to affirm and encourage them in this role. The meeting was well attended and the initiative will be taken forward in the future.

As we look back on our three years in office, we feel that the experiment of having two joint Presidents has been a successful one. We have taken it in turns to chair Board meetings and have shared the considerable workload of meetings within the diocese and across the province according to our availability and skills. Collaborative working has been the key and will continue to feature strongly as the charity moves into a new triennium, even though this will be with just one Diocesan President.

Action and Outreach

Refuges:

At present we support five refuges within the diocese: two in Woking, one in Guildford, one in Aldershot and one in Waverley. All families at the refuges were invited to our annual summer party in August which was very successful with about 70 children being entertained by a bouncy castle, a ball pool, a magician and crafts.

The members are very generous, and donations are brought (from a list of needs provided by the refuges) to our two Members' Meetings. 50 Christmas bags for the women at the refuges were assembled by our Hinchley Wood branch and contributions were given to their Christmas party.

Prisons:

At Send women's prison, we hold card-making sessions twice a month as well as a social evening for the over 50s. We have about 12 volunteers who regularly go into the prison. Some members provide card-making packs that are provided for ladies who are not comfortable mixing with other prisoners.

Other activities:

Some branches make up and supply emergency toiletry bags for hospitals.

Goods are collected and donated to the women's night shelter in Woking, the night shelter in Guildford and the drop-in centre for rough sleepers in Guildford. Our members also donate to Guildford Action, a local charity which provides services for people who have fallen through the net or find themselves outside normal society.

Many members use craft skills – knitting for babies and toddlers (with some garments given to local refugees and others sent to a linked MU charity in Uganda) or creating fiddle pinnies and twiddle muffs for dementia sufferers in local care homes. Members have also knitted knee rugs for stroke victims at local hospitals.

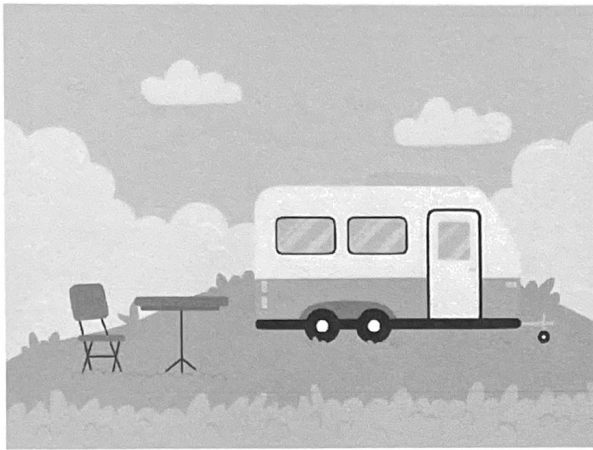


Shirley Martin (Action and Outreach Co-ordinator)

AFIA (Away from It All)

AFIA has been able to support quite a number of families in need this year. Partnering with organisations such as the Kinship Care charity and the Salvation Army Housing Association, we have arranged holidays to caravan parks near the sea in West Sussex and Dorset. AFIA also paid for a coach to take a group of mothers and children from a local refuge out for the day. Despite the rain, they very much enjoyed their time by the sea in Brighton and the packed lunches we funded. AFIA also provided transport so that visitors including refugees and those based in refuges could attend the Mothers' Union summer party at Normandy Village Hall.

Liz Newhouse (AFIA coordinator)



A day trip to Brighton



Faith and Prayer



Farewell thankyou's were sent to Revd Helen Kempster for her valued work as MU Chaplain and also to Wendy Faux, long-serving former member of the Faith & Prayer committee. Antonia Wilson voiced her wish to stand down from the committee. Her leadership has been highly valued and will be sorely missed. Dorothea Natrass, while standing down as Vice President and trustee, has been asked to continue to sit on the committee and has agreed, for which members are most grateful.

“Tea in the Tent”: a most enjoyable afternoon was had by members at Willow Grange as guests of Bishop Andrew and his wife, Revd. Beverly Watson. Bishop Paul was also present. Our new diocesan chaplain, Revd. Betty Hayes, was enrolled and installed by Bishop Andrew. Members heard from a number of past Diocesan Presidents who shared memories of their time in office.

Canterbury Provincial Gathering: this was held at the King's Centre in Oxford on 22 June and attended by nearly 300 members from across the Province. Guildford's Antonia Wilson had done much of the organising, and Pippa and Steve Cramer (also Guildford MU members) presented a segment on 'Hymns of Love'. Members appreciated presentations on MU work in various dioceses, shared a service of Holy Communion, and were entertained by comedian Andy Kind after lunch.

Quiet Day: this took place on 16 October at St Thomas on the Bourne, Farnham. Revd Professor Linda Morgan led a reflection on the theme of Homecoming for 20 members.

16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence: this was marked by Send branch members with a candle-lit vigil at their local shopping parade. The Diocese also has a display “Soles of our shoes” which showcases shoes that speak on behalf of the victims of domestic violence and abuse. The physical shoes are accompanied by comments from those that have walked away from abuse, and those who journey with them. The display is used by different branches across the diocese to highlight the issue of domestic abuse.

Monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer services continued at the Lady Chapel in Guildford Cathedral. Previous attempts to reach out to a wider audience via Zoom were discontinued due to unresolvable technical problems. Revd Canon Rosemary Donovan, an MU member, devised and led a special service of remembrance in November as Betty Hayes was not available that day. Members and relatives were comforted by the service as they honoured the lives of those who had died during the past year.

Reports from Branches

Our branches vary in size – a few have just a handful of members while the largest have over 70. Activities vary from branch to branch, but all are involved in fundraising for MU projects and service to their local community.

Highlights from 2024 included: -

- Our Summer Party held at Normandy Village Hall. We welcomed 50 visitors, including some refugees and other families from refuges and the Bishop of Guildford. Children enjoyed a magic show, bouncy castle, soft play, craft activities, parachute games and the outdoor playground. About 25 MU volunteers supervised activities and served refreshments, and MU funds covered the costs of transport to the venue.
- Ashtead branch makes 'Bags of love' for the parents of new pupils at the local CofE Infant School. These paper gift bags are handed out to parents as they drop off their children on the first day of the new school year. The bags contain tissues, a pack of wipes, lip salve, tea and coffee bags and a packet of biscuits, plus an invitation to a coffee morning and prayer card. A similar project also runs at Lyne branch.



- Cake stalls are always a popular way to raise money and were held by many branches over the course of the year.
- Members at Camberley St. Paul's branch are all encouraged to bring toilet rolls to each branch meeting! These are given to a local Christian charity, the Hope Hub, which works to support homeless people. On average 48 rolls per month are donated, and the branch also contributes Easter eggs and special food treats at Christmas.

Safeguarding

I have now completed my third year as Safeguarding lead for Guildford Mothers' Union.

Mary Sumner House, the headquarters of the Mothers' Union, has now appointed a Lead for Safeguarding and approved the guidance for the UK and NI. The trustees of Guildford Diocese are working to follow this guidance.

We have commenced the process of obtaining DBS clearance for the trustees, using the thirtyone:eight organisation. I have also accessed updated training for my role through this organisation. The Diocese of Guildford continues to offer Guildford MU members access to their safeguarding training programme.

I have started visits to Guildford MU branches to give a talk and some training on safeguarding and welfare. These visits usually raise questions about various situations and help to raise members' awareness of safeguarding issues.

Jenny Banks

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income from			
Membership		24,346	25,717
Gift Aid received		0	1,750
Charitable activities		9,759	10,147
Other trading activities		1,022	2,656
Other income		232	4,251
Investment income	5	2,172	1,786
Total		37,531	46,307
Expenditure on			
Subscriptions to Mary Sumner House		15,640	15,840
Diocesan projects	7	7,305	7,122
Direct charitable expenses		2,640	1,519
Summer party for refugees and other guests		2,042	2,469
Retreats & conferences		117	420
Management & administration	3	16,209	17,416
Lady Day Service		1,741	1,523
Total		45,694	46,309
Net (deficit)/income before investment gains/(losses)		(8,163)	(2)
Net gain / (loss) on investments		2,118	5,050
Net movement in funds		(6,045)	5,048
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		87,713	82,665
Total funds carried forward		81,668	87,713

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	5	66,794	64,676
Total Fixed Assets		66,794	64,676
Current Assets			
MUe Stock		134	127
Debtors		-	-
Cash held by branches		8,000	8,808
Cash at bank and in hand		18,654	23,856
Total Current Assets		26,788	32,791
Current Liabilities			
Creditors < 1 year	6	(11,914)	(9,754)
Net Current Assets		14,874	23,037
Total Assets less current liabilities		81,668	87,713
Total Funds		81,668	87,713

The notes on pages 14 - 16 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 28 July 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Sylvia Taylor

Diocesan President



Elizabeth Newhouse

Honorary Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of Accounting

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A small entities.
- b) The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.
- c) The stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value
- d) The unrealised gains/(losses) on investments are based on the market value at the end of the financial year. The market value is deemed to be the mid-market value, which is the average of the bid and the offer price. Unrealised gains/(losses) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- e) Member subscriptions are considered to be donations in substance and are recognised in the year to which they relate. Subscriptions totalling £11,914 received in 2024 but relating to 2025 have been deferred and shown in creditors.
- f) Legacies and donations are accounted for as income either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is virtually certain; this will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled
- g) Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.
- h) Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

2 Income and Expenditure

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its volunteers. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

3 Analysis of Expenditure

		2024	2023
		£	£
Management & Administration	Office and hall rent	4,494	4,571
	Remuneration incl. postage etc.	7,124	7,754
	Telephone, Broadband, Zoom	1,481	1,324
	Insurance	405	450
	Travel incl. mileage	617	285
	The Angel magazine	1,511	2,340
	Other expenses	577	692
	Total		16,209

4 Paid staff

The charity has 1 remunerated member of staff in 2024, there were 2 in 2023.

5 Investment Assets

Fixed assets investments	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	64,676
Plus net gain on revaluation	2,118
Carrying (market) value at end of year	66,794

Analysis of investments	Market value at year end	Income from investments for the year
	£	£
COIF – 2,577.3 income shares in the CBF CofE Investment Fund	59,594	1,617
Guildford Diocesan BofF Fund – 311.39 shares	7,200	195
Deposit account interest		360
Total	66,794	2,172

6 Creditors & Accruals

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Subscriptions	11,914	9,754

7 Designated Funds for Diocesan Projects

Funds are held for their designated use for work within the Diocese or passed on to Mary Sumner House or as the Trustees decide.

Movement of Funds

Details of funds held and movement in funds in the current reporting period. These funds are held in Cash at Bank.

	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance in the year	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Away from it all	7,557	1,811	4,604	(2,793)	4,764
Women's refuge	64	2,450	2,514	0	0
Work in prisons	2,351	462	187	275	2,626
Parenting	919	-	0	0	919
Literacy	1,443	609	0	609	2,052
Total Designated Funds	12,334	5,332	7,305	(1,909)	10,361

8 Transactions with Trustees and related parties

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. No Officer received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity. Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred whilst undertaking their duties. These are included in Management and Administration costs.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Mothers' Union (Diocese of Guildford)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act: or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records: or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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13. **Quiet Days:** These have replaced the previous pattern of silent retreats. The Quiet Day in October 2023 attracted over 20 people and looked at the theme 'The God who sees and hears'.

Financial Statement

This year the trustees reformed the finance committee, a group of four of the trustees (currently Sylvia Taylor, Diana Wood, Sheila Sutherland and Liz Newhouse) supported by Steve Moore and Lesley Templeman. The committee aims to meet about four times a year to review the finances in more detail than time allows during full trustee meetings. Liz Newhouse took over as Treasurer towards the end of 2023 and the Trustees would like to thank Steve Moore for his stewardship of the accounts over the previous eight years.

The diocese continues to operate cautiously and seeks to use its funds prudently to support the aims and vision of Mothers' Union. We have three bank accounts with Lloyds, a general business account, an account mainly used for members' subscriptions and one for MUE trading.

We hold shares administered by the Guildford Diocese Board of Finance and have shares with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund, we also have a deposit account with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. We enjoyed a significant gain in the value of our investments in the year and we continue to claim Gift Aid.



Joint Presidents' Report for 2023

Diana Wood and Sylvia Taylor continued in their joint presidency during 2023, their second year of office. The Board of Trustees had previously lost some board members due to illness and at the end of the year our Treasurer, Steve Moore, stood down. Steve had been the treasurer for many years and his resignation was a great loss to the charity, which had greatly benefited from his help, guidance and hard work. Trustees were delighted that Liz Newhouse (already a board member) agreed to take on this key role. The board members have worked very hard this year, as we and the wider Mothers' Union seek to make the charity relevant in this new technological world, striving to improve and be more effective in our worldwide communications.

Achievements and events in 2023

- a) The charity has a new website, which is still a work in progress. As a result, there are now better connections with Facebook and Instagram and it is hoped this will attract new members.
- b) Both Presidents have visited branches to talk about their areas of expertise and to keep members updated. In addition we have started having Branch Leaders' gatherings two or three times a year and these have opened up far better two-way communication.
- c) The Administrator keeps our membership details up to date and is responsible for liaison with Mary Sumner House. There have been many changes at Mary Sumner House during last year, including the development of a strategy for "Communities of interests" to improve communication and the dissemination of information. A trustee or member is allocated to each 'community' in all of the dioceses with responsibility to cascade information down to members and branches.
- d) Both Presidents attended the Provincial Conference at High Leigh as well as provincial zoom meetings. Guildford MU is part of the Southeast Cluster within the Province of Canterbury - a smaller group of Diocesan Presidents who support one another and share ideas.
- e) The Diocesan Presidents, with about 20 other members, attended the MU Annual Gathering in York in September.

- f) Both Diocesan Presidents were delighted to take part in the installation of the new Bishop of Dorking in October and look forward to working with him
- g) The annual Lady Day Eucharist Service was held at Guildford Cathedral in March, with Bishop Andrew presiding and preaching to a congregation of some 225 attendees. The sermon was based on the MU theme of Transformation.
- h) The Members' Meetings in May and November were held at All Saints' Church, Woodham and were well attended. The AGM was also held at Woodham in September, where it was agreed that there should be 'One person, One vote' for the election of both Trustees and Presidents for the next Triennium. This replaces the previous system where there was a limited electorate consisting mainly of trustees, branch leaders and other office holders.
- i) Both Diocesan Presidents attended the Guildford Diocesan Synod (four meetings a year) and had two meetings with Bishop Andrew.

Members of the Guildford Mothers' Union continue to give their time and expertise generously. They all serve in their own ways which brings relief to local people; this is very difficult to quantify but is nevertheless vital work.

MU members are now also working with asylum seekers, in whatever ways we can, giving practical advice and help. Our members do not forget we are part of a worldwide organisation that helps families of all descriptions, around the world.

Sylvia Taylor and Diana Wood

Reports from Co-ordinators

Action and Outreach

Refuges:

At present we support five refuges within the diocese: two in Woking, one in Guildford, one in Aldershot and one in Waverley. All families at the refuges were invited to our party in August which was very successful with about 70 children being entertained by a bouncy castle, a ball pool, a magician and crafts.

The members are very generous, and donations are brought (from a list of needs provided by the refuges) to our two Members' Meetings. 50 Christmas bags for the women at the refuges were assembled by our Hinchley Wood branch and contributions were given to their Christmas party.

This year we have continued a recent initiative which involves linking specific families with branches that support them with their prayers, letters and gifts.

Prisons:

At Send women's prison, we hold card-making sessions twice a month as well as a social evening for the over 50s. We have about 12 volunteers who regularly go into the prison. Some members provide card-making packs that are provided for ladies who are not comfortable mixing with other prisoners.

Other activities:



Some branches make up and supply emergency toiletry bags for hospitals.

Goods are collected and donated to the women's night shelter in Woking, the night shelter in Guildford and the drop-in centre for rough sleepers in Guildford. Our members also donated 4 big bags of towels and lots of cutlery to Guildford Action, a local charity which provides services for people who have fallen through the net or find themselves outside normal society.

Many members use craft skills – knitting for babies and toddlers (with some garments given to local refugees and others sent to a linked MU charity in Uganda) or creating fiddle pinnies and twiddle muffs for dementia sufferers in local care homes. Members have also knitted knee rugs for stroke victims at local hospitals.

Shirley Martin (Action and Outreach Co-ordinator)

AFIA (Away from It All)

A variety of AFIA bookings were made through Guildford Diocese in 2023. Examples include a family (grandmother, daughters and grandchildren) being able to enjoy a caravan holiday together on Hayling Island. It was their first time away as a family since the arrival of a grandson with complex needs. AFIA also helped fund a residential school trip for a child who would otherwise have been unable to go and paid for another child to attend a holiday camp for a week, to give his grandmother, who is his full-time carer, a much-needed break.

Liz Newhouse (AFIA co-ordinator)

Faith and Prayer

Quiet Days

There were two Quiet Days in 2023. The first in July at St. Nicolas' Church, Cranleigh was led by the Cranleigh branch. The second in October at St. Giles' Church in Ashted was led by Emma Phillips, the multimedia artist, and attended by over 20 people.

Campaigns

The Diocese held a Modern-Day Slavery awareness event at St Mary's Church Guildford on Saturday 21 October; several MU members attended and manned a stall highlighting the work of the Mothers' Union in this area.

16 days of Activism against Domestic Violence is an annual campaign. MU Guildford marked this with an online candlelit vigil on Saturday 25 November. This included prayers and readings, and periods of silence for personal and wider contemplation.

Pilgrimage of Prayer

The November Pilgrimage of Prayer was a Remembrance Service for all past members of MU. Held at Guildford Cathedral in the Lady Chapel and led by Rev. Helen Kempster, members remembered those who had died recently, as well as all previous members of MU and what they had contributed in their time. People brought Orders of Service from funeral and memorial services for many past members and these were displayed on a table. This was a very well attended occasion and members appreciated this chance to commemorate members from across the diocese.

The Faith and Prayer group ensured that each monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer service was allocated to pairs of Deaneries, as well as Trustee led services.

There was a new initiative in 2023, a Diocesan Monthly Prayer meeting on Zoom for all to join.

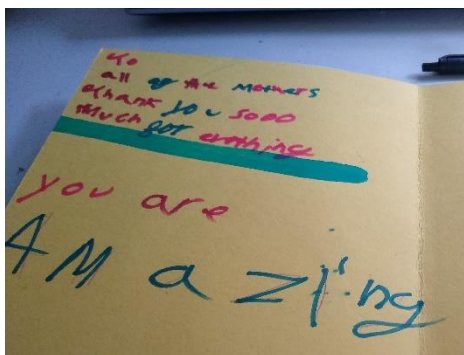
The Prayer Chain for those who need support for specific needs continues. All members are welcome to join this group. Those in receipt of prayer sometimes feed back thanks and progress.

Judy Snell / Antonia Wilson

Faith and Prayer Committee

Reports from Branches

Our branches vary in size – a few have just a handful of members while the largest have over 70. Activities vary from branch to branch, but all are involved in fundraising for MU projects and service to their local community.



Highlights from 2023 included: -

- Our Summer Party held at Normandy Village Hall. We welcomed over 80 visitors, including some refugees and other families from refuges. Children enjoyed a magic show, bouncy castle, soft play, craft activities, parachute games and the outdoor playground. MU volunteers supervised activities and served refreshments, and MU funds covered the costs of transport to the venue.

- All Saints Banstead offers 'Sing for Joy', a time which is much enjoyed by the local community, and coordinated by Mothers' Union together with help from the church family and friends. This is a monthly time to 'Revive the memories and lift the spirits', a relaxed and chatty morning of music which includes singing songs and hymns organised into themes. The team of helpers each play their part, making this a happy morning for everyone, with refreshments, and celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries. About 35-40 people come regularly, some in wheelchairs, and some from Care Homes. The morning ends with a final song 'Be Back Soon', and a Blessing.

- Lyne branch continued their project of producing little welcome packs for parents dropping their children off at the local school for the first time in September. They also made cards for children which were taken to Send prison for women prisoners to send to their families.



Safeguarding

I have continued to build on my first year as Safeguarding lead for Guildford Diocese Mothers' Union. The central Mothers' Union has appointed a temporary lead for safeguarding. There has been a continuing development of guidance and procedures for dioceses to use, including risk assessments and Safer Recruiting paperwork.

Guildford MU needed to establish a system for processing DBS checks. This process needed to be separate from the Diocesan system, so Guildford MU has signed up with Thirtyone.eight, a recognised organisation used by many other groups.

I have now completed all the required training to be an assessor for Guildford Mothers' Union. In 2024 we shall begin checking those members who need a certificate to enable them to fulfil their role within our organisation. The Diocese has agreed for any members who need safeguarding training to access the diocesan training programme.

I continue to be available to branches to talk about safeguarding.

Jenny Banks (Safeguarding Trustee)

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Mothers' Union (Diocese of Guildford)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

John Oliver FCA
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23 June 2024

Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income from			
Membership & legacies		25,717	30,718
Gift Aid received		1,750	2,089
Charitable activities		10,147	4,050
Other trading activities		2,656	3,801
Other income		4,251	3,739
Investment income	5	1,786	1,931
Total		46,307	46,328
Expenditure on			
Subscriptions to Mary Sumner House		15,840	21,000
Diocesan projects		7,122	3,765
Direct charitable expenses		1,519	533
Summer party for refugees and other guests		2,469	-
Retreats & conferences		420	4,589
Management & administration	3	17,416	15,988
Lady Day Service		1,523	-
Total		46,309	45,875
Net (deficit)/income before investment gains/(losses)		(2)	453
Net gain / (loss) on investments		5,050	(6,600)
Net movement in funds		5,048	(6,147)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		82,665	88,812
Total funds carried forward		87,713	82,665

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	5	64,676	53,211
Total Fixed Assets		64,676	53,211
Current Assets			
MUe Stock		127	1,456
Debtors		-	-
Cash held by branches		8,808	5,144
Cash at bank and in hand		23,856	28,038
Total Current Assets		32,791	34,638
Current Liabilities			
Creditors < 1 year	6	(9,754)	(5,184)
Net Current Assets		23,037	29,454
Total Assets less current liabilities		87,713	82,665
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Total Funds		87,713	82,665

The notes on page 15 - 17 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 24 June 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Sylvia Taylor

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Diana Wood

Diana Wood

Elizabeth Newhouse

Elizabeth Newhouse

Diocesan Presidents

Honorary Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of Accounting

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A small entities.
- b) The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.
- c) The stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value
- d) The unrealised gains/(losses) on investments are based on the market value at the end of the financial year. The market value is deemed to be the mid-market value, which is the average of the bid and the offer price. Unrealised gains/(losses) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- e) Member subscriptions are considered to be donations in substance and are recognised in the year to which they relate. Subscriptions totalling £9,754 received in 2023 but relating to 2024 have been deferred and shown in creditors.
- f) Legacies and donations are accounted for as income either upon receipt or where the receipt of the legacy is virtually certain; this will be once confirmation has been received from the representatives of the estate that payment of the legacy will be made or property transferred and once all conditions attached to the legacy have been fulfilled
- g) Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.
- h) Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

2 Income and Expenditure

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its volunteers. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

3 Analysis of Expenditure

		2023	2022
		£	£
Management & Administration	Office rent	4,571	4,200
	Remuneration & expenses	7,718	6,974
	Telephone & broadband	1,324	1,177
	Postage	36	104
	Insurance	450	449
	Travel, conference & training	285	665
	The Angel magazine	2,340	1,347
	Computer & printers	-	630
	Other expenses	692	442
Total		17,416	15,988

4 Paid staff

The charity has 2 remunerated members of staff in 2023.

5 Investment Assets

	£
Fixed assets investments	
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	53,211
Reclassification	6,415
Plus net gain on revaluation	5,050
Carrying (market) value at end of year	64,676

	Market value at year end	Income from investments for the year
	£	£
Analysis of investments		
COIF – 2,577.3 income shares in the CBF CofE Investment Fund	58,261	1,593
Guildford Diocesan BofF Fund – 311.39 shares	6,415	193
Total	64,676	1,786

6 Creditors & Accruals

Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Subscriptions	9,754	5,184

7 Designated Funds for Diocesan Projects

Funds are held for their designated use for work within the Diocese or as the Trustees decide.

Movement of Funds

Details of funds held and movement in funds in the current reporting period. These funds are held in Cash at Bank.

	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance in the year	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Away from it all	7,086	1,243	772	471	7,557
Women's refuge	180	334	450	(116)	64
Work in prisons	3,094	207	940	(733)	2,361
Parenting	919	-	-	-	919
Literacy	5,617	786	4,960	(4,174)	1,443
Total Designated Funds	16,896	2,569	7,122	(4,553)	12,343

8 Transactions with Trustees and related parties

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. No Officer received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity. Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred whilst undertaking their duties. These are included in Management and Administration costs.

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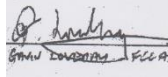
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FOR YEAR ENDING



31ST DECEMBER 2022

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Christian care for families
Diocese of Guildford

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Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31st December 2022

Officers

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Administrator	Mrs Lesley Templeman, Cornerways, Horsell Park, Woking GU21 4LY
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Independent Examiner	Mr Gavin Loveday 3 Fellow Green, West End GU24 9LL

Trustees

Diocesan Presidents	Mrs Sylvia Taylor and Mrs Diana Wood
Vice Presidents	Mrs Kim Darby and Mrs Dorothea Natrass
Unit Co-ordinators	Mrs Gillian Martin * Mrs Shirley Martin Mrs Sheila Sutherland
General Trustees	Mrs Jenny Banks Mrs Carol Bingham Mrs Elizabeth Newhouse Mrs Jane Summerfield**

*Resigned August 2022 **Resigned October 2022

Vision, Aims and Objectives

The vision of Mothers' Union is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships.

The aim and purpose of Mothers' Union is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

In furtherance of this aim and purpose Mothers' Union Guildford will carry out all or any of the following Objects:

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

Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership and activities are driven by and undertaken through its members.

Activities

Many of the activities undertaken by the charity involve face-to-face meetings and in 2022 some of these were still curtailed by the effects of the pandemic.

1. **Parenting programme:** the charity has a number of accredited parenting coordinators across the diocese, who can lead a range of parenting courses. Parenting courses have been run throughout the year at Send Women's prison.

2. **Away from it all (AFIA):** a scheme to offer holidays or short breaks for needy families. One of the general trustees coordinates this scheme, taking on families referred by local parishes or social workers.

3. **Women's refuges:** the charity supports women in a



Cards made at Send Prison

number of refuges across the diocese. Members donate food, toiletries and other items, which are collected at the Members' meetings and taken to the refuges by volunteers. Members also respond to ad-hoc appeals for items needed (such as cots or buggies) and

provide Christmas gift bags for the women and Easter eggs for the children. The charity gives a small grant to women leaving the refuge to purchase household goods.

4. **Woking Night Shelter and Guildford Action:** Members support these local charities which offer support to the homeless and those on low incomes by donating goods which are collected at Members' Meetings.
5. **Hospital Emergency Admissions:** a number of branches have direct links with local hospitals to provide small bags of basic toiletries. Members donate items for these bags at Members' Meetings.
6. **Prisons:** MU members were previously involved with four prisons across the diocese, volunteering to help run creches for children visiting a father in prison and running craft sessions and other activities for prisoners. This work is gradually being resumed. Volunteers are now at work in Send prison, and also continue to provide craft packs for prisoners to use on their own, a scheme that was set up during the pandemic. Volunteers have also started to work again at Coldingley prison, working with PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust).
7. **Advocacy, Lobbying and Consultation:** Many campaigns on women's issues and family matters have been led by Mothers' Union nationally and internationally. Some members from Guildford Diocese form part of a panel feeding in views and opinions in furtherance of such campaigns.
8. **Communications:** the charity has a website which was revamped in 2022 to provide a more accessible and useful portal for members and non-members. Members receive a twice-yearly magazine from the Mothers' Union ("Connected") and another from Guildford



Banner Procession at the Lady Day Service

MU ("The Angel"). Regular newsletters are sent out by email to promote MU activities and events.

9. **Lady Day Service:** this traditionally takes place at Guildford Cathedral and is opened by a parade of banners from branches across the diocese. The 2022 service included the

commissioning of the members of the new Trustee Board who had taken up their roles on 1st January.

10. **Monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer:** With the easing of pandemic restrictions this service was able to resume at the Lady Chapel in Guildford Cathedral, led by members from various deaneries across the diocese in rotation. Services were made available via Zoom, although technical difficulties in the chapel meant that this was not always completely successful.
11. **Intercessory Prayer:** a coordinator alerts a team by email when a particular emergency or prayer need arises, and in some cases small groups meet to focus on prayer for particular requests.
12. **Wave of Prayer:** Our "Wave of Prayer" is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other. It runs throughout the year so that the work and members of each and every area in which Mothers' Union is active is prayed for at some point. We include this in our Midday Prayers whenever we meet across the diocese.
13. **Quiet Days:** these have replaced the previous pattern of silent retreats. The Quiet Day in April 2022 attracted 21 people and looked at the theme 'Welcoming Transformation'.

Financial Statement

There were no unexpected problems financially this year. The trustees continued to review the amount that was held in reserve. The high reserves are gradually being reduced as required. Gift Aid was claimed again this year. The account opened to allow payments to be made by transfer is being well used and is now acting as an Agency Account. The account is separate from the main general account.

Presidents' Report

2022 was the beginning of a new triennium and the Guildford Diocese experiment of having two joint presidents, elected on a single ticket. Transformation Now! is our theme for the triennium. Having two presidents is not exactly a transformation, but it is a significant change. This has required the Constitution to be slightly altered to give both presidents one vote each at Board meetings. We take turns to chair board meetings and share the remaining workload according to our availability and skills. Sharing the role - we hope - underlines our message of collaborative working.

Every month deaneries have worked together to create Pilgrimage of Prayer services, generally held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral and also shared on Zoom. The services are attended by between ten and twenty members and sometimes family representatives of deceased members being remembered in our Book of Remembrance.

The Board of Trustees has met bi-monthly, meeting sometimes on Zoom and in person at the Chapter House of the Cathedral. Between these meetings Standing Committee has also met and Finance Committee has met on three occasions.

In January Diana spoke at St. Christopher's Hinchley Wood Sunday service on the triennial theme. Trustees received training on Zoom from Mary Sumner House.

In February Bishop Jo, Sylvia and Diana met on Zoom to discuss the Lady Day service arrangements. Meetings also took place to begin the process of producing a new MU Guildford website, working with Zander Creative, which went live in autumn 2022.



Bishop Andrew planting a tree.

In March Sylvia and Diana attended the enrolment in Headley of Revd. Helen Kempster (soon to be Diocesan Chaplain), as a MU member. On Lady Day Helen assisted Bishop Jo at our splendid Lady Day service in the Cathedral at the commissioning of our new Joint Presidents and fellow trustees. Bishop Jo spoke of welcoming change and had everyone responding to the question 'Are we change-fit?' with a resounding 'Yes'. March also saw the beginning of a parenting course at H.M.P. Send, facilitated by the Free Church prison chaplain, Diana Wood and Shirley Martin. The Joint Presidents

attended the Diocesan Synod, held via Zoom.

In April Revd. Haydon Wilcox led a varied and interesting Quiet Day at The Bourne, Farnham organized by Faith & Prayer Coordinator, Gillian Martin. At the end of the month the presidents visited Bishop Andrew at Willow Grange for the first time and he invited us to Tent Week - a gathering of various voluntary organisations, to add the new MU Guildford website to the Guildford Diocese website and to invite the presidents back to talk with him twice a year.

In May the presidents went to the informative Provincial Conference at High Leigh, Hertfordshire where the main theme was domestic abuse, in line with the central charity's latest linking with

Women's' Aid. We had a very well received Members' Meeting in May: 74 members attended, 11 on Zoom. Our new Diocesan Chaplain spoke, and the membership were very appreciative of the opportunity to quiz the trustee board. Two AFIA holidays were booked: a cottage for a week and a trip to Legoland.

In June Diana visited Manorhead, Hindhead for the planting by Bishop Andrew of a Platinum Jubilee tree in the house grounds. It was a great opportunity to meet members of the HGB branch, many of whom are residents at Manorhead. Diana also attended the London Diocesan Festival service and commissioning at St Paul's Cathedral.

In July Kim Darby and Liz Newhouse were our excellent representatives at the Re-Imagining MU Conference held in Liverpool.

In August we threw a party at Normandy Village Hall for members, families from the local refuges and some Ukrainian refugees. We hired a coach and two taxis for the refuge families, provided packed lunches, a magic show, soft play, a bouncy castle, craft activities, parachute games, MUE stall, parenting information and a cake stall. Happily, the sun shone, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

In September both presidents went to Horsham to attend the Chichester Diocese commissioning service. That evening Sylvia attended a very uplifting Communion service at St Peter and St Paul, Guildford to mark the closing down of the 32-year-old Guildford Evening Branch. Diana attended the Catholic pilgrimage to The Shrine of Consolation and St Francis in West Grinstead as Her Majesty the late Queen was dying. Diana co-facilitated a 6-week Time Out for Parents course in Fleet. We had a stimulating extraordinary meeting in September, led by our Re-Imagining representatives, where we determined our three actions from the Re-Imagining conference. The main areas for priorities within Guildford Diocese fell under the conference topics of:

- Approaches to handling money
- MU less structured
- Reducing the administrative burden

We re-drafted our diocesan constitution, and began to consider using a system of 'One member, one vote' to replace the existing system which limits votes to office holders (approx. 40 - 45 people).

Nine members from the Diocese went to the Annual Gathering in Belfast and Guildford had an important contribution to the proceedings



One of many Fund-Raising Cake Stalls

thanks to one of our vice presidents, Kim Darby. Kim has been chosen for the Re-Imagining steering group of the central charity and presented at the gathering.

A Finance Committee and Standing Committee were instigated.

In October Diana gave a talk to Hawley branch on MU and Parenting.

In November Diana hosted a 'Branch Leaders' Gathering' in Woodham, to share support, encouragement and ideas. The morning was well received, and another is to be planned. We had our Members' Meeting at which the membership approved our updated constitution and agreed on a 'One member one vote' system to elect trustees, the practicalities to be trialed in the spring, as a dummy run, before being used for electing the next triennium's trustees.

The Provincial conference for the presidents was on Zoom.

Stephanie Nunn zoomed a Diocesan Presidents' update from Mary Sumner House.

In December a group of members and supporters from across the diocese stood on the steps of Holy Trinity Church in Guildford High Street for a silent Candlelit Vigil marking our support for the 'No more 1 in 3' campaign to end abuse and violence now. Diana visited the large branch of Cranleigh to give out long service awards at their Christmas communion service.

Much has happened over the year with the governance of the charity being overhauled. Sadly, we have fewer members (from 840 in 2021 to 770 in 2022), and two trustees have resigned this year due to ill health. However, we have moved on from Covid, embracing the technology we discovered so useful during the pandemic. Our remaining trustee board is strongly supported by an excellent administrator, and we look forward to positive growth in 2023.

Sylvia Taylor and Diana Wood

Reports from Co-ordinators

Action and Outreach

Refuges:

We currently support five refuges across the diocese with our prayers and donations. Easter eggs and Christmas gifts are provided, and everyone is invited to our summer party.

We are also trying to link branches with specific families but are reliant on the refuge managers to nominate suitable families. Milford branch is successfully linked with a mother and her three children and branch leader, Penny Clark, met this family at the summer party.

Prisons:

MU volunteers are just beginning to go back into Coldingley to look after the children of visitors. At HMP Send we are regularly going in twice a month to do card-making, and once a month for an over 50s club then twice a year to do a six-week parenting course.

There are prisons at Downview and High Down where MU volunteers used to be involved, and we hope to re-start this work with new volunteers who live in that part of the Diocese.

A meeting was held in autumn 2022 for all prison volunteers and any others who might be interested in getting involved with this rewarding work.

Other activities:

Some branches are making emergency hospital toiletry bags and we are supporting a women's night shelter and a drop-in centre for homeless families in Guildford.

Members bring donations for these projects and for the refuges to our Members' Meetings which will be held in May and November.

Shirley Martin (Action and Outreach Co-ordinator)

AFIA (Away from It All)

The programme was able to re-start after the difficulties of the pandemic and two AFIA bookings were made through Guildford Diocese in 2022. One family enjoyed being able to take a holiday in a cottage in North Wales, their first time away as a family in more than a decade. Also, three generations of a family had a great day out at Legoland, a much-needed break after family illnesses and spells in hospital.

Liz Newhouse (AFIA coordinator)



Quiet Day Activities

Faith and Prayer

Pilgrimage of Prayer

Monthly services were held in the Lady Chapel at Guildford Cathedral, with some members taking part via Zoom (despite some technical difficulties). One service was held in Weybridge as the Lady Chapel was unavailable. The pattern of shared responsibilities between pairs of deaneries continued but is still subject to review by the Faith & Prayer committee.

Retreats and Prayer Days

19 members and 2 guests enjoyed a Quiet Day at St. Thomas on the Bourne, Farnham on 27 April. The day was led by the Revd. Haydon Wilcox with the theme 'Welcoming Transformation'. There were opportunities for worship at the beginning and end of the day, with a Eucharist service before lunch. All were encouraged to light a candle for a special person and to add a prayer to the prayer tree; these were shared at the end of the day. The Bring and Share Faith lunch resulted in a banquet of savoury and sweet offerings. After lunch there was a meditative prayer walk around the area and creative activities on offer indoors.

16 days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

A candle-lit vigil was held outside Holy Trinity Church in Guildford on Saturday 3 December.

Faith & Prayer Committee

Reports from Branches

Our branches vary in size – a few have just a handful of members while the largest have over 70. Activities vary from branch to branch, but all are involved in fundraising for MU projects and service to their local community.

Highlights from 2022 included: -

- Our Summer Party held at Normandy Village Hall. We welcomed ten times as many visitors as we had in previous years, some refugees and other families from refuges. Children enjoyed a magic show, bouncy castle, soft play, craft activities, parachute games and the outdoor playground. MU volunteers supervised activities and served refreshments, and MU funds covered the costs of transport to the venue.
- An activity afternoon in September hosted by members at Send branch for forty asylum seekers, ranging in age from three months to 54 years. The event was planned with the Diocesan Adviser on refugees and Guildford Refugee Aid and offered a variety of board games and craft activities which were all much appreciated (the picture on the cover of this report is of a card produced that afternoon). MU Guildford provided the funds to transport the refugees to the event.
- Banstead branch members supported community events, including the May Queen Procession and Fair and the



Banstead Branch

Village Day in July, and raised £425 for MU projects with a stall selling home-made items, garden produce, bric-a-brac, books, and cards.

- Cake stalls were held by many branches over the course of the year. Cobham raised over £150 for AFIA; Great Bookham ran a cake stall and coffee morning; members in Farncombe & Godalming enjoyed a fund-raising afternoon in July.
- Members at Christ Church Epsom Common held a sponsored walk to raise money for the MU Summer of Hope Appeal.
- Walton on the Hill branch organised an Easter Egg hunt and craft afternoon which attracted lots of local families.
- Lyne branch continued their project of producing little welcome packs for parents dropping their children off at the local school for the first time in September.

Safeguarding

On my appointment as a Mothers' Union Trustee Guildford Diocese, I was asked to take on the role/responsibilities relating to Safeguarding.

I have distributed small MU information leaflets wherever possible to raise the members' awareness of safeguarding.

The province arranged a zoom meeting for safeguarding Trustee leads.

We zoomed in from all over the country.

During my first year in this role and as a trustee I have completed all the update training required for the role of Safeguarding lead.

I continue to explore and establish the following:

- correct arrangements for the MU training for trustees and members
- processes for completing DBS checks as required
- safe recruitment practices for MU members including those linked to external agencies and other church activities

Jenny Banks (Safeguarding Trustee)

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Incoming Resources					
Membership and Legacies	1	30,718		30,718	41,800
Advance membership		0		0	0
Gift Aid Received		2,089		2,089	3,395
Income from Charitable activities		406	3,644	4,050	246
Other trading activities		3,801		3,801	1,782
Investments income		1,931		1,931	1,730
Other income		903	2,836	3,739	55
Total Income		39,848	6,480	46,328	49,008
Expenditure					
Subscriptions to M S H	2	21,000		21,000	25,300
Diocesan Projects		0	3,765	3,765	1,096
Direct Charitable Expenses		533		533	566
Retreats and conferences		4,589		4,589	0
Management and Administration		15,988		15,988	15,816
Lady Day Service	3	0		0	300
Loss/Gain on Investments		6,600		6,600	(11394)
Total Expenditure		48,710	3,765	52,475	31,684
Net income over expenditure before transfer		(8,862)	2,715	(6,147)	17,323
Balance Sheet					
Funds Held in Bank 31/12/22	4	11,142	0	11,142	5507
Funds Invested (office) 31/12/22	5	0	53,211	53,211	60,275
Funds held by branches 31/12/22	6	5,144	0	5,144	3069
Restricted Funds to MSH	7	0	0	0	0
Designated Funds for Diocesan projects	8	0	18,352	18,352	20269
Debtors	10	0	0	0	0
Mue Stock	9	0	0	0	1115
Advance payment of Membership	12	0	(5,184)	(5,184)	(15135)
Reconciliation of funds		16,286	66,379	82,665	75100

Designated Funds for Diocesan Projects

Fund	B/Fwd.	Income	Expenditure	Balance in the year	C/Fwd
Away from it all	6,300	1,699	913	7086	7,086
Women's Refuge	0	1,180	1,000	180	180
Work in Prisons	3,434	300	640	(340)	3094
Parenting	919	0	0	0	919
Literacy	6,364	465	1,212	(747)	5,617
Literature (note 9)	1,456	0	0	1,456	1,456
Total	18,473	3,644	3,765	1335	18352

Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Outgoing Resources					
Office Rent		4,200		4,200	4,200
Salaries and expenses		6,974		6,974	6,801
Telephone and Broadband		1,177		1,177	944
Postage		104		104	14
Insurance		449		449	0
Trustees' Expenses		0		0	502
Travel Conference and Training		665		665	1306
Web Site		0		0	193
The Angel		1,347		1,347	1006
Computer and printers	11	630		630	0
Miscellaneous (Bank Charges, Stationery, Printing and Photocopying)		442		442	443
Total		15,988	0	15,988	14,096

Notes

1) Membership and Legacies

We have received three legacies this year. The Income comes from membership and donations to various funds.

2) This is the portion of the membership fee that goes to support Mary Sumner House and its projects.

3) Although the service, with limitations, was held at the Cathedral we did not receive any communication afterwards regarding their costs.

4) Funds are held in the General and Trading Bank Accounts.

- 5) Funds invested are in Shares administered by the Guildford Diocese Board of Finance. We hold 311.39 shares in the fund. We also hold 5144 shares in the Church of England Income shares administered by CCLA.
- 6) These funds are held by the Deanery and Branch organisations at year end and do not contain membership for the next year. Some of these funds are allocated for certain projects after the year end.
- 7) These funds are destined for Mothers' Union from appeals during the year. The majority of these funds were transferred before the end of the year. The outstanding amount is a late input for the summer appeal.
- 8) These funds are for the use of their designated use for work within the Diocese or as the Trustees decided.
- 9) This is the current value of the stock held for sale. Stock is held by the MUe rep. and the office.
- 10) We had no debtors at the end of the year.
- 11) During the year the ceiling fell in at the office and wrote off the computer and printers. We also replaced and updated the Treasurer's computer. The administrator's computer will need updating in the very near future.
- 12) The request for next year's subscription goes out in November. This is the amount collected in advance. The amount is split between the Diocese and the Main Charity.

Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Accounting of Charities (SORP).

Investments

Funds are invested by Mothers' Union Guildford Diocese with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England in their investment fund as income shares. We have 2,577.30 Shares as of 31st December 2021. The remaining Investments are invested with the Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance and consist of 311.39 units in Guildford Board of Finance Investment Fund

Administrator and Treasurer and Web Designer

The number of persons remunerated for working for the charity during the year was three.

Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly has been paid out of funds of the Charity for the year to any trustee.

Management and administration costs including expenses reimbursements to trustees in connection with activities of the charity.

Risk Assessment

Procedures have been put into place to manage any risk, financial or otherwise, which in any way would damage the reputation of the charity or prevent the charity continuing.

Reporting of Serious Incidents

The Trustees confirm that they are aware of their requirement to report any serious incidents which could cause harm to the charity. For the financial year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 we can report that no serious incidents have occurred which have resulted in a significant loss of funds or risk to the work, beneficiaries or reputation of the charity during this period.

Reserve Policy

The trustees have invested funds to protect the future of Mothers' Union Guildford Diocese, investments are detailed above, and in addition the Diocesan Fund provides reserves to allow funding of the future and existing projects within the Diocese. A review of this policy has decided that over the next couple of years these funds will be reduced and the amounts that are held at branch level will be reviewed.

Independent Examiners Report.

This report on the financial statements for the Guildford Diocese Mothers' Union for the Year ended 31st December 2022, are set out above, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations) and s.4 of the charities act 1993 ("the act") and in accordance with the new Charities Commission guidance.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner.

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity considers that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the 1993 act") as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (Under section s43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act, as amended).

- To follow procedures laid down by General Directions given by the Charity Commission (Under section 43(7) of the 1993 Act, as amended); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the report

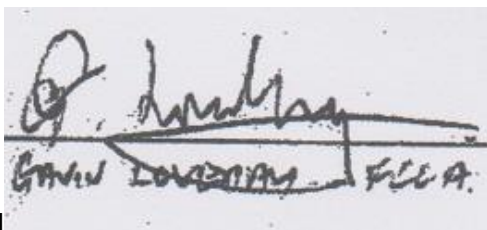
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s. 43(7)(b) of the Act.

The examination includes a review of accounting 17 records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view of the accounts.

Independent Examiners statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the material respects the requirements,
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare financial Statements, which accord with accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

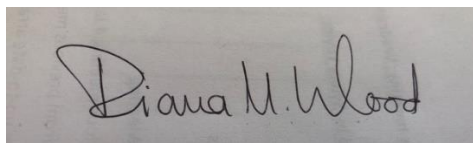


Signed

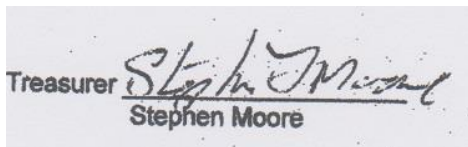
Gavin Loveday Examiner

Acceptance of the Report and Accounts

Signed

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Diana Wood Joint President

A rectangular box containing the word "Treasurer" in a small, bold font on the left, followed by a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Moore". Below the signature, the name "Stephen Moore" is printed in a small, bold font.

Stephen Moore Treasurer

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF GUILDFORD) BRANCH

England & Wales - Charity number 249931

Accounts

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF GUILDFORD



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDING

31ST DECEMBER 2021



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The Mothers' Union – Guildford Diocese

All Saints' Church Hall Office, 564 Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey, GU21 5SH

Registered Charity No – 249931

Patron – H. M. The Queen

Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31st December 2021

Officers

Diocesan President	Mrs. Antonia Wilson,	64, Claygate Lane, Esher, KT10 0BJ
Vice President	Mr. Edwin Catt	
Administrator	Mrs. Lesley Templeman,	Cornerways, Horsell Park Woking GU21 4LY
Treasurer	Mr. Stephen Moore	10, Badger Close, Guildford GU2 9PJ
Chaplain	Vacant	
Banker	Lloyds Bank Plc	147, High Street, Guildford GU1 3AD
Independent Examiner	Mr. Gavin Loveday	3 Fellow Green, West End GU24 9LL

Trustees

Diocesan President	Mrs. Antonia Wilson,
Vice Presidents	Mr. Edwin Catt
Unit Co-ordinators	Mrs. Sylvia Taylor Mrs. Shirley Martin.
General Trustees	Mrs. Sheila Sutherland.

Aims and Objectives

The Aim of the Mothers' Union is the advancement of Christian Religion in the sphere of marriage and family life, and in furtherance of the said aim (but not otherwise) to carry out all or any of the following objects.

1. To uphold Christ's teaching 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 world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; and
5. to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Organisation

Funds and Activities

Much of the work of the charity is based on face-to-face activity and was severely curtailed by the Covid pandemic. We continued to offer as much help as we could remotely.

1. **Parenting Programme:** providing Parenting Training courses.
2. **Away From It All:** a scheme to provide holidays for needy families. Due to pandemic restrictions only one holiday could be organised in 2021.
3. **Women's Refuges:** support and practical help for women in refuges and who are trying to rebuild their lives, through the Surrey and North East Hampshire Women's Refuges. Members traditionally support women in the refuges by donating food, toiletries and other items. These are collected at Members' Meetings and distributed to the refuges by volunteers.
4. **Hospital Emergency Admissions:** supplying comprehensive toiletry bags for emergency hospital admissions. A small number of branches have direct links

with local hospitals and all members are invited to donate items to be included in these hospital bags.

5. **Prisons:** in three prisons across the Diocese. In normal conditions MU volunteers provide play workers and toys to engage with children visiting a father in prison, encouraging a family environment and giving parents/adults space and time to talk. They also run craft sessions and 'Friday Club' enabling inmates to make cards and write letters to their families. With prisons still in largely in lockdown this work was 'on hold' in 2021. For those in Send Women's Prison MU members produced craft packs which inmates could use in their cells throughout the pandemic, and once visiting restrictions were eased, members were able to run a parenting course in the prison.

6. **Advocacy, Lobbying and Consultation** on women's issues and family matters both in the UK and internationally. Many campaigns have been spearheaded by the MU and taken up by the government of the day, resulting in changes to the law in favour of women, children and families.

Additionally:

7. Information and Communication via the Diocesan Website; The Angel (bi-annual magazine newsletter) and regular e-newsletter.

8. A sales and literature service for Information and Fundraising. Includes Marriage Packs suitable for clergy and lay persons.

Faith Based Activities

Due to the nature of these activities most were curtailed under the restrictions for Covid 19. Please see the reports

A. Annual Lady Day Service on Feast of the Annunciation. In 2021 only a small number of members could attend but the service from the cathedral was available on YouTube.

B. Monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer at Guildford Cathedral, led by deaneries by rotation. In 2021 nearly all of these were held via Zoom which proved beneficial in attracting a far larger congregation than would previously have attended in person.

C. Intercessory Prayer: Emails are sent out when a particular emergency prayer is required. In some cases, small groups convene to concentrate prayer for these requests. When possible, an update on the situation is reported to members and appreciation acknowledged.

D. Silent Retreats were previously held twice a year, but these have yet to resume due to the pandemic.

E. Support for The Mothers' Union central projects through branch fundraising and supporting national and international appeals.

F. Maintaining links with and support of Mothers' Union members around the world, especially through our Wave of Prayer.

G. Annual Lady Day Service on Feast of the Annunciation.

H. Monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer at Guildford Cathedral, led by one of the Deaneries in rotation

Financial Statement

There were no unexpected problems financially this year. The trustees continued to review of the amount that was held in reserve. The high reserves are gradually being reduced as required. Gift Aid was claimed again this year. The account opened to allow payments to be made by transfer is being well used and is also acting as an Agency Account. The account is separate from the main general account.

President's Report



For the first part of 2021 much of the work done by the Diocesan President was online, though once lockdown eased, visits were possible and in-person meetings and services resumed. However, 2021 was still ruled by the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. The ~~Board~~ of Trustees were able to hold some meetings in person with some remaining online. Their dedication was

excellent and supportive of each other and of the wider membership.

The Board has continued to ensure that governance and financial matters are kept up to date, supporting the central charity where appropriate, especially where the loss of fund raising, and external support has impacted their work considerably.

Administratively we have continued to ensure that data of membership has been kept safe throughout the hybrid working – a way of working which will continue long after the pandemic is history. It has become clear that working remotely can be done safely and is, much of the time, more economic and a better use of trustees' and other members' time.

1. The website continued to be a vital tool of communication.
2. Visits have been possible but there have been fewer. However, as Diocesan President I have kept in touch by telephone and email contact with many branches and individual members, supported by other members in local areas.
3. The monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer Services continued on-line to start with until we were able return to Guildford Cathedral where we embraced the live-stream and zoom methods of leading these times of prayer. As a result, there continued to be greater uptake and attendance by members from around the diocese than may have attended in person. A real advance in sharing our prayers and fellowship and a way of conducting services that will continue and still allow in person attendance. Housebound members have been able to attend online for the first time and personal feedback continued to be very positive.
4. The Administrator has continued to work to ensure that all members were kept up to date with our weekly/fortnightly e-newsletter. The bi-annual magazine was produced on line again in the spring, with paper copies sent to those who are not on email, but we were able to produce and distribute our traditional version in the autumn.
5. I have represented the trustees and diocesan members at a number of meetings including many additional ones which were necessary during this critical financial hiatus.

Remote/Virtual meetings:



The Trustees Meeting at the Chapter House, Guildford Cathedral September 2021

Provincial Meetings: one remote and one in person-

Annual Gathering presentations – including committee meetings to arrange this Senior Leadership with Diocesan Presidents Meetings,

South-East Cluster of Diocesan Meetings,

Fund Raising Discussions,

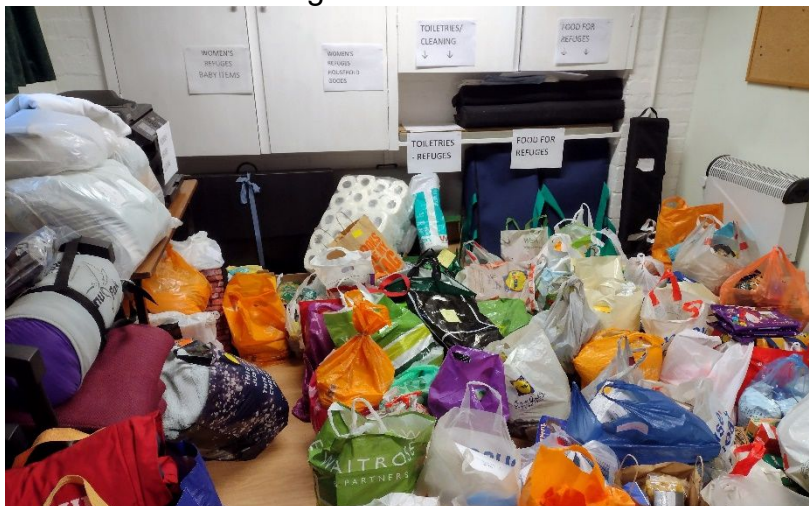
Webinar and Training sessions where required-

6. Trustees have continued to represent the diocese at meetings and in action for the AFIA (Away From It All) holiday scheme – a little more used in 2021;

MUe (Mothers' Union Enterprises) – ensuring that all sales of MUe products are available by post or delivered personally around the diocese.

In 2021, as in 2020, physical activities were restricted to very local support, often of vulnerable members and others in the community. MU members continued to make items for local families and more centralised projects, and many were a telephone support for lonely people – even when they might feel lonely themselves. Members themselves have been supported locally by others in their communities, thus the true nature of MU membership has shone through with mutual support for those in need.

Subscriptions are paid now mainly online though some continue to send cheques to the administrative office, those who are not able to do this have been helped locally. All local branch officers have made a greater than usual effort to ensure no member is without support.



Donations collected at the Autumn Meeting for the various organisations we support

The annual Lady Day Eucharist on 25th March 2021 was permitted in person with a reduced number of attendees because of covid restrictions. However, the service was streamed live and many members, not just from Guildford Diocese, joined us to celebrate in this way. Clergy and staff at Guildford Cathedral were particularly helpful in the

management and execution of all matters to ensure a delightful and spiritual service.

The 2021 theme of Rebuilding Building Hope and Confidence was apt in so many ways as we all worked out way towards long term changes in the way we could work at present. We have set many patterns that will be helpful going forward and much has been done locally to support those particularly in need and shown how that can be done remotely as well as in person when allowed.

The use of technology has been fully embraced by so many members and support given to those for who it is not possible, or too difficult.

The Members' Meeting in May was changed from in-person to online, this time at short notice due to differing interpretations of the rules in place at the time. However, it went extremely well and was attended by many members across the diocese.

The meeting included the AGM which was allowed online by permission of The Charity Commission. The Annual Report was circulated in advance of the meeting and members given the chance to make any comments or objections. There were no objections or adverse comments.

The Members' Meeting in November was conducted in person, to the relief of all. Additionally, the meeting was streamed live. Contributors from across the diocese were able to present their part in person, and many members who still felt unsure about travel signed in and were welcomed. All involved found the information helpful as well as enjoying the prayerfulness and fellowship offered.

With the additional pressure of increased domestic violence, the refuges supported by the members in Guildford Diocese asked for additional financial rather than physical donations of goods. Late in 2021 MU was also made aware of a further refuge in the area and the members were very generous in their support, especially as the call for help came quite close to Christmas time. Throughout 2021 MU members have shown the generosity on which so much of MU charity work is based, with financial donations, donations of goods and personal help where requested.



Welcome Bags produced by Lyne Branch for new families starting school

The other supporting projects of toiletry bags for emergency

admissions at St. Peter's Hospital in Chertsey and other local hospitals have flourished through donations.

Further to the first on-line parenting course run in 2020 there has been positive feedback and further such courses planned. Due to lockdowns and uncertainly throughout 2021 these courses were unable to take place, though much personal support was given to couples seeking advice.

MUe (Mothers' Union Enterprises) has continued to do well, particularly with in person events locally and at diocesan events where allowed. Small stalls and sales have taken place. Where required members' orders have again been posted or delivered personally to them.

Exactly as in 2021, members of Guildford Mothers' Union have continued throughout the year to give their time and expertise where applicable and in different ways, never letting the pandemic diminish their desire to help. The frustration of 2020 has diminished as more personal visits and events have been allowed, thanks to the beneficial effects of the new vaccines.

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Reports from Co-ordinators

Away from it All Programme

Only one holiday was supplied, and this was a deferred holiday from the previous year. We were also able to support through the fund a day out for underprivileged families in the Leatherhead area.

Action and Outreach

Prisons:



Another view of the collection of goods for the Refuges and Night Shelter.

For most of the prisons in which MU Guildford usually works, lockdown continued throughout 2021 and no visits were possible.

After continuing to make up individual card-making packs for Send prison in the first half of the year, volunteers were able to go back into the prison in July in limited numbers and managed to run two parenting courses.

Unfortunately, by the end of the year the prison would no longer allow visitors, but it is hoped that will change in 2022.

Donations:

In November we held the first face-to-face Members' Meeting since November 2019 and

we were overwhelmed with donations that our generous members had been keeping.

Women's refuges:

The refuges have been very busy as a result of lockdown pressures and a new refuge has now opened in Waverley. The building is impressive, housing 19 ladies and 30 children with large communal areas as well as their own bedrooms and kitchens and the manager was very grateful for the offer of MU support and involvement. Donated goods were distributed to the Aldershot refuge and Woking refuges, but the Guildford refuge has not resumed accepting donated goods as yet.

Other projects:

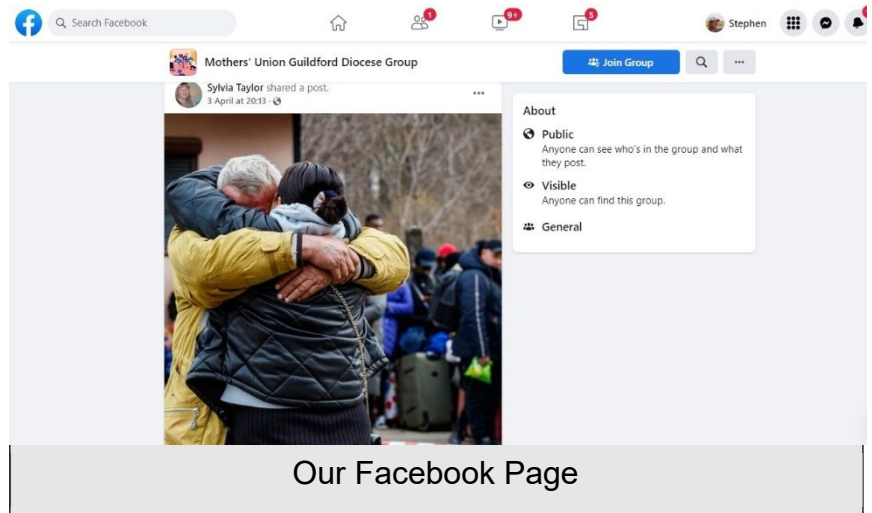
The night shelter in Woking and Guildford Action re-opened towards the end of the year and donations were taken to both.

Shirley Martin

Action and Outreach Coordinator

Communications

We have been without a communications trustee this year. Even so we have been able to produce 2 editions of the Angel and are redesigning the Web Site which should be completed next year. Meanwhile our Social Media presence has been increased with the increased use of Facebook, Instagram, Watsap and YouTube.



Reports from Branches

The continuing pandemic strongly affected our branches and by the end of the year some had still not resumed their usual pattern of monthly meetings. Many were able to support one another with phone calls and Zoom meetings, but not all members were able to access these.

Fundraising fell far short of pre-pandemic levels but some branches managed to hold fundraising events and individual members made generous donations.

Ash branch: money for the MU Summer of Hope appeal by serving refreshments at the village fete

Epsom Christchurch branch: nearly £200 for the Summer of Hope through an MU on the Move walk

Banstead branch: raised £220 (£105 for MU funds) at an afternoon tea party and over £300 at their stall on Banstead Village Day, as well as donating Easter eggs to the local food bank in the spring

Milford branch: raised nearly £100 for MU funds via a cream tea and raffle



Summer Afternoon Cream Tea at Milford

Guildford Evening branch: raised £105 for AFIA thanks to a social summer walk

Walton on the Hill branch: took up the MU on the Move challenge and raised £500 after a 14.5 km walk

Hawley branch: held a garden party and raised nearly £100 for the Summer of Hope appeal

New Haw branch: raised over £150 for the MU Disaster Fund through their Christmas Market stall

Lightwater branch: raised nearly £500 at a series of different events over the year

Branches found some new ways to reach out to the local community despite various lockdown restrictions.

In March members at Epsom Christchurch marked Mothering Sunday by placing a large vase of daffodils at the church door, inviting passers by to take one for their mother, or for themselves.

In July Lyne branch made up 30 packs for new parents at the local Infants' school to be handed out at the start of the new school year. They included tissues, a tea bag, information about Mothers' Union and about local church services for families and were well received by parents.

In August members from Ash branch served refreshments to parents and children at the MU Summer party at Normandy Village Hall.

In December Milford branch presented 60 Baby Jesus rocks to pupils at the local Infants' school. These consist of a painted pebble showing Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, a simple story of the Birth of Jesus and a birthday candle to light on Christmas Day

Craft projects continued despite the pandemic with members creating fiddle muffs for local care homes, clothes for premature babies at Epsom Hospital, lap rugs for older hospital patients, hats and gloves for Missions to Seamen and many other knitted items for young and old.

Branch members also continued to reach out wherever possible, helping at Mother and Toddler groups, preparing posies for Mothering Sunday, sending out Baptism anniversary cards and supporting local foodbanks.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Incoming Resources					
Membership and Legacies	1	41,799.59		41,799.59	23,602
Gift Aid Received		3,395.43		3,395.43	2,528
Income from Charitable activities		246.40		246.40	5,882
Other trading activities		1,782.23		1,782.23	819
Investments income		1,729.68		1,729.68	1,753
Other income		54.54		54.54	4,112
Total Income		49,007.87		49,007.87	38,696
Expenditure					
Subscriptions to M S H	2	25300.00		25,300	14,331
Direct Charitable Expenses		0		0	1,096
Retreats and conferences		0		0	0
Management and Administration		15,815.57		15,815.57	33,144
Action and Outreach	3	566.30		566.30	0
Lady Day Service	4	300.00		300.00	0
MU Presentation gift		0		0	13,177
Loss/Gain on Investments		(9997?)		(9997?)	(3403)
Total Expenditure		31,684.87		31684.87	58,345
Net income over expenditure before transfer		17,323.00		17,323.00	(19,649)
Balance Sheet					
Funds Held in Bank 31/12/21	5	5507.47		5507.47	3,144
Funds Invested (office) 31/12/21	6	40274.54	20000	60,274.54	50,285
Funds held by branches 31/12/21	7	3068.93	0	3068.93	5,144
Restricted Funds to MSH	8	0	463	0	0
Designated Funds for Diocesan projects	9		1787.97		20,269
Value of MUe Stock	10	0	1115.00	1115.00	1,115
Debtors	10	0	0	0	0
Fixed Assets (Office Equipment)	11	0	0	0	0
Advance payment of Membership		13526.99			15135.10
Reconciliation of funds					95,092

Designated Funds for Diocesan Projects

Fund	B/Fwd.	Income	Expenditure	Balance in the year	C/Fwd
Away from it all	8096	95	1890.61	(1795.61)	6,300.39
Women's Refuge	0	463.5	1100	(636.5)	(636.5)
Work in Prisons	3434	52.0	561.49	(509.49)	2,924.51
Parenting	919	0	0	0	919
Literacy	6364	0	0	0	6364
Mothers' Union Enterprises	1456	1782.23	1230.66	551.57	2,007.57
	0	0			0
Total	20269	2392.73	4782.76	(2390.03)	17,878.97

Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Outgoing Resources					
Office Rent		4200.00		4200.00	4200
Salaries		6800.93		6800.93	7375
Telephone and Broadband		944.30		944.30	883
Postage		13.58		13.58	0
Insurance		0	0	0	0
Trustees' Expenses		501.66		501.66	0
Travel Conference and Training		1306.00		1306.00	0
Web Site		193.00		193.00	190
Depreciation					
The Angel		1005.90		1005.90	300
Lady Day Service		300.00		300.00	0
Miscellaneous (Bank Charges, Stationery, Printing and Photocopying)		550.20		550.20	527
Total		15,815.57		15,815.57	16,647

Notes

1) Membership and Legacies

We have received three legacies this year. The Income comes from membership and donations to various funds.

2) This is the portion of the membership fee that goes to support Mary Sumner House and its projects

3) The majority of this cost is the family's day at Normandy Deposits for the Hall have to be made at least 2 years in advance so as to be able to secure the venue.

- 4) Although the service, with limitations, was held at the Cathedral we did not receive any communication afterwards regarding their costs.
- 5) Funds are held in the General and Trading Bank Accounts.
- 6) Funds invested are in Shares administrated by the Guildford Diocese Board of Finance. We hold 2,577 shares in the fund; the value increased towards the end of the year. The fund contains the money raised in case a commercial rent is required for an office. This part is £20,000.00. A review at the end of the financial year determined that the amount should stay the same, although there was a slight decrease in office costs
- 7) These funds are held by the Deanery and Branch organisations at year end and do not contain membership for the next year. Some of these funds are allocated for certain projects after the year end.
- 8) These funds are destined for Mothers' Union from appeals during the year. The majority of these funds were transferred before the end of the year. The outstanding amount is a late input for the summer appeal.
- 9) These funds are for the use of their designated use for work within the Diocese or as the Trustees decided.
- 10) This is the current value of the stock held for sale. Stock is held by the MUE rep. and the office.
- 11) We had no debtors at the end of the year.
- 12) During the year the ceiling fell in at the office and wrote off the computer and printers.

Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Accounting of Charities (SORP).

Investments

Funds are invested by Mothers' Union Guildford Diocese with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England in their investment fund as income shares. We have 2,577.30 Shares as of 31st December 2021. The remaining Investments are invested with the Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance and consist of 311.39 units in Guildford Board of Finance Investment Fund

Administrator and Treasurer

The number of persons remunerated for working for the charity during the year was three.

Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly has been paid out of funds of the Charity for the year to any trustee.

Management and administration costs including expenses reimbursements to trustees in connection with activities of the charity.

Risk Assessment

Procedures have been put into place to manage any risk, financial or otherwise, which in any way would damage the reputation of the charity or prevent the charity continuing.

Reporting of Serious Incidents

The Trustees confirm that they are aware of their requirement to report any serious incidents which could cause harm to the charity. For the financial year 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 we can report that no serious incidents have occurred which have resulted in a significant loss of funds or risk to the work, beneficiaries or reputation of the charity during this period.

Reserve Policy The trustees have invested funds to protect the future of Mothers' Union Guildford Diocese, investments are detailed above, and in addition the Diocesan Fund provides reserves to allow funding of the future and existing projects within the Diocese. A review of this policy has decided that over the next couple of years these funds will be reduced and the amounts that are held at branch level will be reviewed.

Independent Examiners Report. This report on the financial statements for the Guildford Diocese Mothers' Union for the Year ended 31st December 2020, are set out above, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations) and s.4 of the charities act 1993 ("the act") and in accordance of the new Charities Commission guidance.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner.

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity considers that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the 1993 act") as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to: -

- Examine the accounts (Under section s43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act, as amended).

- To follow procedures laid down by General Directions given by the Charity Commission (Under section 43(7) of the 1993 Act, as amended); and

- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

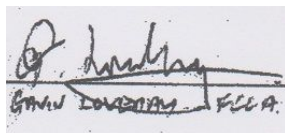
Basis of the report My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s. 43(7)(b) of the Act.

The examination includes a review of accounting 17 records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view of the accounts.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the material respects the requirements,
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare financial Statements, which accord with accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



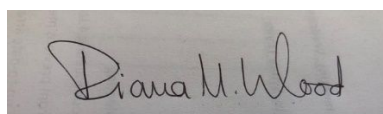
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Gavin Loveday, Examiner

Acceptance of the Report and Accounts.

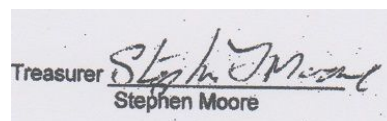
Signed

President



Diana Wood

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Treasurer Stephen Moore

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDING

31ST DECEMBER 2020



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The Mothers' Union – Guildford Diocese

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Registered Charity No – 249931

Patron – H. M. The Queen

Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31st December 2020

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Trustees

Diocesan President	Mrs Antonia Wilson	
Vice Presidents	Mr Edwin Catt and Mrs Dorothea Natrass	
Unit Co-ordinators	Mrs Shirley Martin and Mrs Sylvia Taylor	
General Trustees	Mrs Carol Bingham	Mrs Dawn May
	Mrs Jane Summerfield	Mrs Sheila Sutherland
	Mrs Diana Wood	

Aims and Objectives

The Aim of the Mothers' Union is the advancement of Christian Religion in the sphere of marriage and family life, and in furtherance of the said aim (but not otherwise) to carry out all or any of the following objects.

1. To uphold Christ's teaching 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 world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children;
and
5. to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Organisation



Lesley Templeman Administrator and Antonia Wilson President.

Management of the Charity is by the Board of Trustees which is made up of elected members and four non-voting members, the Administrator, the Treasurer, the Diocesan Chaplain and the Editor of the Diocesan Newsletter. The organisation is represented in all twelve Deaneries and there are 35 branches across the Diocese, as well as about 90 deanery and diocesan members.

There are normally two Members' Meetings per year, but in 2020 the May meeting was not held due to the Covid-19 lockdown and the

November meeting was held virtually via Zoom. The Annual Lady Day Service in Guildford Cathedral had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. The trustees meet a minimum of four times per year as required by the constitution; most of the meetings in 2020 took place virtually via

Zoom. Despite the pandemic two copies of the diocesan magazine, The Angel, were produced and the regular e-newsletter continued to go out to members, at least once or twice a month.

Financial Statement

There were no unexpected problems financially this year. The trustees continued to review of the amount that was held in reserve. This year the reserves were reduced with money sent to the central charity in support due to their loss of income due to the Covid Pandemic. Gift Aid was claimed again this year. The account opened to allow payments to be made by transfer is being well used with over half the membership using it and is also acting as an Agency Account. The account is separate from the main general account.

Funds and Activities

Much of the work of the charity is based on face-to-face activity and was severely curtailed by the Covid pandemic. We continued to offer as much help as we could remotely. Please see the reports below.

1. **Parenting Programme:** providing Parenting Training courses for members and Clergy, including post training support.
2. **Away From It All:** a scheme to provide holidays for needy families.
3. **Women's Refuges:** support and practical help for women in refuges and who are trying to rebuild their lives, through the Surrey and North East Hampshire Women's Refuges.
4. **Hospital Emergency Admissions:** supplying comprehensive toiletry bags for emergency hospital admissions. Direct liaison for speedy provision.
5. **Prisons:** in three prisons across the Diocese. Support for families with one partner in prison. Providing play workers and toys to engage with children visiting, encouraging a family environment and giving parents/adults space and time to talk. We also supply facilitators for a parenting course in one prison.

Running craft sessions and 'Friday Club' enabling inmates to make cards and write letters to their families. Providing gifts at Christmas and support for families in need.

6. **Advocacy, Lobbying and Consultation** on Women's issues and Family matters both in the UK and Internationally. Many campaigns have been spearheaded by the MU and taken up by the government of the day, resulting in changes to the law in favour of women, children and families.

Additionally:

7. Information and Communication via the Diocesan Website; The Angel – bi-annual magazine newsletter; weekly e-newsletter which has been revamped to meet the requirements of the organisation...
8. A sales and literature service for Information and Fundraising. Includes Marriage Packs suitable for clergy and lay persons.

Faith Based Activities

Due to the nature of these activities most were curtailed under the restrictions for Covid 19. Please see the reports

- A. Annual Lady Day Service on Feast of the Annunciation.
- B. Monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer at Guildford Cathedral, led by deaneries by rotation
- C. Intercessory Prayer: Emails are sent out when a particular emergency prayer is required. In some cases, small groups convene to concentrate prayer for these requests. When possible an update on the situation is reported to members and appreciation acknowledged.
- D. Silent Retreats are held twice this year at the House of Prayer at East Molesey
- E. Support for The Mothers' Union central projects through branch fundraising and supporting national and international appeals.
- F. Maintaining links with and support of Mothers' Union members around the world, especially through our Wave of Prayer



President's Report

The work of the Diocesan President during the main part of 2020 has been, by the nature of the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic, conducted remotely. The Board of Trustees have all embraced the remote board meetings and have worked hard to ensure that all members were kept briefed on events.

The Board has continued to ensure that governance and financial matters are kept up to date, supporting the central charity where appropriate especially where the loss of fund raising, and external support has impacted their work considerably.

Administratively we have ensured that data of membership has been kept safe whilst ensuring that contact between the office and members, and amongst members, has been possible

securely. This has been a vital element in the continuance of Mothers' Union Guildford's work supporting those most in need during this period.

1. The website has been kept up to date as a vital tool of communication.
2. Visits have been curtailed by circumstance but as Diocesan President I have kept in telephone and email contact with many branches and individual members, especially where members were having local difficulties in continuing certain aspects of their support for the community and the housebound.
3. Due to the inability to conduct the monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer Services in Guildford Cathedral we embraced the live-stream and zoom methods of leading these times of prayer. As a result, there was greater uptake and attendance by members from around the diocese than may have attended in person. A real advance in sharing our prayers and fellowship and a way of conducting services that will continue as well as in person attendance. Housebound members have been able to attend for the first time and personal feedback on this has been incredibly positive.
4. Our Treasurer co-ordinated the support from Guildford Diocese for the specific Financial Appeal from Mary Sumner House (Central Office of The Mothers' Union). This was a one-off mass fund raising call to all worldwide members to ensure that, where funds had already been promised for projects both nationally and internationally, responsibilities and liabilities could be met. Guildford Members were particularly generous in their response.
5. The Administrator worked particularly hard to ensure that all members were kept up to date with the weekly/fortnightly e-newsletter, as well as circulating the bi-annual magazine either by email or post as appropriate.
6. I have represented the trustees and diocesan members at a number of meetings including many additional ones which were necessary during this critical financial hiatus.

All Remote/Virtual meetings:

Provincial Meeting,

Annual Gathering presentations,

Senior Leadership with Diocesan Presidents Meetings,

South-East Cluster of Diocesan Meetings,

Fund Raising Discussions,

Webinar and Training sessions – particularly on the new use of online resources and technology.



7. Trustees have continued to represent the diocese at meetings and in action for the AFIA (Away From It All) holiday scheme – much diminished in 2020; MUE (Mothers' Union Enterprises) – ensuring that all sales of MUE products are available by post or delivered personally around the diocese.

During 2020 physical activities were restricted to very local support often of vulnerable members and other in the community. MU members who were unable to get out during lockdown got involved make items for local families and more centralised projects and many were a telephone support for lonely people – even when they might feel lonely themselves. Members themselves have been supported locally by other in their communities thus the true nature of MU membership has shone through with mutual support for those in need.

Whilst commitment to MU by subscriptions is now done mainly with online payments and cheques sent to our administrative office, those who are not able to do this have been helped locally, even without branch or group meetings. All local branch officers have made a greater than usual effort to ensure no member is without support.

The annual Lady Day Eucharist planned for March 2020 had to be cancelled at short notice and unfortunately it was too soon to have streaming in place. However, the Cathedral and clergy involved have agreed to be part of the 2021 service, in whatever form that takes.

The 2020 theme of Building Hope and Confidence was a real challenge, but in many ways the new uses of technology and the new ways members have used to remain in contact and to support each other and their local communities in particular, have been an unexpectedly strong outcome for that theme.

The Members' Meeting in May was also cancelled at short notice. This meeting would have included the AGM. The Charity Commission gave permission to miss out the AGM subject to the Annual Report being circulated, the members being informed and any comments or objections acted upon. There were no objections or adverse comments.



The Members' Meeting in November was conducted very successfully remotely. Contributors from across the diocese were able to present their part, and many members who would not have been able to travel signed in and welcomed the information as well as prayerfulness and fellowship offered.

The Surrey Refuges for those fleeing domestic violence asked for financial rather than physical donations of goods. A fourth Refuge opened due the pressure of lockdown and the added requirement. MU members were extremely generous in their donations supporting all four refuges.

Equally well supported have been the toiletry bags for emergency admissions at St. Peter's Hospital in Chertsey and other local hospitals.

The first on-line parenting course was run, very successfully with the parents involved being grateful for the support. This gave both parents the opportunity to attend without the need for babysitting to be sorted.

MUe (Mothers' Union Enterprises) has done quite well considering there have been very few in-person events. Members have ordered their requirements online and these have been posted or delivered personally to them.

Members of Guildford Mothers' Union have continued throughout the year to give their time and expertise where applicable and in different ways, never letting the pandemic diminish their desire to help. Only noticeable is a frustration at the inability to be able to help more!

MU Services, Training Days and Conferences attended by members of the Trustee Board and other Members.

Bi-monthly Trustee Board meetings –Trustees, Administrator & Treasurer
Monthly Pilgrimage of Prayer services were held on line via Zoom.

Reports from Co-ordinators

AFIA

Edwin Catt, Vice President, writes:

Before the lockdown one holiday had been arranged but this had to be postponed until the next year

Action and Outreach

Shirley Martin, Action and Outreach Coordinator, writes:

This year has been difficult to get involved in any outreach events like the Summer party or the annual celebrations at the refuge.

The refuges have been inundated with donations from people who have been having big sort outs during lock down and so have been unable to accept offers from our members.

No volunteers have been allowed into any of the prisons that we usually go into regularly to look after visitors' children or to run craft activities for the women.

Also, all parenting courses in and out of prisons have been stopped.

The only thing that we have been able to do is to provide individual packs of craft materials so that the women can make cards in their cells. We have provided 30 packs every 2 weeks since the end of March.

PARENTING

Diana Wood the Trustee in charge of Parenting writes that:

Parenting sessions in H.M.P. Send sadly haven't been possible during this COVID year.

I was about to start a different type of parenting course at Church on the Heath, Fleet. I was excited to have found a Parenting for Faith course. This seemed to me to be absolutely what Mothers' Union should be encouraging, but lockdown came upon us. I thought I was going to have to wait until we regained our freedom to meet up before starting the course. However then like so many others I discovered Zoom. With a little fear and considerable trepidation, I challenged myself to presenting the course virtually. It was very experimental for me. However, nine parents joined me on Zoom every Tuesday evening for two months. It was a journey of discovery. The course explores how parents can come alongside their children helping them to connect with God. Parents are so much better placed for this role than church or Sunday school leaders in that they live with the children and don't only see them on a Sunday. We explored how our children can chat with God, anytime, anywhere and about anything, we explored how to help them to 'catch' from God, following the example of Eli to Samuel. We explored how our children experience many waves of interest and not to worry if we miss opportunities, another wave always comes. We explored how we minister to our children and finally how our children connect with church. All of the parents stayed the course, all of them said not only their children are benefiting from what we've learned, but that they are too, so am I.

Zoom proved to be a surprisingly good medium for a parenting course. The advantages of the online course were that parents didn't have to leave the comfort of their own sofas and had no need for babysitters, they felt safe and were willing to share at a deep level. The course was happening during an unprecedentedly stressful time, home-schooling, home working, lockdown, fear and uncertainty about everything in the pandemic. The parents had the opportunity to realize they weren't the only ones sometimes struggling, there was as much positive power in the online group as there would have been had we been together face to face in the flesh.

I have facilitated a second group during lockdown 2. It certainly helped me pass the time productively.

Faith and Policy

Sylvia Taylor, Faith & Policy coordinator writes:

During the pandemic the retreats which we had held twice a year have had to be cancelled. But I am pleased to say the confidential prayer chain has been used; it is and working well and greatly appreciated.

This year the Mothers' Union and United Nations Commission on the Status of women UNCSW was held on Zoom instead of person in New York. This gave more people the chance to see what happens.

Nationally the Mothers' Union has taken part in many campaigns in 2019 and 2020. Guildford members were able to contribute to submissions about the Domestic Violence bill which became law in 2021.

For the 16 Days of Activism, we held a candle-lit vigil by zoom on the 25th November, supported by the Bishops of Guildford and Dorking. An online coffee morning on the 5th December, hosted by the Diocesan President Antonia Wilson, was held to mark the Global Day of Action, and members attended a Zoom Conference on the 10th December, led by Bekah Legg, Director of Restored, an international Christian alliance working to transform relationships and end violence against women.



From our Branches

Banstead

After a year where a solitary existence happened for many, including Branch members. We initially wrapped over 2 dozen gifts for Reigate and Banstead Borough's initiative to reach out to those spending Christmas alone

this year. They consisted of men's and ladies' toiletries, boxes of chocolates, men's wallets, socks, scarves, gloves and Christmas cake, each with a message of love from the Mothers Union.

Lightwater



It's been a difficult year, but with some very positive events. We've been in touch with 45 members each month by newsletter sent by email or hard copy, or through phone calls and occasional doorstep visits. We have held 8 socially-distanced coffee mornings or tea afternoons in members' gardens during the summer and raised £236.50 for MU as a result (about 42 people attended – one or two non-members among them). In October we held a Mothers' Union service of uplifting music, readings and prayers – all suggested by

members. It lasted 1 hour, was strictly in accordance with our church Covid policy with social-distancing policy etc. This was attended by 23 members, including several who had not ventured to a church service since the first lockdown. It was a great success. So many people said they were feeling a bit negative and needed the 'lift' and it was gratifying to see those who had not ventured out before. For Christmas we held another service, this time of Advent and Christmas music and readings, attended by 25 members and guests – again much appreciated. We have also held a grand raffle to raise money for the women's refuges. The first prize was a wonderful Nativity Christmas cake (made by one of our members) and proceeds amounted to £196.

Lyne

On Sunday 6th December we had a toy service in church. In the past many Mother's Union groups have donated toys to this event. The toys will be taken to the Stanwell Event where needy families can ensure that their children receive some gifts at Christmas.



For many families it has been a very hard time, and this will help both adults and children.



Cranleigh

We at Cranleigh have been busy since the first lockdown in March. Various members have been phoning members, and neighbours keeping in touch, doing shopping collecting prescription's etc,

Most of our members are over 70 years so it has been limited to what they can do, also their families were very insistence that they stayed at home. We have walked with various members when allowed during the year and have helped with scrubs and made over 200 scrub bags for the Royal Surrey Hospital, we have made face masks for staff and visiting patients and made over 500 masks face masks for staff and visiting patients and we also made Christmas masks. Some of our members have been involved with starting Cranleigh Shines, which is encouraging people to put stars in their windows and shops for the season of Advent and have made star bunting which we have put up around St Nicolas Church for the season



Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Incoming Resources					
Membership and Legacies	1	23,602		23,602	24,180
Gift Aid Received		2,528		2,528	2,141
Income from Charitable activities		5,882		5,882	13,797
Other trading activities		819		819	4,971
Investment income		1,753		1,753	1,817
Other income			4,112	4,112	1,850
Total Income		34,584	4,112	38,696	48,756
Expenditure					
Subscriptions to M S H	2	0	14,331	14,331	11,331
Families First		0	0	0	559
Direct Charitable Expenses		1,096	0	1,096	8,756
Retreats and conferences		0	0	0	24,238
Support for Central Charity	3	0	33,144	33,144	0
Management and Administration		13,177	0	13,177	16,647
Loss/Gain on Investments		(3,403)	0	(3,403)	(8,731)
Total Expenditure		10,870	47,475	58,345	52,818

Net income over expenditure before transfer				(19,649)	(4,062)
Balance Sheet					
Funds Held in Bank 31/12/20	4	3,144	0	3,144	4,372
Funds Invested (office) 31/12/120	5		50,285	50,285	49,293
Funds held by branches 31/12/20	6	5.144	0	5.144	10,226
Restricted Funds to MSH	7	0	0	0	0
Designated Funds for Diocesan projects	8	0	20,269	20,269	23,587
Value of MUE Stock	9	1,115	0	1,115	1,115
Debtors	10	0	0	0	0
Fixed Assets (Office Equipment)	11	0	0	0	0
Reconciliation of funds		9,423	70,554	79,957	88,863

Designated Funds for Diocesan Projects

Fund	B/Fwd.	Income	Expenditure	Balance in the year	C/Fwd
Away from it all	7,397	1,025	326	699	8,096
Women's Refuge	0	397	397	0	0
Work in Prisons	3,822	220	608	(388)	3,434
Parenting	529	390	0	390	919
Literacy	5,304	1,213	153	1060	6,364
Mothers' Union Enterprises	1,456	588	588	0	1,456
Total	18508	3,833	2,072	1761	20.269

Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Outgoing Resources					
Office Rent		4,200		4,200	4,200
Salaries		7,375		7,375	8,971
Telephone and Broadband		883		883	736
Postage		0		0	8
Insurance		0		0	495
Trustees' Expenses		0		0	1,205
Travel Conference and Training		0		0	0
Web Site and Software		190		190	386
Miscellaneous (Bank Charges, Stationery, Printing and Photocopying)		529		529	827
Total		13,177		13,177	16,647

Notes

1) Membership and Legacies

We have not received any legacies this year. The Income comes from membership and donations to various funds. The portion that is sent to Mary Sumner House for their use and the various appeals where monies have been raised has been passed on.

- 2) This cost is for the production of the Angel, the running of the office and trustees' expenses incurred carrying out their duties. No trustee was paid anything other than expenses in this year.
- 3) It was agreed by the trustees that funds should be transferred during this financial year to support the discrepancy it fund raising at Central Charity.
- 4) Funds are held in the General and Trading Bank Accounts.
- 5) Funds invested are in Shares administrated by the Guildford Diocese Board of Finance. We hold 2,577 shares in the fund; after rising in early 2018, the value decreased towards the end of the year.
- 6) These funds are held by the Deanery and Branch organisations at year end and do not contain membership for the next year. Some of these funds are allocated for certain projects after the year end.
- 7) These funds are destined for Mothers' Union from appeals during the year. The majority of these funds were transferred before the end of the year. The outstanding amount is a late input for the summer appeal.
- 8) These funds are for the use of their designated use for work within the Diocese or as the Trustees decided.
- 9) This is the current value of the stock held for sale. Stock is held by the MUE rep. and the office.
- 10) We had no debtors at the end of the year.
- 11) We have only a desktop and laptop computers and printers as fixed assets. Theses are now of zero value.

Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Accounting of Charities (SORP).

Investments

Funds are invested by Mothers' Union Guildford Diocese with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England in their investment fund as income shares. We have 2,577.30 Shares as of 31st December 2019. The remaining Investments are invested with the Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance and consist of 311.39 units in Guildford Board of Finance Investment Fund

Administrator and Treasurer

The number of persons remunerated for working for the charity during the year was three.

Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly has been paid out of funds of the Charity for the year to any trustee.

Management and administration costs including expenses reimbursements to trustees in connection with activities of the charity.

Risk Assessment

Procedures have been put into place to manage any risk, financial or otherwise, which in any way would damage the reputation of the charity or prevent the charity continuing.

Reporting of Serious Incidents

The Trustees confirm that they are aware of their requirement to report any serious incidents which could cause harm to the charity. For the financial year 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020, we can report that no serious incidents have occurred which have resulted in a significant loss of funds or risk to the work, beneficiaries or reputation of the charity during this period.

Reserve Policy.

The trustees have invested funds to protect the future of Mothers' Union Guildford Diocese, investments are detailed above, and in addition the Diocesan Fund provides reserves to allow funding of the future and existing projects within the Diocese. A review of this policy has decided that over the next couple of years these funds will be reduced and the amounts that are held at branch level will be reviewed.

Independent Examiners Report.

This report on the financial statements for the Guildford Diocese Mothers' Union for the Year ended 31st December 2020, are set out above, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and s.4 of the charities act 1993 ("the act") and in accordance of the new Charities Commission guidance.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner.

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity considers that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the 1993 act") as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to: -

- Examine the accounts (Under section s43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act, as amended).
- To follow procedures laid down by General Directions given by the Charity Commission (Under section 43(7) of the 1993 Act, as amended); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s. 43(7)(b) of the Act. The examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view of the accounts.

Independent Examiners statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the material respects the requirements,
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare financial Statements, which accord with accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and regulations have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed G. Loveday
Gavin Loveday, Examiner

Acceptance of the Report and Accounts.

Signed

President Antonia Wilson
Antonia Wilson

Treasurer Stephen J Moore
Stephen Moore