

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

England & Wales · Charity number 249942

Details

Other names	THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD BRANCH), LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION
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Legal form	Other
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Activities

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 WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS UNITED IN PRAYER, WORSHIP AND SERVICE. 4. TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS IN SOCIETY FAVOURABLE TO STABLE FAMILY LIFE AND THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. 5. TO HELP THOSE WHOSE FAMILY LIFE HAS MET WITH ADVERSITY.

Activities: HOLIDAYS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED PRISON VISITS & CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISONERS IN LICHFIELD DIOCESE PARENTING COURSES TO ENCOURAGE MARRIAGE AND THE BRINGING UP OF CHILDREN IN THE FAITH & LIFE OF THE CHURCH KNITTING FOR BABY UNITS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD
- Shropshire
- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City
- Telford & Wrekin
- Wolverhampton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£62,241	£84,363	-	-
2023-12-31	£67,321	£80,147	-	-
2022-12-31	£65,243	£91,765	-	-
2021-12-31	£50,507	£72,615	-	-
2020-12-31	£55,843	£64,593	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adie Louise Harris		2025-01-01
CELIA RICHARDSON		2016-01-01
DEBRA TUDOR		2013-05-31
Kate Austin		2025-01-01
Megan Hilary Pittwood		2025-01-01

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Accounts

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield



Trustees Annual Report

1st January to 31st December 2024

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Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield Trustee Board as of 1st January 2024

Helen Palfrey	Diocesan President
Celia Richardson	Honorary Treasurer - Finance Trustee
Julia Collinson	General Trustee
Katherine May	General Trustee
Debra Tudor	General Trustee
Vacant	General Trustee
Vacant	General Trustee
Vacant	General Trustee

Diocesan Administrator

Adrian Palphreyman

Diocesan Treasurer

Celia Richardson

Diocesan Chaplain

Revd Kathy Trimby (until Summer 2024)

Revd Jassica Castillo-Burley

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Trustees report for the year ended 31st December 2024

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

Diocesan President's Report 2024

The third, and final, year of this triennium continued to present challenges in the development and growth of Mothers' Union in this Diocese of Lichfield.

Membership has fallen slightly from 2023. This is understandable considering the demographic of membership and outside factors like the continuing rising cost of living. However, the need for the work of Mothers' Union also continues to rise and we are grateful to all who have continued their membership, and who work hard to support those in our diocese, nation, and overseas, who need that little bit extra. Once again there was a good response from members in the return of membership forms and subscriptions before our diocesan-set deadline of the end of February, this is a busy time for Adrian, our administrator and we are all indebted to his hard work in keeping the office running smoothly.

Illness and relocation have continued to provide logistical difficulties when arranging trustee meetings but, with the aid of Zoom, the trustee board met for seven main meetings, with more informal meetings on several occasions when quick discussions and/or decisions were required. Once again, I am grateful to all trustees who have overcome personal challenges to be at meetings and to continue to contribute, remotely at times, to the ongoing smooth running of the organisation.

Three diocesan meetings were held during the year, Gatherings in May and November, as well as the AGM in July. The attendance at these meetings continued the trend shown in 2024 of increasing numbers. Speakers at all meetings were well received. At the Spring Gathering we welcomed Emily Brailsford, Head of programmes at Mary Sumner House, who updated us on the Rise Up! programme, raising awareness of domestic abuse. The speaker at the AGM was Steve Jackson of the Farming Community Network, the organisation we continue to support by knitting woolly hats labelled with the FCN helpline label. By the end of 2024 the total number of hats continued to grow and several branches have since asked a speaker from FCN to branch meetings. The Autumn gathering was blessed by the attendance of Bishop Matthew Parker who spoke on wellbeing.

As in previous years we provided support in the Churches' Tent at Staffordshire County Show. Heavy overnight rain made the second day interesting but, as ever, Mothers' Union members are resourceful and everyone coped! My thanks go to those who volunteered to make the refreshments on the two days of the Show. I know our presence is much appreciated.

In the spring there were elections for the Diocesan President and trustee board members for the Triennium 2025-2027. As I had completed almost 5 years in the

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role of Diocesan President it was time to step down, in line with our Constitution. Deb Tudor was elected to the role, along with 5 new members of the board. This will be a challenging period of change for all.

There was a Provincial Conference held on Zoom in January. While Zoom very much has its benefits it is not the same as meeting in person which did happen in November. Deb and I met with other outgoing and new diocesan presidents from across Canterbury Province at High Leigh Conference Centre in Hertfordshire. It is always good to catch up with those who have become friends as well as colleagues over the years. I shall miss the camaraderie and shared experiences of the other DPs but not the journey on the M6, M1, M25 and the A10! The occasion encompassed many farewells, not only to other DPs but to Sheran Harper, the outgoing Worldwide President, Kathryn Anderson, Provincial President and Rev Emma Ham-Riche, Provincial Chaplain who were coming to the end of their terms of office. As well as this, the only 'in person' meeting, at High Leigh there were several other regular meetings, such as the Midlands Cluster group, DPs from Great Britain and All Ireland as well as meetings for Communities of Interest, all held on Zoom.

All trustees are members of Communities of Interest and attend meetings mostly via Zoom. These include prison work, faith, safeguarding and so on, but seem to lack the focus and direction of the old 'Units'. My thanks go to Celia, Deb, Julia and Katherine who have all been involved in areas of work reflecting their special interests. Adrian has been involved with database meetings as MSH made great strides towards the installation of a new central database and website.

As we did last year we celebrated Mary Sumner Day on 9th August, when about fifty members of Mothers' Union (an increase on 2023!) joined the congregation in the Midday Eucharist Service in Lichfield Cathedral, to celebrate the life and work of our founder. Canon Andrew Stead oversaw the service with members of Mothers' Union taking part in readings and prayers and our Diocesan Chaplain, Rev Jassica Castillo- Burley presiding at the Eucharist. After the service we enjoyed fellowship in the Close by sharing packed lunches on 'The Beach', an event put on by the Cathedral during the summer, surrounded by children playing in the sand and paddling pools. A joyous occasion which I hope may continue. I am sad to say that during 2024 our other Diocesan Chaplain, Rev Kathy Trimby left to take up a post in the Diocese of Newcastle in New South Wales, Australia. We wish her every blessing in her new role and give thanks for her contribution in this diocese in her time as a chaplain.

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There was no national gathering in 2024 but a provincial meeting was arranged in Oxford in June. I was unable to attend as I was on holiday but there were several attendees from the Diocese who had enjoyed the day. Another provincial gathering is planned for 2025, with plans for worldwide celebrations being made for 2026 when the organisation will commemorate 150 years.

I was privileged to speak on the work of Mothers' Union at Diocesan Synod in March. It had been a few years since Synod had had an update on both diocesan work and that done more widely in the is country and overseas. I am pleased that the presentation was warmly received. I have enjoyed speaking at several branch meetings and attended both Quiet Days, which were well supported. The nature of the Quiet Days, including location, timetable and cost, is to be re-assessed by the new trustee board.

As stated already we continue to collaborate with FCN and support other projects by writing Christmas cards for prisoners in the 9 prisons in the Diocese, along with donating biscuits, Easter eggs and sweets. Children's books have been donated to a prison visitor centre and a request for toys is being considered. Support for women's refuges is strong across the diocese and several members in the Stafford area attended a vigil in Stafford during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. Refugees, the homeless and care leavers are also among groups supported in diverse ways by separate groups or branches.

My thanks first go to my fellow trustees for all their hard work during the year. We are few in number and many of us have faced personal difficulties and I am grateful for the support they have given me during what has been another challenging year. I also want to thank Adrian, our Diocesan Administrator, for his contribution to the smooth running of the office and his expertise especially regarding our own database and financial matters. But most of all, thank you to YOU, our members as you continue to faithfully support the work of Mothers' Union by your outreach projects, fundraising and your prayers, especially as Mothers' Union in Lichfield Diocese begins a new chapter.

Helen Palfrey
July 2025

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Mothers' Union, Diocese of Lichfield is an association of Mothers' Union Worldwide and is formed with a constitution approved by Central Mothers' union. The Trustees named inside the front cover are elected every three years. Appointment of Trustees is governed by the diocesan constitution. The Trustees delegate the day to day running of the diocese to the administrator and if necessary, receive assistance from the Trustee Board. All of the charity's trustees are considered to be related parties. In their capacity as trustees and members of Mothers' Union they will receive various expenses. All Trustees receive information packs from the charity, the packs include details of their formal responsibilities as Trustees.

The Trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels combined with an annual review over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

The operation of the work of the diocese is entirely dependent on the voluntary efforts provided by the individual officers and members.

Objectives

- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity
- To promote and support married life

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General Trustees

In January I contacted the Rev Sarah Morris who is the chaplain at HMP Drake Hall and who is also the managing chaplain in the Diocese because I had lost contact with the chaplain at Oakwood and Featherstone Prison. She told me that there is no Church of England chaplain at Oakwood at the moment and that a new chaplain had been appointed at Featherstone and his name is Richard Wallis. I had a lovely email from Chris Milton at Dovegate Prison thanking Mothers Union for the Christmas cards and also for the biscuits and sweets we sent.

Adrian forwarded me an email from a Lady called Nicola Gannon who is employed by PACT (Prison, Advice and Care Trust) at Swinfen prison as a family Liaison officer. PACT is a national charity which supports prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families. They provide life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process, in court, in prison and on release in the community, so they very much fit in with Mothers Union values. Nicola needed books to set up a Library for the family visitor centre so that children could choose a book to read when visiting the centre and take home with them if they wished. Following the appeal for books I sent out the response was nothing less than magnificent. I delivered the books in May, and my car boot and seats were stacked high with books. Nicola wasn't available on the day I visited but a prison officer who is involved with family visits kindly helped me unload. He was very impressed with the number of books and by the quality and variety. Nicola sent a very grateful thanks to you all.

I attended the Mary Sumner Day service at the cathedral which was well attended by Mothers Union and enjoyed Rev Jessica's sermon and celebration was excellent, and she did very well not to trip up over her vestments which were certainly not meant for anyone as small as her.

I was approached by Emily Brailsford to be part of a steering group she is setting up to formulate a signposting document which shows what work other charities do in prison and collate contact details. It is hoped that this will allow members to get involved in projects they feel called to do e.g. letter writing to prisoners and carry it out in a safe way with charities who are already doing this particular type of work and have the correct safeguards and infrastructure in place we held our first meeting on 23rd of August by Zoom. The next meeting of the steering group was held on the 9th of October where we explored in more detail the feasibility of holding family fun days for prisoners and their families. I was not against these proposals, but I struggled to see how they could be arranged by Mothers' Union in some of our prisons.

Prison week began on Sunday 13th of October and we ordered a leaflet for every branch in the diocese which arrived late from the printers to MSH and therefore to us which in turn put pressure on Adrian to get them out to branches in time for the launch.

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Werrington Young Offenders Prison also requested toys and games for their, soon to be revamped, visitors centre but this has been put on hold so please keep hold of any items you may wish to donate at home as we have very little storage at Doxey.

As always Lichfield Diocese Mothers' Union have been very generous in providing cards for prisoners in our diocese and at the end of November, I delivered 2750 to prisons throughout the diocese for which I thank you.

When I moved to Lichfield diocese, I was determined to be just a regular member and enjoy branch and deanery meetings. How wrong I was. It has been a privilege to serve you our members and the diocese and thank you all for giving me the opportunity to take the reins. I would like to thank Helen and the rest of the team for allowing me a share in the work of this diocese. My best wishes to Debra and the new team. I am not disappearing from the scene entirely as I will remain on the prison steering group for the time being.

Julia Collinson

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It has been a privilege to serve as a trustee for Mothers' Union in Lichfield Diocese over the last triennium, 2021-24. Having stepped back from the role, it is good to reflect on 2024, which was my ninth year in a trustee position.

As the year 2024 began, trustees were mindful of the approaching elections mid-year. I gave much thought to members known to me who have qualities and skills compatible with the trustee role. I approached those on my personal list to invite them to consider standing for election.

As the year progressed and our election process was completed, along with other outgoing trustees, it was gratifying to find Lichfield Diocese Mothers' Union refreshed with new trustees to work with Deb Tudor in her new role as our Diocesan President. I am delighted to see some of those whom I approached last year now elected to our trustee group.

Although I was in New Zealand at that time, I was able to join Deb and Helen (others perhaps) for a Zoom Wave of prayer meeting held 9am GMT and 10pm NZ time. It was lovely to be part of that prayer time using my mobile screen and seeing tiny pictures of them both. 😊

In 2024, Deb Tudor and I continued to post regularly to our MU Lichfield Diocese Facebook page. Mothers' Union being a worldwide has enabled me, at times, to connect with other members living many miles away.

One such connection in 2024 was with a member in New Zealand Aotearoa, who shared the location of a stain glass window commemorating Mary Sumner, found in the small church of All Saints, Eltham, Taranaki Region. So, when in NZ in February, we, David and I, made a little pilgrimage to Eltham where we received a warm welcome from Karen Christian (window expert), looked around the church and enjoyed the treasured Mary Sumner window.

Like other trustees, I joined meetings online when our DP was unavailable. This was the case in April where I represented LDMU at the Midlands Cluster of DPs.

The DPs of the Midland Cluster discussed the joint input at the Provincial Members Gathering that took place on 22 June in Oxford. I provided notes from the meeting for Helen and was able to send some photographs to Emily Brailsford (DP Derby Diocese) who prepared a power-point activity for that meeting. I was unable to attend the Provincial Members Gathering.

Two *Communities of Interest* (CoI) have been within my area of concern during the last triennium. The Rise Up! CoI met several times during 2024, chaired by Emily Brailsford. 'Rise Up!' is about domestic abuse and empowers our members to work locally within our churches to challenge violence within family relationships, particularly spouses and partners.

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There are regular Bystander Webinars now available in respect of RISE Up! This is important training input for members/groups wishing to work towards a RISE Up! Silver Award. The Zoom meetings are well attended across All Ireland and UK.

Our membership has embraced the 'Rise Up!' campaign throughout 2024. I am confident we shall together continue to campaign with 'Rise Up!' and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence in November.

'Flourishing Families' is the reiteration of MU parenting programme, refreshed and updated to be applicable to current matters. It remains unclear who is leading this CoI at Mary Sumner House and whether any online meetings have yet taken place. I have continued to be our diocesan representative to 'Flourishing Families' CoI and hope to continue going forwards.

At the end of May, like other members, I joined the Churches Tent at the Staffordshire Show to serve refreshments to any comers. The day was very wet with the consequence that our tent was full. It was delightful to share the refreshment-giving with Megan Pittwood, one of your new trustees.

Once again in summer 2024, I wrote a short piece for the Shrewsbury Chronicle *Crosstalk* about Mothers' Union. It was printed around Mary Sumner Day, 9 August 2024. It is disappointing to report that the Shrewsbury Chronicle no longer exists. But while it was printed, it was a good way of putting Mothers' Union in front of the readership.

Like my fellow trustees, I was part of the Mary Sumner Day service at Lichfield Cathedral.

During 2024, trustees endeavoured to continue visiting branches and groups to lead sessions on 'Making a Difference'. Helen and I led a session *'Making a Difference'* at St Oswald's, Oswestry on Thursday, 11 April. The meeting was well attended by members from the deanery including Oswestry, Gobowen, Sellatyn and Kinnerley members. It was very enjoyable to meet those members again.

Along with other trustees, I attended and co-led a branch meeting at Pelsall on 1 July. It was a good meeting with positive feedback from the membership that were present.

I have twice attended as the leader / speaker at St Giles. In the summer, we had an informal session writing Christmas greetings cards for prison detainees and also for the many care-leavers supported by St Giles each Christmas time. The session at the start of September was called *'How well do you know your bible - building bridges'*. It was well received with plenty of audience participation. A few other branches have participated in that session.

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The Shrewsbury and Wrekin Deanery Synod of which I am currently a member met in July. At last, I took an agenda slot to raise awareness of MU locally, nationwide and internationally. Members were made familiar with MU RISE Up! campaign.

The September Quiet Day at Shallowford had a thoughtful programme. Revd Zoe Braven-Giles led us so very well and I enjoyed and benefited from the day. Throughout 2024, Adrian Palphreyman has been excellent as our Financial Administrator. I take this opportunity to thank him for his conscientious and tolerant approach to his role.

During the last three years one piece of work undertaken by the trustee stands out in my mind – the updating of our LDMU Constitution and Regulations. Although trustees were involved in the discussion and decisions, it has been to Helen Palfrey's credit that this piece of work was pushed to its over-due conclusion. This has been an important, indeed vital, piece of work, discussing and agreeing the fine detail after which Helen continued to move it all forward until finally LDMU constitution and regulations is correctly registered with the Charity Commission. That being done, LDMU can go forward confidently, enabled by working documents that will guide and enable the new trustees and Deb Tudor in her DP role.

Katherine May

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SPEAKER

I continued to cover any speaker requests from branches and enjoyed meeting members not only from around my archdeaconry but further afield. Subjects requested ranged from Mothers Union today, our diocesan projects, Mary Sumner and prayer. Jointly with Helen, we visited Waterfall our most northerly branch and presented several members with long service certificates and as usual celebrated with a shared tea.

MEMBERS DAYS

With other members of the trustee board, I visited the branches/deaneries who hosted our presentation around making a difference. Each of us took a different aspect we wanted to highlight and by getting feedback we could plan into the future. Each session began with a short service which was my responsibility, each event gave us all a view of that area's priorities.

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

I represent the diocese on the faith community of interest which takes on a number of projects each year. This year we were asked to contribute a month's prayers for our prayer diary; thank you to all those who helped in writing these. A clergy pack was developed which will become available enabling us to pass on concise information. Blue Christmas, services held in advent which are for those who find this time of year incredibly difficult. Other service plans for Thy Kingdom Come, Lady Day, Mary Sumner Day, advent etc.

DIOCEAN INVOLVEMENT

Twice a year we are invited to take part in the 24hours of prayer, being offered two of the 30-minute sessions to host. We have tried to move these sessions around to enable members to join whenever they can. One session is usually early morning and can only be three of us but others who host may even have fewer participants. Prayers follow a plan, either encompassing our local or worldwide projects or each deanery, highlighting their work. During the 24hours anyone can join any of the sessions and I take this opportunity up. There is a programme on the diocesan website allowing you to choose what you'd find interesting. I encourage everyone to join if only during Mothers Union or your own deanery sessions.

Midday prayers on the 9th August includes input from us celebrating our Founder's Day. Rev. Jassica was included this year and trustees covered other aspects of the service. It's a great day to mark the 9th and enjoy a visit to Lichfield. We were also able to take some great photos as the service ended.

JOINT WORKING

After the election results in July Helen and myself worked closer together though we have been trustees now for over ten years. I am very appreciative of her help, advice and fellowship. We also attended a conference together in November where we covered a number of subjects whilst meeting and planning together with our counterparts from around the province.

Deb Tudor

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Financial Review

Finance

During 2024 three branches closed their accounts and there was a significant reduction in the total of funds held at the branch level of the charity at the end of the financial year. During 2024 branches chose to reduce the amount general funds held in their accounts and use them to further the objects and aims of the charity and to send funds to Mary Sumner House.

The centrally held mid-risk investment fund, performed well during the year generating dividends of £1,854, plus an end of year revaluation gain of £1,529.

The mid-risk investment held by Welsh Frankton generated dividends of £2,100. During the year £5,000 worth of holdings were sold to fund the branches local projects and activities. The end of year revaluation of the remaining funds resulted in a gain of £1,058.

Centrally, £3,047 was spent on AFIA, grants totalling £2,400 were paid out of the Relief Fund and one Discretionary Fund grant of £500 was paid.

At the end of the year there was an operating excess of expenditure over income of £18,651, adding the revaluation figures and including the reduction in the value of the branch investment resulted in a consolidated sustained loss of £21,064. £15,809 of this sustained loss was the result of activity at branch level.

After adding the current and deposit account balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the cash balance in the unrestricted funds at the 31st December 2024 equalled £33,809 including £2,574 held in the discretionary fund.

The value of the centrally held investments at the end of the financial year was £68,342. The value of the Welsh Frankton Branch Investment was £31,205. The total assets of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield at the 31st December 2024 equalled £134,016.

Away From It All Holidays, Discretionary Payments and the Relief Fund

To advance the aims and objects of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers' Union holidays (AFIA) are provided for families in need, discretionary payments and grants are made to individuals and families.

Two caravan holidays were arranged during the year at Hastings, and one Forest Holiday was arranged in an oak cabin at Sherwood Forrest.

Seven successful applications were made to the Relief Fund, providing much needed funds for families with unexpected financial emergencies and families

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experiencing long term difficult financial circumstances. The value of grants made during the year varied from lump sums of £300 to £350 given for specific purposes.

Statement of Trustees' Specific Financial Responsibilities

The Trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a clear picture of the Charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- b. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c. State whether applicable accounting and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Investment Policy

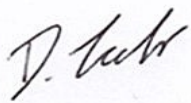
The constitution authorises the Trustees to invest any monies that are not immediately required by the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers' Union in or upon such investments as may be thought fit to be appropriate for the investment of charitable funds. It is the policy of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers union to invest our surplus central funds in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and the CBF Investment Fund income shares. Surplus branch funds are invested in M&G Charifund.

Reserves Policy

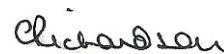
The policy of the trustees is to maintain the unrestricted reserves of the charity at a level that is equivalent to 12 months normal expenditure, approximately £84,000. The present level of unrestricted funds is considered adequate for this purpose.

Approval

Deb Tudor
Diocesan President



Celia Richardson
Diocesan Treasurer



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THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024
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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
	<u>Note</u>					
<u>RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations and legacies	3a	4,896	1,071	3,520	9,487	12,342
Charitable Activities	3b	19,588	0	16,882	36,470	34,069
Other Trading Activities	3c	8441	0	0	8,441	6,575
Investments	3d	5,140	0	0	5,140	7,368
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,175	0	0	1,175	1,222
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>39,239</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>20,402</u>	<u>60,712</u>	<u>61,576</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>						
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	86	0	0	86	12
Charitable Activities	4b	54,674	2,900	26,703	84,277	80,135
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>54,760</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>26,703</u>	<u>84,363</u>	<u>80,147</u>
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>						
		(15,521)	(1,829)	(6,301)	(23,651)	(18,571)
<u>Transfers between funds</u>	6	(7,851)	1,550	6,301	0	0
<u>Cash from disposal of assets</u>		5,000	0	0	5,000	25,551
Cash at bank and in hand						
	At 1st January 2024	49,607	2,853	0	52,460	45,480
	At 31st December 2024	<u>31,235</u>	<u>2,574</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,809</u>	<u>52,460</u>

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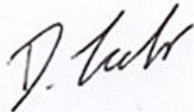
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<u>ASSETS</u>					
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>					
CBF Deposit Account		13,715		13,715	19,231
Deposit Accounts		168		168	236
Current Accounts		17,585		17,585	30,346
Cash		2,341		2,341	2,647
		<u>33,809</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,809</u>	<u>52,460</u>
<u>Investments</u>					
CB30008681		68,342		68,342	66,812
M&G Charifund Units			31,205	31,205	35,147
<u>Stock</u>					
				660	638
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Amounts owed by Mothers Union					
Trustees		30			
Insurance					
Trade Creditors		14			170
MUEnterprises					

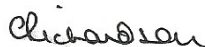
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

3a. Voluntary Income/Receipts

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Donations					
Branch	2,276			2,276	2,691
Diocesan General Fund	44			44	1,288
AFIA			1,401	1,401	2,882
Relief Fund		850		850	774
Discretionary Fund		221		221	376
Great Britain & Ireland Fund			360	360	310
Mary Sumner House General					961
Overseas			1,759	1,759	492
Legacies					
Gift Aid/Tax Recovered	2,576			2,576	2,569
	<u>4,896</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>9,487</u>	<u>12,342</u>

3b. Charitable Activities

Diocesan Subscriptions	2024	9,537		9,537	6,350
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2024		16,882	16,882	16,485
Branch/Deanery Subscriptions		690		690	581
Fundraising Activities					
Recycling		126		126	185
Branch		7,628		7,628	7,536
Branch Activities and Outings		1,607		1,607	2,932
		<u>19,588</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,882</u>	<u>34,069</u>

3c. Other trading Activities

Muenterprises	3,650			3,650	4,111
Mue grant	795			795	742
Teas and Catering	3,996			3,996	1,723
	<u>8,441</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,441</u>	<u>6,576</u>

3d. Investments

Dividends	3,955			3,955	5,803
Interest	1,184			1,184	820
Gain at Disposal					745
	<u>5,140</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,140</u>	<u>7,368</u>

3e. Other income

Branch Closures	349			349	268
Diocesan Fund Administration	236			236	699
Quiet Day	397			397	
Local Projects	193			193	255
	<u>1,175</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,222</u>

Total

<u>39,239</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>20,402</u>	<u>60,712</u>	<u>61,576</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
4. EXPENDITURE ON					
4a Raising Funds					
Fund Raising Events	86			86	11
	<u>86</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>11</u>
4b Charitable Activities					
Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Activities					
MSH Subscriptions			16,882	16,882	16,842
Relief Fund		2,400		2,400	3,000
GB & Ireland Fund			660	660	310
Mary Summer House Fund			4,355	4,355	1,624
Overseas			1,759	1,759	492
AFIA			3,047	3,047	7,148
Quiet Days	1,773			1,773	1,265
Local Projects	10,355			10,355	11,575
Branches Activities and Outings	3,597			3,597	4,089
Discretionary Fund		500		500	
	<u>15,725</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>26,703</u>	<u>45,328</u>	<u>46,345</u>
Expenses					
Board of Trustees	3,012			3,012	2,236
Speakers	965			965	958
Insurance	450			450	450
Committee Expenses	773			773	1,891
	<u>5,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,535</u>
Costs of Trading					
Muenterprises	4,117			4,117	3,889
Teas and Catering	4,305			4,305	935
AGM and November Meeting Buffet	850			850	425
	<u>9,272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,272</u>	<u>5,249</u>
Management and Administration					
Independent examiner	475			475	885
Wages and Expenses	14,648			14,648	12,287
Telephone and Web	906			906	1,039
Printing and Stationary	75			75	27
Postage	201			201	248
Equipment	680			680	761
Hire of Office	3,200			3,200	3,200
Hire of Rooms/Halls	3,580			3,580	3,447
	<u>23,766</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,766</u>	<u>21,894</u>
Other					
General Administration	602			602	635
Consolidation Sundries	49			49	299
Bank Charges	62			62	179
	<u>713</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>713</u>	<u>1,113</u>
4b	<u>54,674</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>26,703</u>	<u>84,277</u>	<u>80,136</u>
Total	<u>54,760</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>26,703</u>	<u>84,363</u>	<u>80,147</u>

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

5 Assets

5a Investments

At 1st January 2024	101,960
Additions	
<u>Disposals</u>	(5,000)
Revaluations	
LDMU	1,529
Welsh Frankton	1,058
Value at 31st December 2024	<u>99,547</u>

5b Stock

2024	2023
£	£
<u>660</u>	<u>638</u>

6. Summary of Fund Movements

	At 1st Jan 2024	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st Dec 2024
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
AFIA	0	1,646	1,401	(3,047)	0
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	0	0	16,882	(16,882)	0
Mary Sumner House Funds	0	4,655	2,119	(6,774)	0
Welsh Frankton Legacy	35,147	(5,000)	1,058		31,205
	<u>35,147</u>	<u>1,301</u>	<u>21,460</u>	<u>(26,703)</u>	<u>31,205</u>
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
<u>Designated Funds</u>					
Discretionary Fund	2,853	0	221	(500)	2,574
Relief Fund	0	1,550	850	(2,400)	0
	<u>2,853</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>(2,900)</u>	<u>2,574</u>
<u>General Funds</u>	<u>117,058</u>	<u>(1,322)</u>	<u>39,261</u>	<u>(54,760)</u>	<u>100,237</u>

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Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit,

may we be united in prayer and worship;

and in love and service reach out as your hands

across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u>
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
	<u>Note</u>					
<u>RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations and legacies	3a	4,896	1,071	3,520	9,487	12,342
Charitable Activities	3b	19,588	0	16,882	36,470	34,069
Other Trading Activities	3c	8441	0	0	8,441	6,575
Investments	3d	5,140	0	0	5,140	7,368
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,175	0	0	1,175	1,222
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>39,239</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>20,402</u>	<u>60,712</u>	<u>61,576</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>						
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	86	0	0	86	12
Charitable Activities	4b	54,674	2,900	26,703	84,277	80,135
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>54,760</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>26,703</u>	<u>84,363</u>	<u>80,147</u>
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ PAYMENTS OVER RECIEPTS</u>						
		(15,521)	(1,829)	(6,301)	(23,651)	(18,571)
<u>Transfers between funds</u>	6	(7,851)	1,550	6,301	0	0
<u>Cash from disposal of assets</u>		5,000	0	0	5,000	25,551
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Cash at bank and in hand						
At 1st January 2024		49,607	2,853	0	52,460	45,480
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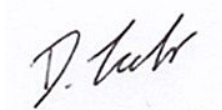
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			2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
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Insurance				
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MUEnterprises				

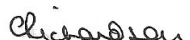
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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

5 Assets

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At 1st January 2024	101,960
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<u>Revaluations</u>	
LDMU	1,529
WELSH FRANTON	1,058
Value at 31st December 2024	99,547

5b Stock

2024	2023
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6. Summary of Fund Movements

	At 1st Jan 2024	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st Dec 2024
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Mary Summer House Subscriptions	0	0	16,882	(16,882)	0
Mary Summer House Funds	0	4,655	2,119	(6,774)	0
Welsh Frankton Legacy	35,147	(5,000)	1,058		31,205
	35,147	1,301	21,460	(26,703)	31,205
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
<u>Designated Funds</u>					
Discretionary Fund	2,853	0	221	(500)	2,574
Relief Fund	0	1,550	850	(2,400)	0
	2,853	1,550	1,071	(2,900)	2,574
<u>General Funds</u>	117,058	(1,322)	39,261	(54,760)	100,237

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Charity Number 249942

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met.
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *J Alexander*

Name: John Alexander

Qualification: ACMA CGMA

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Date: 23 June 2025

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 249942

Accounts

Mothers' Union **in the** **Diocese of Lichfield**



Trustees Annual Report
1st January to 31st December 2023

Registered Charity No. 249942

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Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield Trustee Board as of 1st January 2023

Helen Palfrey	Diocesan President
Celia Richardson	Honorary Treasurer - Finance Trustee
Julia Collinson	General Trustee
Katherine May	General Trustee
Debra Tudor	General Trustee
Vacant	General Trustee
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Trustees report for the year ended 31st December 2023

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

Diocesan President's Report 2023

The second year of the triennium continued to present challenges to the development and growth of Mothers' Union in this Diocese of Lichfield. The changes to the structure of membership, with the distinction between branch, deanery and diocesan members gone, mean that all are simply a 'Member of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield'. This gives all members equal status when it comes to decision making and the election of new trustees and other roles. Previously a collegiate system operated with office bearers such as branch and deanery leaders representing the members in their groups.

The return of the new membership forms and individual subscriptions was, overall, conducted according to the requested procedure although, as in many previous years, there were some late returns. Membership numbers continue to cause concern, not just in the diocese, but in Mothers' Union in Great Britain and All Ireland as a whole. As a diocese we are holding our own at about 2% of the GB & I membership, as it was about 15 years ago when I first became a trustee. However, this is not necessarily a statistic to be complacent about. Overseas the organisation continues to flourish and more areas are becoming self-funding and developing their own programmes of work.

As a small board of trustees we met 6 times in person as well as regularly by Zoom whenever necessary. Illness and relocation have provided logistical difficulties and I am grateful to all trustees who have overcome personal challenges to be at meetings and to continue to contribute, remotely at times, to the ongoing smooth running of the organisation. The trustees are all members of Communities of Interest, interacting with staff from Mary Sumner House and other diocesan representatives from across the whole of Great Britain & Ireland and, on occasions, from across the world.

During the early part of the year I attended a training course called 'Metamorphosis', gaining ideas to pass on to branches and groups, with much of the material also being relevant to churches and parishes. Sessions were held fortnightly with smaller groups meeting in between. This was quite a commitment, but we have since used many of the ideas in the 'Making a Difference' sessions which the trustees have taken, by invitation, to several venues across the Diocese.

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The collaboration with the Farming Community Network continues to flourish with members contributing to the #WoolandWellness campaign by knitting woolly hats for farmers, sewing in the FCN helpline label. By the end of 2023, an estimation of the number of hats handed over since the start of our involvement was close to 200.

As in previous years we provided support in the Church Tent at Staffordshire County Show. These occasions are never without drama, usually regarding equipment malfunction and this year was no exception! However, those on duty coped, as Mothers' Union always does! My thanks go to those who volunteered to make the refreshments on the two days of the Show. I know our presence is much appreciated.

A meeting of the Diocesan Presidents and officials of Canterbury Province was held at High Leigh Conference Centre in Hertfordshire over 3 days in May. There was much discussion and dissemination of information from our CEO Bev Jullien and other staff members from Mary Sumner House as well as exchange of ideas amongst the Diocesan Presidents. There have also been several meetings on Zoom within the province as well as with the Midlands Cluster group and with representatives of all the dioceses in Britain and All Ireland

All trustees are members of Communities of Interest and attend meetings mostly via Zoom. These include prison work, faith, safeguarding and so on, but seem to lack the focus and direction of the old 'Units'. I have attended, amongst others, the database meetings. The central database has had many issues with one of the problems being that several paid-up members were not receiving publications but some, no longer members, still were. Our own diocesan database is as accurate as possible, given that the administrator relies on information being supplied to the office promptly early in the year and when there are any amendments to be made. A new database is planned for central Mothers' Union as part of a much-needed upgrade of the whole website. This is due to start towards the end of 2024.

On Mary Sumner Day, 9th August, about thirty members of Mothers' Union joined the congregation in the Midday Eucharist Service in Lichfield Cathedral, to celebrate the life and work of our founder. Canon Andrew Stead conducted the service with members of Mothers' Union taking part in readings and prayers. After the service we enjoyed fellowship in the Close by sharing packed lunches on 'The Beach', an event put on by the Cathedral during the summer, surrounded by children playing in the sand and paddling pools. A joyous occasion which I hope may continue.

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In September around 20 members of this diocese attended the Annual Gathering in York. After a day of worship, the launch of the Rise Up! campaign, presentations from staff members and a rousing keynote speech from our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, the day culminated with Evensong in York Minster. The only downside of the day was the torrential rain which fell on those walking between the meeting venue and the Minster. There is to be no Annual Gathering until 2026 when we shall be celebrating 150 years since Mary Sumner first invited the mothers of her husband's parish to the Rectory and sowed the first seeds of what is now a worldwide organisation.

As well as our collaborations with FCN there are many organisations our members work with and support. Members write Christmas cards for prisoners in the 9 prisons in the Diocese. Biscuits, Easter eggs and sweets have also been donated. Support for women's refuges is strong across the diocese and several members in the Stafford area and I attended a vigil in Stafford during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. Refugees, the homeless and care leavers are also among groups supported in different ways by separate groups or branches.

The three Diocesan meetings have seen better attendances during 2023 as the legacy of covid declines a little and we all become more confident about being out and about. The minor changes to the timing of meetings have also contributed. My thanks first of all go to my fellow trustees for all their hard work during the year. We are few in number and many of us have faced personal difficulties and I am grateful for the support they have given me during what has been a challenging year. I also want to thank Adrian our Diocesan Administrator for his contribution to the smooth running of the office and his expertise especially regarding our own database and financial matters. But most of all, thank you to YOU, our members as you continue to faithfully support the work of Mothers' Union by your outreach projects, fundraising and your prayers. Let us keep up the momentum to take Mothers' Union on to a new level in the future.

Helen Palfrey
July 2024

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Mothers' Union, Diocese of Lichfield is an association of Mothers' Union Worldwide and is formed with a constitution approved by Central Mothers' union. The Trustees named inside the front cover are elected every three years. Appointment of Trustees is governed by the diocesan constitution. The Trustees delegate the day to day running of the diocese to the administrator and if necessary, receive assistance from the Trustee Board. All of the charity's trustees are considered to be related parties. In their capacity as trustees and members of Mothers' Union they will receive various expenses. All Trustees receive information packs from the charity, the packs include details of their formal responsibilities as Trustees.

The Trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels combined with an annual review over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

The operation of the work of the diocese is entirely dependent on the voluntary efforts provided by the individual officers and members.

Objectives

- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity
- To promote and support married life

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General Trustees

The Trustees met most months in person and by Zoom, in fact Zoom has been a very useful tool when a situation presented which needed prompt attention. We discussed various matters from the Annual Report, Mothers Union subscriptions, replacing the Beacon, the new membership form and the Data Base that Adrian and Helen have spent a lot of time working on.

As the trustee who has taken on the lead on Prisons Communities of Interest, I attended meetings on 11th January, the 18th May and on the 14th of September by Zoom. From listening to the other delegates, it became clear that Mothers' Union is very active within the prison system but often encounter difficulties due to the way different prisons work and by whom they are run. Some Dioceses provide bags for prisoners when they leave prison, others provide toiletries, birthing bags, Easter eggs and Durham Diocese continues to work in Low newton women's prison and have a Mothers' Union branch within that prison.

At the end of May I did a stint in the Church tent at the Staffordshire Show. It was a very interesting and challenging day, the kettles weren't working properly, the electricity kept going off and it was the coldest May Day I can remember, we were very tempted to wear the hats Mothers' Union members had knitted for farmers which Helen had brought to display. However, the company was excellent, and we met some lovely people.

At the September meeting of Prisons Communities of Interest, we discussed the various activities taking place in our respective Diocese and shared experiences of working with chaplains and how best we as Mothers' Union could help them. Nicole Ball from Derby Diocese asked if I would include Sudbury Prison to our list of Prisons as it is very close to our border and near to where I live. I have since been in touch with Rev Jo Honour, the lead chaplain at Sudbury Prison and although she feels that she doesn't need our assistance at the moment she is pleased to have contact with us.

The speaker at the zoom meeting was Rev Tony Lynett the part time chaplain of HMP Five Wells. The Rev. Tony has many years experience in this role having been chaplain in prisons in Gloucester and Durham. He said that prison work is not for everyone but if you have a calling it is difficult to get it out of your system. When asked if people who come to faith in prison were less likely to re-offend, he said that is the hope but to be realistic a conversion in prison is very fragile. They come out of prison with very little money often without family backup. It is very challenging for people to come out of an institution.

Along with other members of the Trustee Board I attended the Annual Gathering in York which was held at the Barbican. It was a wonderful day and our worldwide leader Sheran Harper spoke about the work of Mothers' Union all around the world and also of some of her stand-out visits, one of which was to a home for very young pregnant girls. The service at York minster following the meeting was inspirational but it was overshadowed for many because we were kept outside the minster during a torrential rain downpour.

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I attended the Quiet day at Shallowford on Monday the 2nd of October which was led by the Rev Kathy Trimby. A time for reflection and renewal. Rev. Kathy is one of the most sensitive and calming people anyone could wish to meet. The day was dedicated to “Transforming Generosity” and part of the worship included a litany of generosity. Helen kindly brought the written Christmas cards from Doxey to Shallowford, and I brought them home with me to be boxed up ready to go out to prisons. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the card appeal.

I have been able to visit Dovegate prison and have keep in touch with the chaplaincy team. Like many of the prisons they are short staffed and at times the prison is overcrowded. The chaplaincy staff are very keen for Mothers’ Union to have a presence in the prison and would like us to be able to offer help with Tea/coffee/biscuits after Mass/Sunday services. Someone to help the prisoner’s read scripture, official prison visitors if possible and Pen pals. Donations of chocolates, biscuits, cake for hospitality services and anyone to attend Christian study and prayer groups. If anyone feels they can help with any of these requests, please get in touch with me. Pen pals are urgently needed so please pray and think carefully if you could help in this way.

November and December are busy months collecting and checking the Christmas cards members kindly provide and write in readiness to despatch to the nine prisons in our Diocese. This year we delivered 2,800 cards on a very wet day, some of the boxes were very heavy containing about 500 cards and I was not always able to get the car close to the admission area. I also delivered biscuits and sweets to Dovegate prison again kindly donated by our members. A thank you to Deb for delivering cards to Stafford and Werrington Prisons.

It has been a privilege to serve as a Trustee to Lichfield Diocese but I feel it is now time to stand down and allow new people with new ideas to serve under a new President. I wish the new team every success and assure them of my continuing support.

Julia Collinson

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Prayer and praise cards for very young children

Early in 2023, some 130 Prayer and Praise card packs were dispatched to members. Sixty packs went to Bloxwich, 20 to Revd Jassica for Oswestry and another 4 posted. Three of our Prayer and Praise cards were reprinted in smaller quantities.

Flourishing Families

I continue to be our diocesan link to the Parenting Community of Interest (COI) coordinated by staff at Mary Sumner House. I received some information at the Parenting COI meeting in April 2023, a meeting held via Zoom. It was hoped that MSH will deliver some online familiarisation training to facilitators on the new 6 session course called Flourishing Families.

An outline of the sessions was presented to those who attended the Gathering in York on 22 September 2023. But since then, and at the time of writing, no dates have been made available to me for such training. This may be due to changing priorities at Mary Sumner House, staff changes and/or deployment there, or indeed that my contact details have fallen off a list.

Mary Sumner Day, 9 August

With other Trustees, I attended an encouraging and uplifting mid-week Eucharist service on Mary Sumner Day at Lichfield Cathedral. Members and Trustees took part in the service, Canon Andrew gave a homily about the extraordinary life of Mary Sumner. It was wonderful to catch-up with members following the service!

Branches contact

I attended the deanery festival service on Wednesday 3 May, as the speaker organised by Robbie Reynolds of Selattyn MU. It was a good gathering from across the deanery. Revd Jassica led the service in the absence of the vicar. Members from Gobowen, Oswestry and Kinnerley were present. I was asked to talk about Transformation Now! and progress to date. A generous tea was provided afterwards and some £131.00 was raised for the Relief Fund from donations and a table-top sale.

Trustees delivered a 'Making a Difference' session at Christchurch, Tettenhall Wood, on 15 June. It was well attended and engagement felt extremely positive.

A representative of *Shropshire Supports Refugees* spoke at the St Giles' branch meeting on 7 September. As part of their support of refugees, the charity gives used mobile phones to their clients. Following the meeting, members of a number of deanery churches donated unwanted mobile phones to Shropshire Supports Refugees. The collected handsets and chargers were given to the speaker at that September meeting.

Annually, St Giles, Shrewsbury branch members very successfully collect gifts that are included in Christmas hampers given to young adult care-leavers. Their ages are between 18-21 and they each have a personal adviser who gives support. In 2023 there were some 210+ young people who received gifts via their personal adviser, many of which are donated by St Giles MU.

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MU Christchurch, Tettenhall Wood members were most receptive on 16 November, during a session called *'How well do you know your bible - building bridges'* and was well received with plenty of audience participation.

Members Gathering in York

David (my husband and fellow MU member) and I attended the Members Gathering in York on 22 September. A separate editorial was shared with members via our diocesan e-newsletter.

Members Gathering in York and Rise Up! MU new campaign

At our Members Autumn Gathering at Doxey, I provided a short presentation on Rise Up!

There was a Zoom meeting in November with those who attended the York Members Gathering. Out of that came one or two suggestions about action we, as members, can undertake across the diocese. These were,

- taking up the RISE-UP challenge in their churches or local community centres, and
- getting alongside our local clergy in a new, humble and supportive way, especially offering to pray for and or with them in their parish ministry.

Use of social media

Central Mothers' Union continues to have a strong presence online, especially Facebook. Daily midday prayers (noon GMT/BST) are presented 'live' to members across the world. I join that when possible and more often catch-up later in my day.

Throughout the year I, like Deb Tudor, posted regularly to our MU Lichfield Diocese Facebook page. Both Deb and I are 'administrators' for the page and periodically a few requests to 'follow' the page arrive. The attendance does seem to have grown slightly with followers from other diocese and regions of the world.

If you do engage with social media and Lichfield Diocese Mothers' Union in particular, do share news stories with your friends and invite them to 'like' and 'follow' our page. Other MU dioceses have adopted this approach and have succeeded in increasing the number of people aware of Mothers' Union and its work.

To conclude

It continues to be a privilege to serve Lichfield Diocese Mothers' Union as a general trustee. Doing so, has been interesting, at times challenging, demanding of time and energy. There is much to learn along the way. The meeting of members and hearing of the valuable practical work undertaken in different parts of our large diocese is humbling and utterly admirable.

Bless you as you continue to be our Lord's hands and feet in meeting local need.

Katherine May

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It's fair to say I generally expect January, February to be relatively quiet mainly due to weather conditions; but this year turned out to be very different. Many branches requested me to be a part of their annual general meetings, to speak and answer questions as we transitioned into individual membership. This went much smoother than expected and I of course enjoyed being able to meet with members.

The wave of prayer services have changed greatly since COVID as branches or individuals tend to make their own plans during our time; knowing this we do hold three zoom time slots to hold prayers and continuing this we hope more will join along with us.

Quiet days are now returning to numbers we previously saw and the early year one was well attended. Helen also bravely gave myself and Adie the chance to lead. Our focus being how to connect with our communities as well as our fellow members.

For the first time the diocese asked us to participate in the 24hrs of prayer, which happens twice a year and we also participated in other time slots of deaneries. Our inclusion will continue in 2024.

As happy as I am to be asked to be a speaker at branches and services it's also nice to be invited to branches events just as a member. The welcome is always warm and I'm grateful for the fellowship and prayer support. Thank you to members who also contribute to my visits by passing on knitting, Christmas cards etc. In return I will always deliver any post that's designated.

Our Facebook page has many followers, not only from the diocese but internationally as well. We try to post four or five times a week and read comments left, replying if appropriate. Members requests would be welcomed and we can be refreshed by new ideas trying to reach new visitors.

Other activities this year have included, Staffordshire County Show, Cathedral prayers, working on role descriptions and general trustee requirements.

Our making a difference sessions certainly gave us all some things for us to discuss and plan for the future. We see these sessions continuing annually enabling us all to participate in such future goals.

Deb Tudor

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Financial Review

Finance

During 2023 a couple of branches closed their bank accounts and we simplified the centrally held funds. At the end of the financial year we have one mid-risk holding investment, two deposit accounts and a business current account. The centrally held investment funds, performed well during the year producing dividends of £3,064. The remaining John Hayes Trust and Diocesan Association of Family Care holdings were sold generating £11,295 to support the general running costs of the office and our charitable activity. This figure includes a £745 increase in the value of the holdings when they were sold. The end of year revaluation of the remaining central fund holding resulted in a gain of £5,745.

Mid-risk investment held at branch level generated dividends of £2,740. During the year £10,000 worth of holdings were sold to fund branch local projects and activities. The end of year revaluation resulted in a sustained loss of £6,760

Centrally, £7,148 was spent on AFIA and grants totalling £3,000 were paid out of the Relief Fund.

At the end of the year there was an operating excess of expenditure of £3,571, adding the revaluation figures including the branch investment resulted in a consolidated sustained loss of £14,586.

After adding the current and deposit account balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the cash balance in the unrestricted funds at the 31st December 2023 equalled £52,460 including £2,853 held in the discretionary fund.

The value of the centrally held investments at the end of the financial year was £66,812. The value of the Welsh Frankton Branch Investment was £35,147. The total assets of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield at the 31st December 2023 were £155,058.

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Away From It All Holidays, Discretionary Payments and the Relief Fund

To advance the aims and objects of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers' Union holidays (AFIA) are provided for families in need, discretionary payments and grants are made to individuals and families.

Seven caravan holidays were arranged during the year at Hastings, a beach holiday at Blackpool and two Haven Holidays one at Prestatyn and the other at Blackpool.

Ten successful applications were made to the Relief Fund, providing much needed funds for families with unexpected financial emergencies and families experiencing long term difficult financial circumstances. The value of grants made during the year varied from lump sums of £300 to £400 given for specific purposes and three smaller payments made at monthly intervals of £100 or £125 to supplement the family's regular income.

Statement of Trustees' Specific Financial Responsibilities

The Trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a clear picture of the Charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- b. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c. State whether applicable accounting and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

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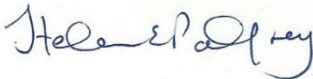
Investment Policy

The constitution authorises the Trustees to invest any monies that are not immediately required by the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers' Union in or upon such investments as may be thought fit to be appropriate for the investment of charitable funds. It is the policy of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers union to invest our surplus central funds in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and the CBF Investment Fund income shares. Surplus branch funds are invested in M&G Charifund.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the trustees is to maintain the unrestricted reserves of the charity at a level that is equivalent to 18 months normal expenditure, approximately £120,000. The present level of unrestricted funds is considered adequate for this purpose.

Approval



Helen Palfrey
Diocesan President



Celia Richardson
Financial Trustee

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 249942

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR
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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
	Note					
<u>RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations and Legacies	3a	6,548	1,150	4,644	12,342	8,756
Charitable Activities	3b	17,584		16,485	34,069	32,080
Other Trading Activities	3c	6,575	0	0	6,575	8,596
Investments	3d	7,195	0	173	7,368	4,475
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,222	0	0	1,222	1,336
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>39,124</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>21,303</u>	<u>61,576</u>	<u>55,243</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>						
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	11	0	0	11	40
Charitable Activities	4b	50,719	3,000	26,416	80,135	91,725
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>50,731</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>26,416</u>	<u>80,147</u>	<u>91,765</u>
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ PAYMENTS OVER RECIEPTS</u>		(11,607)	(1,850)	(5,113)	(18,571)	(36,522)
<u>Transfers between funds</u>	6	(4,064)	2,226	1,838	0	0
<u>Cash from disposal of assets</u>		25,551	0	0	25,551	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand						
At 1st January 2023		39,727	2,477	3,276	45,480	72,007
At 31st December 2023		<u>49,607</u>	<u>2,853</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,460</u>	<u>45,480</u>

The charity had no recognised gains or loses other than its income and expenditure as stated above during the last two years.

All the charity's income and expenditure relates to its continuing activities.

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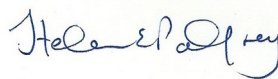
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
<u>ASSETS</u>					
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>					
CBF Deposit Accounts		19,231		19,231	18,936
Deposit Accounts		236		236	290
Current Accounts		30,346		30,346	24,237
Cash		2,647		2,647	2,018
		<u>52,460</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,460</u>	<u>45,480</u>
<u>Investments</u>					
CB30008681		66,812		66,812	61,067
CO3071080		0		0	3,817
CB3008680		0		0	6,734
M&G Charifund Units			35,147	35,147	51,907
<u>Stock</u>				638	471
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Amounts owed by Mothers Union					
Trustees					
Insurance					430
Trade Creditors	Mue			170	
Auditor					410

The notes on pages 20 to 23 form part of the financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on 10th June 2024 and signed on their behalf on

Mrs Helen Palfrey - Diocesan President



Mrs Celia Richardson - Diocesan Treasurer



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting Policy

There has been no change in accounting policies of the charity during the year.

The financial statements of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis in line with the recommendations of the FS 102 SORP

Stock

Stock is shown at historical cost

2 Fund Accounting

The charity maintains a level of resources required to fulfil its objectives. The board of trustees monitors reserves at regular meetings

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted Fund represents funds arising from the charities activities in previous years. The funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. On occasions the trustees may specify that amounts of these funds are to be designated to be used for a specific purpose.

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. The restrictions have either been specified by the donor or grantee.

Holidays and Discretionary Payments

In accordance with the objects of the charity and in order to further the purpose of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers Union to advance Christian Care for Families, provision is made for holidays and discretionary payments to be provided for families in need.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

3a Voluntary Income/Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations					
Branch	2,691			2,691	3,561
Diocesan General Fund	1,288			1,288	
AFIA			2,882	2,882	478
Relief Fund		774		774	1,904
Discretionary Fund		376		376	324
Great Britain & Ireland Fund			310	310	99
Mary Sumner House General			961	961	1,551
Overseas			492	492	
Legacies					
Gift Aid/Tax Recovered	2,569			2,569	839
	<u>6,548</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>4,644</u>	<u>12,342</u>	<u>8,756</u>

3b Charitable Activities

Diocesan Subscriptions	2023	6,350		6,350	4,948
Diocesan Subscriptions	2024				152
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2023		16,485	16,485	15,921
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2024				399
Branch/Deanery Subscriptions		581		581	396
Fundraising Activities					
Recycling		185		185	385
Branch		7,536		7,536	6,267
Branch Activities and Outings		2,932		2,932	3,612
		<u>17,584</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,485</u>	<u>32,080</u>

3c Other trading Activities

Muenterprises	4,111			4,111	3,966
Mue grant	741			741	765
Teas and Catering	1,723			1,723	3,865
	<u>6,575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,575</u>	<u>8,596</u>

3d Investments

Dividends	5,803			5,803	4,198
Interest	646		173	820	277
Gain at Disposal	745			745	
	<u>7,195</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>7,368</u>	<u>4,475</u>

3e Other income

Branch Closure	268			268	576
Diocesan Fund Administration	699			699	
Local Projects	255			255	761
	<u>1,222</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,222</u>	<u>1,336</u>
Total	<u>39,124</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>21,303</u>	<u>61,576</u>	<u>55,243</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
4 EXPENDITURE ON					
4a Raising Funds					
Fund Raising Events	11			11	40
	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>40</u>
4b Charitable Activities					
Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Activities					
MSH Subscriptions			16,842	16,842	17,000
Relief Fund		3,000		3,000	7,990
MUvsMS					2,854
GB & Ireland Fund			310	310	185
Mary Summer House Fund			1,624	1,624	1,317
Overseas			492	492	
AFIA			7,148	7,148	5,477
Quiet Days	1,265			1,265	12,309
Local Projects	11,575			11,575	4,775
Branches Activities and Outings	4,089			4,089	
Discretionary Fund					
	<u>16,929</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>26,416</u>	<u>46,345</u>	<u>51,907</u>
Expenses					
Board of Trustees	2,236			2,236	3,425
Speakers	958			958	775
Insurance	450			450	
Committee Expenses	1,891			1,891	1,245
Diocesan Newsletter					1,035
	<u>5,535</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,535</u>	<u>6,480</u>
Costs of Trading					
Muenterprises	3,889			3,889	9,557
Teas and Catering	935			935	1,696
AGM Buffet	425			425	478
	<u>5,249</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,249</u>	<u>11,731</u>
Management and Administration					
Independent examiner	885			885	
Wages and Expenses	12,287			12,287	9,142
Telephone and Web	1,039			1,039	1,127
Printing and Stationary	27			27	626
Postage	248			248	513
Equipment	761			761	2,427
Hire of Office	3,200			3,200	3,016
Hire of Rooms/Halls	3,447			3,447	2,548
	<u>21,894</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,894</u>	<u>19,399</u>
Other					
General Administration	635			635	1,958
Consolidation Sundries	299			299	28
Bank Charges	179			179	222
	<u>1,113</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>2,208</u>
Total	<u>50,731</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>26,416</u>	<u>80,147</u>	<u>91,765</u>

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

5 Assets						£
5a Investment						
At 1st January 2023						123,525
Additions						
<u>Disposals</u>						(25,550)
<u>Revaluations</u>						
LDMU						5,745
WELSH FRANTON						(1,760)
Value at 31st December 2023						<u>101,960</u>
5b Stock						
			2023	2022		
			£	£		
			638	471		
			<u>638</u>	<u>471</u>		
6 Summary of Fund Movements						
	At 1st Jan	Transfers	Incoming	Outgoing	At 31st Dec	
	2023		Resources	Resources	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	
<u>Restricted Funds</u>						
AFIA	0	4,093	3,055	(7,148)	0	
Mary Summer House Subscriptions	3,127	(2,770)	16,485	(16,842)	0	
Mary Summer House Funds	148	515	1,763	(2,426)	0	
Welsh Frankton Legacy	51,907	(15,000)		(1,760)	35,147	
	<u>55,182</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>21,303</u>	<u>(28,176)</u>	<u>35,147</u>	
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>						
	At 1st Jan	Transfers	Incoming	Outgoing	At 31st Dec	
	2023		Resources	Resources	2023	
<u>Designated Funds</u>						
Discretionary Fund	2,477		376		2,853	
Relief Fund		2,226	774	(3,000)	0	
	<u>2,477</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>2,853</u>	
<u>General Funds</u>						
	<u>111,817</u>	<u>12,774</u>	<u>43,198</u>	<u>(50,731)</u>	<u>117,058</u>	

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Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit,
may we be united in prayer and worship;
and in love and service reach out as your hands
across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

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

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Lichfield Mothers' Union



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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 249942

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR
LICHFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS UNION

LICHFILED DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u>
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
	<u>Note</u>					
<u>RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations and legacies	3a	6,548	1,150	4,644	12,342	8,756
Charitable Activities	3b	17,584		16,485	34,069	32,080
Other Trading Activities	3c	6,575	0	0	6,575	8,596
Investments	3d	7,195	0	173	7,368	4,475
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,222	0	0	1,222	1,336
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>39,124</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>21,303</u>	<u>61,576</u>	<u>55,243</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>						
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	11	0	0	11	40
Charitable Activities	4b	50,720	3,000	26,416	80,136	
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>50,731</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>26,416</u>	<u>80,147</u>	<u>91,725</u>
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>		(11,607)	(1,850)	(5,113)	(18,571)	(36,522)
<u>Transfers between funds</u>	6	(4,064)	2,226	1,838	0	0
<u>Cash from disposal of assets</u>		25,551	0	0	25,551	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand						
At 1st January 2023		39,727	2,477	3,276	45,480	72,007
At 31st December 2023		<u>49,607</u>	<u>2,853</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,460</u>	<u>45,480</u>

The charity had no recognised gains or losses other than its income and expenditure as stated above during the last two years.

All the charity's income and expenditure relates to its continuing activities.

LICHFILED DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

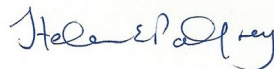
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

			2023	2022
Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>				
CBF Deposit Accounts	19,231		19,231	18,936
Deposit Accounts	236		236	290
Current Accounts	30,346		30,346	24,237
Cash	2,647		2,647	2,018
	52,460	0	52,460	45,480
<u>Investments</u>				
CB30008681	66,812		66,812	61,067
CO3071080	0		0	3,817
CB3008680	0		0	6,734
M&G Charifund Units		35,147	35,147	51,907
<u>Stock</u>			638	471
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Amounts owed by Mothers Union				
Trustees				
Insurance				430
Trade Creditors	Mue		170	
Auditor				410


The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of the financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on 10th June 2024 and signed on their behalf on

Mrs Helen Paltrey - Diocesan President



Mrs Celia Richardson - Diocesan Treasurer



LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting Policy

There has been no change in accounting policies of the charity during the year.

The financial statements of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis in line with the recommendations of the FS 102 SORP

Stock

Stock is shown at historical cost

2. Fund Accounting

The charity maintains a level of resources required to fulfil its objectives. The board of trustees monitors reserves at regular meetings

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted Fund represents funds arising from the charity's activities in previous years. The funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. On occasions the trustees may specify that amounts of these funds are to be designated to be used for a specific purpose.

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. The restrictions have either been specified by the donor or grantee.

Holidays and Discretionary Payments

In accordance with the objects of the charity and in order to further the purpose of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers Union to advance Christian Care for Families, provision is made for holidays and discretionary payments to be provided for families in need.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

3a Voluntary Income/Receipts

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations					
Branch	2,691			2,691	3,561
Diocesan General Fund	1,288			1,288	
AFIA			2,882	2,882	478
Relief Fund		774		774	1,904
Discretionary Fund		376		376	324
Great Britain & Ireland Fund			310	310	99
Mary Sumner House General			961	961	1,551
Overseas			492	492	
Legacies					
Gift Aid/Tax Recovered	2,569			2,569	839
	<u>6,548</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>4,644</u>	<u>12,342</u>	<u>8,756</u>

3b. Charitable Activities

Diocesan Subscriptions	2023	6,350		6,350	4,948
Diocesan Subscriptions	2024				152
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2023		16,485	16,485	15,921
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2024				399
Branch/Deanery Subscriptions		581		581	396
Fundraising Activities					
Recycling		185		185	385
Branch		7,536		7,536	6,267
Branch Activities and Outings		2,932		2,932	3,612
		<u>17,584</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,485</u>	<u>32,080</u>

3c. Other trading Activities

Muenterprises	4111			4,111	3,966
Mue grant	741			741	765
Teas and Catering	1723			1,723	3,865
	<u>6575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,575</u>	<u>8,596</u>

3d. Investments

Dividends	5,803			5,803	4,198
Interest	646		173	820	277
Gain at Disposal	745			745	
	<u>7,195</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>7,368</u>	<u>4,475</u>

3e. Other income

Branch Closure	268			268	576
Diocesan Fund Administration	699			699	
Local Projects	255			255	761
	<u>1,222</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,222</u>	<u>1,336</u>
Total	<u>39,124</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>21,303</u>	<u>61,576</u>	<u>55,243</u>

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
4. EXPENDITURE ON					
4a Raising Funds					
Fund Raising Events	11			11	40
	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>40</u>
4b Charitable Activities					
Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Activities					
MSH Subscriptions			16,842	16,842	17,000
Relief Fund		3,000		3,000	7,990
MUvsMS					2,854
GB & Ireland Fubd			310	310	185
Mary Summer House Fund			1,624	1,624	1,317
Overseas			492	492	
AFIA			7,148	7,148	5,477
Quiet Days	1,265			1,265	12,309
Local Projects	11,575			11,575	4,775
Branches Activities and Outings	4,089			4,089	
Discretionary Fund					
	<u>16,929</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>26,416</u>	<u>46,345</u>	<u>51,907</u>
Expenses					
Board of Trustees	2,236			2,236	3,425
Speakers	958			958	775
Insurance	450			450	
Committee Expenses	1,891			1,891	1,245
Diocesan Newsletter					1,035
	<u>5,535</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,535</u>	<u>6,480</u>
Costs of Trading					
Muenterprises	3,889			3,889	9,557
Teas and Catering	935			935	1,696
AGM Buffet	425			425	478
	<u>5,249</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,249</u>	<u>11,731</u>
Management and Administration					
Independent examiner	885			885	
Wages and Expenses	12,287			12,287	9,142
Telephone and Web	1,039			1,039	1,127
Printing and Stationary	27			27	626
Postage	248			248	513
Equipment	761			761	2,427
Hire of Office	3,200			3,200	3,016
Hire of Rooms/Halls	3,447			3,447	2,548
	<u>21,894</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,894</u>	<u>19,399</u>
Other					
General Administration	635			635	1,958
Conolidation Sundries	299			299	28
Bank Charges	179			179	222
	<u>1,113</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>2,208</u>
Total	<u>50,731</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>26,416</u>	<u>80,147</u>	<u>91,765</u>

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

5 Assets

5a Investment

At 1st January 2023	123,525
Additions	
<u>Disposals</u>	(25,550)
<u>Revaluations</u>	
LDMU	5,745
WELSH FRANTON	(1,760)
Value at 31st December 2023	101,960

5b Stock

2023	2022
£	£
638	471

6. Summary of Fund Movements

<u>Restricted Funds</u>	At 1st Jan 2023	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st Dec 2023
AFIA	0	4,093	3,055	(7,148)	0
Mary Summer House Subscriptions	3,127	(2,770)	16,485	(16,842)	0
Mary Summer House Funds	148	515	1,763	(2,426)	0
Welsh Frankton Legacy	51,907	(15,000)		(1,760)	35,147
	55,182	(15,000)	21,303	(28,176)	35,147
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	At 1st Jan 2023	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st Dec 2023
<u>Designated Funds</u>					
Discretionary Fund	2,477		376		2,853
Relief Fund		2,226	774	(3,000)	0
	2,477	2,226	1,150	(3,000)	2,853
<u>General Funds</u>	111,817	12,774	43,198	(50,731)	117,058

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Charity Number 249942

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met.
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

John Alexander

Qualification:

ACMA CGMA

Address:

12 Cosby Drive, East Leake, Loughborough, LE12 6AD

Date:

23 July 2024

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 249942

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 249942

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022
FOR
LICHFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS UNION

LICHFILED DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u>
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
	<u>Note</u>					
<u>RECEIPTS</u>						
Donations and legacies	3a	4,400	2,228	2,128	8,756	4,474
Charitable Activities	3b	15,760	0	16,320	32,080	26,906
Other Trading Activities	3c	8,596	0	0	8,596	6,266
Investments	3d	4,405	0	70	4,475	9,140
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,336	0	0	1,336	3,721
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>34,497</u>	<u>2,228</u>	<u>18,518</u>	<u>55,243</u>	<u>50,507</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>						
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	40	0	0	40	7
Charitable Activities	4b	56,902	10,844	23,979	91,725	72,608
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>56,942</u>	<u>10,844</u>	<u>23,979</u>	<u>91,765</u>	<u>72,615</u>
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>		(22,445)	(8,616)	(5,461)	(36,522)	(22,052)
<u>Transfers between funds</u>	6	8,224	(9,864)	1,640	0	0
<u>Cash from disposal of assets</u>		10,000			10,000	22,809
Cash at bank and in hand						
At 1st January 2022		21,139	43,766	7,097	72,002	71,300
At 31st December 2022		<u>16,918</u>	<u>25,286</u>	<u>3,276</u>	<u>45,480</u>	<u>72,002</u>

The charity had no recognised gains or loses other than its income and expenditure as stated above during the last two years.

All the charity's income and expenditure relates to its continuing activities.

LICHFILED DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

			2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>				
CBF Deposit Account	15,660	3,276	18,936	18,728
Deposit Accounts	290		290	969
Current Accounts	24,237		24,237	50,592
Cash	<u>2,018</u>		<u>2,018</u>	<u>1,713</u>
	42,204	<u>3,276</u>	45,480	72,002
 <u>Investemnts</u>				
CBF 1210011001S	61,067		61,067	69,215
COIF 874130005T	3,817		3,817	4,319
CBF 1210011001L JHT	6,734		6,734	7,833
M&G Charifund Units		51,907	51,907	64,968
 <u>Stock</u>			471	748
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Amounts owed by Mothers Union				
Trustees				
Insurance		430		
Auditor		410		
Trade Creditors				
MUEnterprises				4861

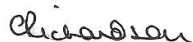
The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of the financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf on 6th July.

Mrs H Paltrey - Diocesan President



Diocesan Treasurer



LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policy

There has been no change in accounting policies of the charity during the year.

The financial statements of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis in line with the recommendations of the FS 102 SORP

Stock

Stock is shown at historical cost

2. Fund Accounting

The charity maintains a level of resources required to fulfil its objectives. The board of trustees monitors reserves at regular meetings

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted Fund represents funds arising from the charity's activities in previous years. The funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. On occasions the trustees may specify that amounts of these funds are to be designated to be used for a specific purpose.

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. The restrictions have either been specified by the donor or grantee.

Holidays and Discretionary Payments

In accordance with the objects of the charity and in order to further the purpose of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers Union to advance Christian Care for Families, provision is made for holidays and discretionary payments to be provided for families in need.

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3a Voluntary Income/Receipts

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations					
Branch	3,561			3,561	2,114
Diocesan General Fund				0	70
AFIA			478	478	83
Relief Fund		1,904		1,904	1,051
Discretionary Fund		324		324	63
Great Britain & Ireland Fund			99	99	50
Mary Sumner House General			1,551	1,551	
Legacies					0
Gift Aid/Tax Recovered	839			839	1,043
	<u>4,400</u>	<u>2,228</u>	<u>2,128</u>	<u>8,756</u>	<u>4,474</u>

3b. Charitable Activities

Diocesan Subscriptions	2022	4,948		4,948	3,419
Diocesan Subscriptions	2023	152		152	286
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2022		15,921	15,921	18,856
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2023		399	399	760
Branch/Deanery Subscriptions		396		396	140
Fundraising Activities					
Recycling		<u>385</u>		385	<u>281</u>
Branch		6,267		6,267	2,559
Branch Activities and Outings		3,612		3,612	606
		<u>15,760</u>	<u>16,320</u>	<u>32,080</u>	<u>26,906</u>

3c. Other trading Activities

Muenterprises	3,966			3,966	4,861
Mue grant	765			765	680
Teas and Catering	<u>3,865</u>			<u>3,865</u>	<u>725</u>
	<u>8,596</u>			<u>8,596</u>	<u>6,266</u>

3d. Investments

Dividends	4,198			4,198	6,262
Interest	207		70	277	19
Gain at Disposal					2,860
	<u>4,405</u>		<u>70</u>	<u>4,475</u>	<u>9,140</u>

3e. Other income

Branch Closure	576			576	1,643
Diocesan Fund Administration					1,196
Local Projects	<u>761</u>			<u>761</u>	<u>882</u>
	<u>1,336</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>1,336</u>	<u>3,721</u>
Total	<u>34,497</u>	<u>2,228</u>	<u>18,518</u>	<u>55,243</u>	<u>50,507</u>

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	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
4. EXPENDITURE ON					
4a Raising Funds					
Fund Raising Events	40			40	7
	<u>40</u>			<u>40</u>	<u>7</u>
4b Charitable Activities					
Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Activities					
MSH Subscriptions			17,000	17,000	18,180
Relief Fund		7,990		7,990	8,505
MUvsMS		2,854		2,854	16,211
GB & Ireland Fubd			185	185	125
Mary Summer House Fund			1,317	1,317	836
AFIA			5,477	5,477	3,550
Local Projects	12,309			12,309	3,378
Branches Activities and Outings	4,775			4,775	622
Discretionary Fund					0
	<u>17,084</u>	<u>10,844</u>	<u>23,979</u>	<u>51,907</u>	<u>51,406</u>
Expenses					
Finance					146
Board of Trustees	3,425			3,425	492
Speakers	775			775	84
Insurance					430
Committee Expenses	1,245			1,245	251
Diocesan Newsletter	1,035			1,035	1,296
	<u>6,480</u>			<u>6,480</u>	<u>2,699</u>
Costs of Trading					
Muenterprises	9,557			9,557	210
Teas and Catering	1,696			1,696	411
AGM Buffet	478			478	739
	<u>11,731</u>			<u>11,731</u>	<u>1,361</u>
Management and Administration					
Independent examiner					375
Wages and Expenses	9,142			9,142	6,761
Telephone and Web	1,127			1,127	1,271
Printing and Stationary	626			626	223
Postage	513			513	900
Equipment	2,427			2,427	739
Hire of Office	3,016			3,016	3,016
Hire of Rooms/Halls	2,548			2,548	1,210
	<u>19,399</u>			<u>19,399</u>	<u>14,495</u>
Other					
General Administration	1,958			1,958	1,406
Conolidation Sundries	28			28	1,240
Bank Charges	222			222	
	<u>2,208</u>			<u>2,208</u>	<u>2,646</u>
Total	<u>56,942</u>	<u>10,844</u>	<u>23,979</u>	<u>91,765</u>	<u>72,614</u>

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5 Assets

5a Investment

At 1st January 2022	146,335
Additions	
Disposals	(10,000)
Revaluations	
LDMU	(8,148)
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY CARE	(502)
JOHN HAYES TRUST	(1,099)
WELSH FRANTON	(3,061)
	<u>123,525</u>
Value at 31st December 2022	

5b Stock

2022	2021
£	£
471	748
<u>471</u>	<u>748</u>

6. Summary of Fund Movements

	At 1st Jan 2022	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st Dec 2022
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
AFIA	0	4,929	548	(5,477)	0
Mary Summer House Subscriptions	3,807	0	16,320	(17,000)	3,127
Mary Summer House Funds	0	0	1,650	(1,502)	148
Welsh Frankton Legacy	68,257	(13,289)		(3,061)	51,907
	<u>72,064</u>	<u>(8,360)</u>	<u>18,518</u>	<u>(27,040)</u>	<u>55,182</u>
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
<u>Designated Funds</u>					
Discretionary Fund	2,153	0	324	0	2,477
Relief Fund	0	6,086	1,904	(7,990)	0
MUvsMS - TCT	18,804	(15,950)		(2,854)	0
	<u>20,957</u>	<u>(9,864)</u>	<u>2,228</u>	<u>(10,844)</u>	<u>2,477</u>
<u>General Funds</u>	<u>126,063</u>	<u>18,224</u>	<u>34,497</u>	<u>(66,967)</u>	<u>111,817</u>

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

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Accounts

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield



Trustees Annual Report 1st January to 31st December 2021

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Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield Trustee Board as of 1st January 2021

Helen Palfrey	Interim Diocesan President
Celia Richardson	Honorary Treasurer - Finance Trustee
Julia Collinson	Archdeaconry Leader – Lichfield
Katherine May	Archdeaconry Leader - Salop
Vacant	Archdeaconry Leader - Stoke
Vacant	Archdeaconry Leader - Walsall
Debra Tudor	General Trustee
Vacant	General Trustee
Vacant	General Trustee
Vacant	General Trustee

Diocesan Administrator

Adie Harris

Diocesan Treasurer

Celia Richardson

Diocesan Chaplain

Revd Kathy Trimby
Revd Jassica Castillo-Burley
Revd Chris Rushton

Training Officer

Vacant

Diocesan Members Administrator

Vacant

MU@Home Representative

Elizabeth Binsley

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Independent Examiner:

Mr John Alexander ACMA CGMA

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Trustees report for the year ended 31st December 2021

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Diocesan President's Report 2021

The year was a series of ups and downs. For much of the year Covid restrictions still governed our activities to varying degrees and getting back to normality, both in day-to-day life and the work of the diocesan Mothers' Union still seemed to be a way off.

Early in the year meetings were still held by Zoom and many will continue using that technology. It has proven useful as way of communication both within the diocese and to connect with other dioceses and central Mothers' Union. There is no need to travel which cuts down on both expense and time. I attended several training sessions with the central management team from Mary Sumner House on topics including Rebuilding Hope and Confidence and the Election Process. The Midlands Cluster group met regularly by Zoom and the Provincial Conference in May was also a virtual event. By the time the November Provincial Conference came around restrictions had been lifted sufficiently for that to be held in person at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire. It was good to meet with other Diocesan Presidents and share experiences with them. We have all been through many difficulties recently and it is good to know our own situation is not unique.

By June the easing of Covid restrictions allowed more events to go ahead. It was a great joy to be able to attend the Festival Service in Shrewsbury Abbey and the midday Eucharist in Lichfield Cathedral. Since then more meetings have been in person, though with caution. The diocesan Annual General Meeting was held at Doxey Church with a good attendance as well as a number of participants by Zoom. The Council meeting in November was preceded by the promised service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for our late president, Sue Egerton. Numbers were limited but we were able to also give thanks for others whom we had lost, as well as look forward to the new triennium.

Elections were held in the second half of the year, globally as well as locally in the diocese. Sheran Harper was re-elected as Worldwide President and here, in the Diocese, Council members confirmed my role as Diocesan President and Julia Collinson, Katherine May, Celia Richardson, and Deb Tudor were also all re-elected. It is a small Board of Trustees but there are plans to form Communities of Interest, replacing the defunct Unit Committees, to carry forward the work of the diocese. Each will focus on a particular area of work and will have trustee involvement.

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Mothers' Union was again asked to help in the Churches' Tent at Staffordshire County Show, held later than the usual May dates, in August when events were able to be held. This is a good opportunity to 'fly the flag' not only to visitors but also the other volunteers at the event. Other publicity came via a local radio station interview I was asked to do for Mothering Sunday.

In March a virtual Quiet day was led by our Diocesan Chaplains. This was a new experience but was felt to have been a worthwhile experience. Sadly, an 'in person' Quiet Day in September had to be cancelled because of lack of numbers.

It was with great pleasure that I was able to carry out branch visits in the second half of the year and even enrol new members. Sadly, some branches were struggling, partly as the result of Covid and lockdowns. Many of our members remain very cautious about going out and this has resulted in the closure of some branches, not helped by the attitude of some banks and the introduction of punitive charges even for small charity accounts. We are grateful that a number of members from closed branches have become Diocesan Members in order to show their continued support for the organisation. However, we are aware that contact with all Diocesan members needs to be improved and plans are being made for that.

Debbie Huxton, Modern Day Slavery Awareness campaigner, continued with online training and was a speaker at the Provincial Conference in November. An event planned with Transforming Communities Together was held in Lichfield Cathedral but was unfortunately poorly attended and did not really reach the target audience. However, her work has reached many inside the diocese and beyond.

Administration has been difficult during the latter half of the year. Our Diocesan Administrator was on long term sick leave from July, and I covered that as best I could.

As I commented in last year's report, our members are resilient and local projects continue wherever possible. From our diocesan funds relief grants were made to assist families in need and we were also able to provide days out during the summer season for those for whom a break was of benefit.

I thank everyone who has contributed to the work of Mothers' Union in this Diocese of Lichfield. You **do** make a difference to lives, not just here but throughout the world.

Helen E Palfrey

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Mothers' Union, Diocese of Lichfield is an association of Mothers' Union Worldwide and is formed with a constitution as laid down for diocese by Mary Sumner House.

The Trustees named inside the front cover are elected every three years. Appointment of Trustees is governed by the diocesan constitution. The Trustees delegate the day to day running of the diocese to the administrator and if necessary receive assistance from the Finance and Administration Unit. All of the charity's trustees are considered to be related parties. In their capacity as trustees and members of Mothers' Union they will receive various expenses. All Trustees receive information packs from the charity, the packs include details of their formal responsibilities as Trustees.

The Trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels combined with an annual review over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

The operation of the diocesan units is entirely dependent on the voluntary efforts provided by the individual committee members.

Objectives and Activities

- To promote and support marriage
- To support families and faith
- To build a Christian Community
- To support family life
- To help those facing adversity

General Trustees

Like the previous year we continued to be cautious as the pandemic was still a great part of our lives.

Branches who could, met by zoom and meetings continued in a similar style to those which had taken place face to face (notices, prayers, speaker, etc.). I was able in this way to attend several AGMs as well as being an invited speaker. For some however contact with members was via post or phone as they had previously, but a few branches struggled as priorities shifted for each of us and we saw some take the decision to close. In such circumstances we lost many members but not all and those continuing their support became diocesan members.

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Though in some cases not ideal, members who received calls or cards are very appreciative and making those calls or posting cards to many felt we were personally connected.

Via zoom trustees met, spring council was held and the AGM accessible to those not venturing out as yet. (I chose to watch the AGM also.) Trustees held interest meetings for those members who wanted to know more about what an undertaking to join the board or any position in the diocese would entail; more than one was scheduled but unfortunately few attended. Zoom also saw trustees being able to take part in training events in the diocese and wider, in the province. After taking part in several trustee training programs I have to say this year's was less stressful and more productive.

Branches started in earnest to meet in person in September and I was invited to many to talk about what we'd been doing, how things had changed and hope for the future. Having a wider range of contacts also fed into trustees enabling us to plan further and look at members needs, future priorities and taking initial steps to ensure our work continued along relevant lines. September also saw the Modern Day Slavery event at the cathedral. This event wasn't well attended but as we were notified a little over a month in advance publicity, notices or invites were limited. The day was however informative and our members who participated were the only attendees other than participants.

Autumn council saw our long-awaited Thanksgiving service for Sue, allowing members and family to share this time together. Following a familiar agenda also gave us all a sense of continuation giving focus on the forthcoming triennial.

Deb Tudor
General Trustee

Lichfield Archdeaconry

It feels very much like the last year has flown by. Last summer we felt like things were almost back to normal as we started to meet up for social gatherings and perhaps even go on holiday.

With the lifting of Covid restrictions by June we were able to attend a really uplifting Festival Service in Shrewsbury Abbey followed by tea and cake in the grounds. In July, Mothers Union took part in the mid-day Eucharist at Lichfield Cathedral. We would have loved to have had a service specifically for the Mothers' Union but the cost of such a service at the Cathedral costs up to, and possibly over, £1,000. So instead, we opted to join in the mid-day Eucharist with members reading the lesson and leading the prayers. The Rev'd Cannon Gregory Platten was the celebrant, and, in his address, he spoke eloquently about the excellent work Mothers' Union does all over the world. We hope to build on our involvement with the Cathedral by participating in Evensong services as well as the mid-day Eucharist.

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After speaking to many of the branches we decided not to organise anything specific for Mary Sumner Day as most felt they would be safer meeting in smaller groups which many did. I spent the afternoon in Liz Binsley's garden where we held a short service followed by tea, cake and a good chat.

In August I attended the Staffordshire Agricultural show as part of the team serving refreshments in the Church Tent. It was a beautiful summer's day, and my slot was the mid to late afternoon and it was encouraging to have so many visitors at that time of day who were so grateful to have somewhere to sit down and have a cup of tea in a very relaxed atmosphere. They were even more surprised when they found that they didn't have to pay although most made voluntary contributions.

I joined the rest of the Trustees to attend "Let's Talk" event held in the Cathedral on 18th September organised by Debbie Huxton on Modern Day Slavery and keeping young people safe. It was an excellent event, very well organised with speakers from various organisations who like us are very concerned about organised crime, drugs and the way criminals operate to lure our youngsters into a life of crime and slavery.

I enjoyed the Council meeting in Doxey on Saturday 13th of November when we all felt safe to meet again and were also able to pay tribute to Sue Egerton and hear of the wonderful contribution she made to the work of Mothers' Union in our Diocese and her local community.

In 2020 we sent about 900 Christmas Cards were sent to various prisons in our Diocese and in 2021 we were asked for almost double that amount so hopefully the number will rise again this year. I have been asked to provide birthday cards for prisoners turning 18 at Swinfen Young Offenders Prison. I am also enquiring into the possibility of giving blank cards to prisoners who would like to send cards to their loved ones.

Julia Collinson
Lichfield Archdeaconry Leader

Salop Archdeaconry

This report covers the year 2021, in line with the accounting period presented to members at the Annual General Meeting.

As 2021 wore on, so it was possible for members to begin meeting again. It seemed appropriate that our MU theme was ***Building Hope and Confidence***. Even now, writing this in June 2022, some members and wider church communities remain anxious and lacking in confidence in regard to the Covid pandemic, attending worship and MU meetings.

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But members in Salop rose to the challenge last year and things did happen, funds were raised and members did meet. Even and in spite of covid restrictions remaining with us in early 2021, members did work for their communities.

One example is at *St Giles and the Parish of the Holy Cross*, Shrewsbury where toiletries were collected at the end of February for the SaTH (Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals Trust) for patients who arrived unexpectedly. Collections were made across three church buildings, using porches and large boxes for items to be left. The response was tremendous and I was able to deliver over 60 toiletry bags to the hospital in March 2021. My living room floor was covered with shower gels, shampoo, soap, deodorants, flannels, toothpaste and toothbrushes. For several days afterwards, it smelt like a boudoir!

In mid-February, I was the speaker at *Hadley, Telford's MU* meeting admittedly via zoom. I had been invited by the group early 2020 but covid lockdown put paid to the face-face and this was a compromise. I was asked to talk about Mary Sumner, particularly for those who know little about her; we then had break out groups for people to talk about the ways they have been supporting one another, friends and family. Participants know each other well, are used to meeting on zoom, more relaxed than me. Technology was efficiently managed and so it all went well. I received some useful feedback on content that may improve another such session should I need to lead a virtual meeting again.

Another notable event was the *MU Archdeaconry Festival Service* on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at the Shrewsbury Abbey. The event was quite well attended, our speaker was Rt Revd Sarah Bullock, Bishop of Shrewsbury, a keen member and supporter of Mothers' Union herself. Revd Tom Atfield, then incumbent at the Holy Cross Parish, also participated, the sun shone and refreshments were served outside the Abbey in-line with the then current covid health and safety advice. Many of those who attended had not met in person for months, they were delighted at doing so AND acknowledged that their hope and confidence had been built-up. Alleluia!

I was unable to be present at the July 2021 AGM due to a family holiday and retrospectively I apologise for absence.

The *Staffordshire County Show* took place in August 2021 and I, like others, helped on the refreshment serving rota in the Churches Tent on one of the two days. It is always good to meet members of the public and support hospitality and outreach efforts. We do not know how many people were served with teas and coffees by our Mothers' Union members but we trust that they felt Christian love in that space.

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St Giles MU members and other deanery/diocesan members met on Saturday 27 November to hold a short service as part of the *16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence*. I led that service using resources from MSH. We included lit prayer candles to remember anyone known to us who has experienced violence. We also wrote #NoMore1in3 posters and took a photo. This was shared on social media and sent to Jean Price for the next Beacon.

A few greetings cards were taken by a long-time member for delivery to the local refuge along with her flower clips, made with yellow and purple yarn, as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. She knows who she is, thank you!

Like in 2020, Julia Collinson and I liaised about *Christmas cards* to be sent to prison chaplains in 9 prisons located in Lichfield Diocese. There were sufficient cards remaining in the diocesan office without the need to write more. Sadly, a number of boxes of cards gathered damp whilst in storage and these have been disposed of. There are an estimated 1500 useable written greetings cards still available and stored in my garage.

Ellesmere deanery MU suffered during 2021. At Welsh Frankton, Rosemary Horton's death impacted greatly on her dear friends and fellow MU members in the area. Ann Harris has since stepped down and the Ellesmere branch closed. Other branches in Oswestry deanery similarly struggle for members and those prepared to lead.

History saved: Like many other MU branches, Ellesmere has a long history of action, community outreach and overseas links. Their scrapbooks of links with diocese in Africa have been lodged with Shropshire Council archives so that these need not be stored locally but the heritage not be lost.

Our LDMU Administrator was unable to work from the Springtime 2021 onwards. As the year wore on, so I undertook to act as minutes secretary for Trustees meetings, some face to face and others via Zoom. This has continued up until very recently when our new staff member, Adrian Palphreyman, joined LDMU as Finance Administrator.

Like other Trustees, I have taken part in Trustee training via Zoom. That is a cost-effective and energy-saving way of learning about MU. The Communities of Interest groups hope to meet in this way going forward. I enjoy working with other MU members from far and wide.

Websites and using social media particularly are 'Marmite' subjects – loved or hated! LDMU has a *website* that is now being managed more effectively and regularly by a volunteer.

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LDMU also has a *Facebook page* on which information is shared. Our page does have a small regular following. Deb Tudor posts daily, a prayer or other post and I take this opportunity to thank her for that activity. I post a prayer once weekly and share other information and activity from other MU diocese pages. Other regular 'posters' will be welcome. There is much to be said in favour of sharing success stories from elsewhere – some of them might give us in this diocese ideas for our own projects.

Similarly, for sometime now, LDMU has had another Facebook page called '*Parenting Matters*'. It too has regular posts made by myself and others with an interest in parenting. Parenting is one of the Central MU Communities of Interest along with about 13 other communities.

If you use Facebook, it is worth taking a look at these LDMU pages, giving each your '*thumbs up*' and indeed '*inviting*' your Facebook '*friends*' to like and share too. Such a simple action promotes all things Mothers' Union near and far. Do try it!

Another strength of Facebook-use has been the increased involvement with midday prayers, led by clergy and lay members from across the Canterbury Province. And indeed, central MU at Mary Sumner House managed world-wide services and meetings for members, also accessed via Facebook (and I think YouTube too).

As I began writing, I felt uncertain, but it seems that I was active on behalf of Mothers' Union both near and far.

Katherine May
Salop Archdeaconry Leader

Stoke Archdeaconry

Vacant

Walsall Archdeaconry

Vacant

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Financial Review

Finance

2021 was yet another totally atypical financial year, as the continuing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in very little normal MU activity taking place. The centrally held investment funds all continued to perform well giving a dividend income of £2,973 and an overall revaluation gain of £10,290.

Funds continued to be transferred from the branches existing general funds to Diocesan funds. £2,340 was transferred from branch funds to the diocesan general fund, £784 of branch funds was transferred to AFIA and a further £730 to the relief fund. £1,051 was raised during the year by the branches for the relief fund. £910 was sent from the branch funds to MSH Funds. £3,550 was spent on AFIA and grants totalling £8,505 were paid out of the Relief Fund.

A further payment of £16,211 was made to TCT, to cover our Modern Slavery Campaigners wages and expenses fulfilling our financial commitment for the second financial year of the three-year agreement.

At the end of the year there was an operating excess of expenditure of £22,106 adding the revaluation figure including the branches investment, resulted in a consolidated sustained loss of £4,150.

After adding the current and deposit account balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the cash balance in the unrestricted funds at the 31st December 2021 equalled £64,959 including £2,153 held in the discretionary fund and £18,804 in the MUVsMS fund. The cash balance carried forward in the restricted funds at the 31st December 2021 was £3,807 and represents MSH subscriptions in hand and restricted branch funds of £3,290.

Shares were sold during the year at diocesan level providing the necessary funding for the MUVsMS campaign and the Relief Fund activity; at disposal a gain of £2,860 was realised on the value of the shares reported at the 31st December 2020. The value of the centrally held investments at the end of the financial year was £81,366. The value of the Welsh Frankton Branch Investment was £64,968. The total Assets of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield at the 31st December 2021 were £219,085.

Away From It All Holidays, Discretionary Payments and the Relief Fund

To advance the aims and objects of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers' Union holidays (AFIA) are provided for families in need, discretionary payments and grants are made to individuals and families.

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Due to the continued restrictions imposed by the government to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic activity in the hospitality sector was still limited and the normal AFIA activity was reduced. Three caravan holidays were arranged during the year at Hastings, day trips rather than a holiday were arranged for a refugee family and £1,100 funding was given towards a day trip.

Twenty successful applications were made to the Relief Fund, providing emergency funds for families whose financial situation has been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic, families with unexpected financial emergencies, and families experiencing long term difficult financial circumstances. The value of grants made during the year varied from £210 to £1,150 according to the individual families' circumstances and needs.

Statement of Trustees' Specific Financial Responsibilities

The Trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a clear picture of the Charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- b. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c. State whether applicable accounting and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Investment Policy

The constitution authorises the Trustees to invest any monies that are not immediately required by the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers' Union in or upon such investments as may be thought fit to be appropriate for the investment of charitable funds. It is now the policy of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers union to invest our surplus central funds in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, Global Equity Income Fund shares, Investment Fund income shares and the COIF Charity Investment Fund income units. Surplus branch funds are also invested in M&G Charifund.

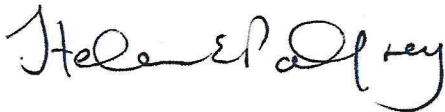
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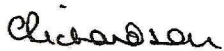
The policy of the trustees is to maintain the unrestricted reserves of the charity that in order they should be equivalent to 18 months normal expenditure, approximately £110,00. The present level of unrestricted funds is considered adequate for this purpose.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 13th June 2022 and signed on their behalf



Helen Palfrey
Interim Diocesan President



Celia Richardson
Honorary Treasurer

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 249942

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021
FOR
LICHFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS UNION

LICHFILED DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u>
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
	<u>Note</u>					
RECEIPTS						
Donations and leagacies	3a	3,226	1,114	133	4,474	7,352
Charitable Activities	3b	7,290	0	19,616	26,906	30,706
Other Trading Activities	3c	6,266	0	0	6,266	5,497
Investments	3d	5,848	0	3,292	9,140	9,940
Other Incoming Resources	3e	3,721	0	0	3,721	2,348
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>26,352</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>23,041</u>	<u>50,507</u>	<u>55,843</u>
PAYMENTS						
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	7			7	6
Charitable Activities	4b	25,201	24,716	22,691	72,608	64,588
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>25,208</u>	<u>24,716</u>	<u>22,691</u>	<u>72,615</u>	<u>64,593</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		1,198	(23,602)	351	(22,052)	(8,750)
Transfers between funds	6	(27,616)	23,946	3,670	0	0
Cash from disposal of assets			22,809			
Cash at bank and in hand						
At 1st January 2021		47,611	20,613	3,076	71,300	62,343
At 31st December 2021		<u>21,193</u>	<u>43,766</u>	<u>7,097</u>	<u>72,056</u>	<u>71,300</u>

The charity had no recognised gains or loses other than its income and expenditure as stated above during the last two years.

All the charity's income and expenditure relates to its continuing activities.

LICHFILED DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
<u>ASSETS</u>					
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>					
CBF Deposit Account		13,386	5,342	18,728	18,725
Deposit Accounts		969		969	1,186
Current Accounts		50,592		50,592	48,866
Cash		1,767		1,767	2,523
		66,714	5,342	72,056	71,300
 <u>Investemnts</u>					
CBF 1210011001S		69,215		69,215	60,552
COIF 874130005T		4,319		4,319	11,311
CBF 1210011001P JHT					15,280
CBF 1210011001L JHT		7,833		7,833	6,742
M&G Charifund Units			64,968	64,968	57,301
 <u>Stock</u>				748	373
		=====	=====	=====	=====
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Amounts owed by Mothers Union					
Trustees					
Insurance					430
Trade Creditors					
MUEnterprises		4,861		4,861	
		=====	=====	=====	=====

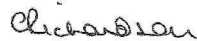
The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of the financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf on Monday 13th June 2022

Mrs H Palfrey - Diocesan President



Mrs C Richardson - Diocesan Treasurer



LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting Policy

There has been no change in accounting policies of the charity during the year.

The financial statements of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis in line with the recommendations of the FS 102 SORP

Stock

Stock is shown at historical cost

2. Fund Accounting

The charity maintains a level of resources required to fulfil its objectives. The board of trustees monitors reserves at regular meetings

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted Fund represents funds arising from the charity's activities in previous years. The funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. On occasions the trustees may specify that amounts of these funds are to be designated to be used for a specific purpose.

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. The restrictions have either been specified by the donor or grantee.

Holidays and Discretionary Payments

In accordance with the objects of the charity and in order to further the purpose of the Lichfield Diocesan Mothers Union to advance Christian Care for Families, provision is made for holidays and discretionary payments to be provided for families in need.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

3a Voluntary Income/Receipts

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations					
Branch	2,114			2,114	1,723
Diocesan General Fund	70			70	2,868
AFIA			83	83	606
Relief Fund		1,051		1,051	350
Discretionary Fund		63		63	280
Great Britain & Ireland Fund			50	50	372
Mary Sumner House General					143
MUvsMS					117
Legacies					0
Gift Aid/Tax Recovered	1,043			1,043	893
	<u>3,226</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>4,474</u>	<u>7,352</u>

3b. Charitable Activities

Diocesan Subscriptions	2021	3,419		3,419	10,851
Diocesan Subscriptions	2022	286		286	121
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2021		18,856	18,856	15,142
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2022		760	760	340
Branch/Deanery Subscriptions		140		140	295
Fundraising Activities					
Recycling		<u>281</u>		281	<u>325</u>
Branch		2,559		2,559	2,226
Branch Activities and Outings		606		606	353
		<u>7,290</u>	<u>19,616</u>	<u>26,906</u>	<u>29,653</u>

3c. Other trading Activities

Muenterprises	4861		4,861	4,556
Mue grant	680		680	0
Teas and Catering	725		725	941
	<u>6266</u>		<u>6,266</u>	<u>5,497</u>

3d. Investments

Dividends	2,973		3,289	6,262	6,478
Interest	16		3	19	113
Gain at Disposal	2,860			2,860	3,349
	<u>5,848</u>		<u>3,292</u>	<u>9,140</u>	<u>9,940</u>

3e. Other income

Branch Closure	1,643		1,643	466	
in Memory of Sue Egerton				1,151	
MSH Appeal				731	
Diocesan Fund Administration	1,196		1,196	965	
Local Projects	882		882	88	
	<u>3,721</u>		<u>3,721</u>	<u>3,401</u>	
Total	<u>26,352</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>23,041</u>	<u>50,507</u>	<u>55,843</u>

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u>
4. EXPENDITURE ON	£	£	£	£	£
4a Raising Funds					
Fund Raising Events	7			7	6
	<u>7</u>			<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
4b Charitable Activities					
Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Activities					
MSH Subscriptions			18,180	18,180	15,457
Relief Fund		8,505		8,505	2,300
MUvsMS		16,211		16,211	7,781
GB & Ireland Fund			125	125	707
Mary Summer House Fund			836	836	1,663
AFIA			3,550	3,550	1,179
Quiet Days	0			0	376
Local Projects	3,378			3,378	2,245
Branches Activities and Outings	622			622	650
Discretionary Fund	0			0	676
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>24,716</u>	<u>22,691</u>	<u>51,406</u>	<u>33,034</u>
Expenses					
Finance	146			146	261
Board of Trustees	492			492	533
Speakers	84			84	217
Insurance	430			430	0
Committee Expenses	251			251	1,014
Diocesan Newsletter	1,296			1,296	0
	<u>2,699</u>			<u>2,699</u>	<u>2,025</u>
Costs of Trading					
Muenterprises	210			210	5,140
Teas and Catering	411			411	248
AGM Buffet	739			739	0
	<u>1,361</u>			<u>1,361</u>	<u>5,388</u>
Management and Administration					
Independent examiner	375			375	370
Wages and Expenses	6,761			6,761	7,436
Telephone and Web	1,271			1,271	1,426
Printing and Stationary	223			223	463
Postage	900			900	2,682
Equipment	739			739	1,380
Hire of Office	3,016			3,016	3,016
Hire of Rooms/Halls	1,210			1,210	1,082
	<u>14,495</u>			<u>14,495</u>	<u>17,855</u>
Other					
MSH Appeal					2,000
General Administration	1,406			1,406	124
Consolidation Sundries	1,240			1,240	4,161
	<u>2,647</u>			<u>2,647</u>	<u>6,285</u>
Total	<u>25,207</u>	<u>24,716</u>	<u>22,691</u>	<u>72,614</u>	<u>64,593</u>

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

5 Assets

5a Investment

At 1st January 2021	151,187
Additions	
<u>Disposals</u>	(25,669)
Revaluations	
LDMU	8,662
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY CARE	537
JOHN HAYES TRUST	1,091
WELSH FRANTON	7,667
Valus at 31st December 2021	143,475

5b Stock

2021	2020
£	£
748	373

6. Summary of Fund Movements

Restricted Funds	At 1st Jan 2021	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st Dec 2021
AFIA	705	2,759	86	(3,550)	0
Mary Summer House Subscriptions	2,371		19,616	(18,180)	3,807
Mary Summer House Funds	0	911	50	(961)	0
Welsh Frankton Legacy	57,301		10,956		68,257
	60,377	3,670	30,708	(22,691)	72,065
Unrestricted Funds	At 1st Jan 2021	Transfers	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st Dec 2021
General Funds	141,870	(27,616)	37,016	(25,207)	126,063
Discretionary Funds	2,090		63		2,153
Relief Fund	0	7,454	1,051	(8,505)	0
MUvsMS - TCT	18,523	16,492		(16,211)	18,804
	162,483	(3,670)	38,130	(49,923)	147,020

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Charity Number 249942

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met.
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: John Alexander

Qualification: ACMA CGMA

Address: 12 Cosby Drive, East Leake, Loughborough, LE12 6AD

Date: 12 September 2022

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 249942

Accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. CHAD, LICHFIELD - ANNUAL REPORT 2019
 St. Chad's Road Lichfield Staffordshire WS13 7ND
 Charity No 1134015

Administrative Information.

St. Chad's Church is situated in St. Chad's Road, Lichfield. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, 42 St. Chad's Road, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 7LD

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the period covered by these accounts was a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1134015

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Curate	The Reverend Rod Clark Simon Foster	
Churchwardens:	Jim Dodsworth (ex officio) Stephen Wilkinson (ex officio until 12 th October 2020) Caroline Fellows (ex officio from 12 th October 2020)	
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Lilas Rawling Colin Revitt (Elmhurst) Jeremy Duncan Brown (until 12 th October 2020) Georgina Boyns (until 12 th October 2020) William Taylor (from 12 th October)	Diocesan Synod
	John Wilson	General Synod
Treasurer	Celia Richardson	
Elected Members: Secretary	Kate Bowers (from 12 th October 2020) Kate Cotton Paul Fellows Sue Gillett Roger Keay (from 12 th October 2020) Mim Morris (till 12 th October 2020) Pam Oakley (Elmhurst) Megan Siner Sian Siner Julie Smith Matthew Webb	PCC PCC Secretary Assistant to
Wardens	Timothy Webb Mary Wilson	Wardens Assistant to Wardens
Churches Together:	Lilas Rawling Julie Smith	Lay Chair of PCC
Invited/Observers	Tony White Mathew Webb	Director of Music Asst to Wardens
Bankers.	Lloyds plc. 22 Conduit Street, Lichfield, WS13 6JS NatWest plc.47 Market Street, Lichfield WS13 6YB CCLA Investment Management Ltd. Cheapside London	
EC2V 6DZ		

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Independent Examiner
WS14 9RL

C T Edwards FCCA. 26 Darnford Moors, Lichfield

Structure, governance and management.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The roll in 2020 stood at ??? the shortfall represents nil responses; moved away and removed due to deceased.

Objectives and activities.

St. Chad's PCC has the responsibility under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 of co-operating with the Incumbent, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC met on one formal occasion since the last APCM with an additional zoom meeting. At all meetings a financial report has been submitted and mission, prayer and spiritual development also featured regularly on agendas.

In addition to regular business the PCC has considered, and where necessary, approved:

- Encouragement - Every meeting we list those positive items about Church life.
- Finance
- Role of PCC members
- Spiritual issues and reflection
- Safeguarding
- Stewardship Update
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Report from St Chad's Primary School
- Churchyard Update
- Church Fabric Matters
- Advent and Christmas
- Healing Ministry
- Review of Services due to the ongoing Covid 19 Pandemic
- To be discussed - Finance matters, staffing and the way forward following the 'return to normal'

St Chad's has also played its part in supporting the diocesan structures at deanery and diocesan level.

Communication

St Chad's aims to communicate its life and activities through a variety of means - Streaming of services a weekly bulletin, a website, a facebook page and printed notices and posters on notice-boards.

Buildings

St Chad's parish has responsibility for four premises - St Chad's Church, Elmhurst Mission, St Chad's Church Hall and Well Cottage.

full payment of the parish share requested by the diocese for the financial year, plus twenty percent owing from the previous financial year. The net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income of £8,872. After adding the current and deposit account balances brought forward at the beginning of the year the balance carried forward in the totally unrestricted funds at the 31st December 2019 was £30,618.

The income to the designated Fabric and Churchyard fund includes the dividends from the Global Equity holding, CCLA deposit account interest and the annual churchyard maintenance grant received from Lichfield City Council. During 2019 the income to the fund was £4,185 with an expenditure of £4,957. Revaluation of the holdings added another £9,189, resulting in an end of year fund value of £10,485.

No activity was reported for the Mission and Ministry Fund during the year, but it was agreed that it should be retained for further use.

Income into Elmhurst restricted fund during 2019 was £6219, £3030 was spent to provide the Christian Ministry from Elmhurst Chapel and a further £2,000 was transferred to the unrestricted funds as a contribution to the above mentioned parish share payment. The net result in the Elmhurst restricted fund at the 31st December 2019 after adding the balances brought forward at the beginning of the year in the current and deposit account equalled £16,333.

A further small restricted collection fund shows an income of £622 with an expenditure of £1482 this reflects the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year, no funds are carried forward to 2020.

The Giving in Grace stewardship campaign achieved 35% of the target we were aiming for, this result it was both positive and encouraging. Promised increases in the planned giving amounted to over £1,000 per month resulting in a much needed increase of just over £12,500 annually.

Reserves Policy

It is the trustees' policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds which equate to approximately two months unrestricted payments. The unrestricted fund balance is considered adequate for this purpose.

Investment Policy

It is the policy of the trustees to invest our surplus funds in National Savings and Investments, The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and Global Equity income Shares.

**The Reverend P R Clark
Rector and Chairman of the PCC
Treasurer**

**Mrs C Richardson
Honorary PCC**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FC
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER
FOR
LICHFIELD DIOCESE MOTHERS I

LICHFILED DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020**

		<u>Unrestricted</u> Funds	<u>Designated</u> Funds
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
	<u>Note</u>		
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Donations and legacies	3a	5,484	747
Charitable Activities	3b	15,225	0
Other Trading Activities	3c	5,497	0
Investments	3d	9,918	0
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,617	0
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>37,740</u>	<u>747</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	6	0
Charitable Activities	4b	32,824	10,757
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>32,830</u>	<u>10,757</u>
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/ PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>		4,910	(10,009)
<u>Transfers between funds</u>	6	(17,531)	19,407
Cash at bank and in hand			
At 1st January 2020		47,526	11,216
At 31st December 2020		<u>47,611</u>	<u>20,613</u>

The charity had no recognised gains or losses other than its income and expenditure during the last two years.

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

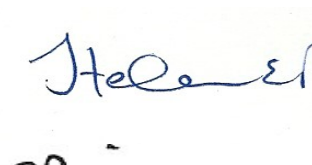
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	R
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>			
CBF Deposit Account		15,649	
Deposit Accounts		1,186	
Current Accounts		48,866	
Cash and Bank Float		<u>2,523</u>	
		68,224	
<u>Investments</u>			
CBF 1210011001S		60,552	
COIF 874130005T		11,311	
CBF 1210011001P JHT		15,280	
CBF 1210011001L JHT		6,742	
MG Charifund Units			
<u>Stock</u>		373	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Amounts owed by Mother' Union			
Trustees		0	
Insurance		430	
Trade Creditors		0	
Mue Expenses		0	
		<u> </u>	

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of the financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on 13th September 2021 and signed on their behalf

Mrs H Palfrey - Interim Diocesan President



Mrs C Richardson - Diocesan Treasurer

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

1. Accounting Policy

There has been no change in accounting policies of the charity during the year.

The financial statements of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Lichfield have been prepared on a Receipts and Payment Basis in line with the recommendations of the FS 102.

Stock

Stock is shown at historical cost.

2. Fund Accounting

The charity maintains the level of resources required to fulfil its objectives. The trustees monitor reserves at regular meetings.

Unrestricted Fund

The Unrestricted Fund represents funds arising from the charity's activities. These funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. The trustees may specify that amounts of these funds are to be designated to be used for particular purposes.

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes with specific objectives. The restrictions have either been specified by the donor or grantee.

Holidays and Discretionary Payments

In accordance with the objects of the charity and in order to further the purpose of the Mothers Union to advance Christian Care for Families, provision is made for discretionary payments to be provided for families in need.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

3. Donations, Legacies and Similar Income

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u> £
3a Voluntary income/Receipts		
Branch	1,723	0
Diocesan General Fund	2,868	0
AFIA	0	0
Overseas Fund	0	0
Relief Fund	0	350
Discretionary	0	280
Great Britain & Ireland Fund	0	0
Mary Sumner House General	0	0
MUvsMS	0	117
Legacies	0	0
Gift Aid/Tax Recovered	893	0
	<u>5,484</u>	<u>747</u>

3b Charitable Activities

Diocesan Subscriptions	2020	10,851	0
Diocesan Subscriptions	2021	121	0
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2020	0	0
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2021	0	0
Branch deanery Subscriptions		295	0
Fundraising Activities			
Recycling		325	0
Branch		2,226	0
Quiet Days		965	0
Branch Activities and Outings		353	0
Local Projects		89	0
GM Provincial		0	0
		<u>15,225</u>	<u>0</u>

3c Other trading Activities

Muenterprises	4,556	0
Mue Grant	0	0
Teas and Catering	941	0
LDMU AGM buffet	0	0
	<u>5,497</u>	<u>0</u>

3d **Investments**

Dividends	6,478	0
Interest	91	0
Gain at Disposal	3,349	0
	<u>9,918</u>	<u>0</u>

3e **Other Income**

Branch Closure	466	0
Refreshments	0	0
In Memory of Sue Egerton	1,151	0
MSH Appeal	0	0
	<u>1,617</u>	<u>0</u>

Total

<u>37,740</u>	<u>747</u>
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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDE

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Designated</u> <u>Funds</u> £
4. EXPENDITURE ON		
4a Raising Funds		
Fund Raising Events	6	0
	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
4b Charitable Activities		
Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Activities		
MSH Subscriptions	0	0
Overseas Fund	0	0
Relief Fund	0	2,300
MUvsMS	0	7,781
GB & Ireland Fund	0	0
Mary Summer House Fund	0	0
AFIA	0	0
Provincial AGM	0	0
Quiet Days	376	0
Local Projects	2,245	0
Branch Activities and Outings	650	0
Decretionary Fund	0	676
	<u>3,271</u>	<u>10,757</u>
Mothers Union of Lichfield Expenses		
Finance	261	0
Board of Trustees	533	0
Speakers	217	0
Insurance	0	0
Committee Expenses	1,014	0
Diocesan Newsletter	0	0
	<u>2,026</u>	<u>0</u>
Costs of Trading		
Muenterprises	5,140	0
Teas and Catering	248	0
LDMU AGM Buffet	0	0
	<u>5,388</u>	<u>0</u>
Management and administration		
Independent Examiner	370	0
Salary Cost and Expenses	7436	0
Telephone and Web	1426	0
Printing and Stationery	463	0
Postage	2,682	0

Equipment		1,380	0
Hire of Office		3,016	0
Hire of Halls		1,082	0
		<u>17,854</u>	<u>0</u>
Other	MSH Appeal	0	0
	General Administration	124	0
	Consolidation Sundries	4161	0
		<u>4,284</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	<u>32,830</u>	<u>10,757</u>

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

5. Assets

5a **Investment**

At 1st January 2020

Additions

Disposals

Revaluations

LDMU

DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY CARE

JOHN HAYES TRUST

WELSH FRANKTON

Value at 31st December 2020

5b **Stock**

6. Summary of Fund Movements

	At 1st Jan 2020 £	Transfers £
<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
AFIA	1,256	
Mary Sumner House Subscriptions	2,346	
Mary Sumner House Funds	0	3,124
Welsh Frankton Legacy	76,076	(5,000)
	<u>79,678</u>	<u>(1,876)</u>
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	At 1st Jan 2020 £	Transfers £
General Funds	154,575	(17,531)
Discretionary Fund	2,485	
Relief Fund	250	1700

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8,481

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<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2020</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>
1,121	7,352	10,763
15,482	30,706	50,119
0	0	
0	5,497	15,697
22	9,940	7,594
731	2,348	431
<u>17,356</u>	<u>55,843</u>	<u>84,604</u>
0	6	288
21,007	64,588	98,569
<u>21,007</u>	<u>64,593</u>	<u>98,857</u>
(742)	(8,750)	(14,253)
(1,876)	0	0
3,601	62,343	76,595
<u>3,076</u>	<u>71,300</u>	<u>62,342</u>

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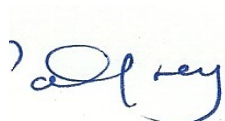
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3,076	18,725	18,703
0	1,186	1,631
0	48,866	39,503
0	2,523	2,506
<u>3,076</u>	<u>71,300</u>	<u>62,343</u>

0	60,552	56,656
0	11,311	10,631
0	15,280	16,080
0	6,742	23,384
57,301	57,301	76,076

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<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u> <u>£</u>
0	1,723	2,390
0	2,868	271
606	606	632
0	0	0
0	350	3,797
0	280	6
372	372	109
143	143	2,257
0	117	0
0	0	0
0	893	1,301
<u>1,121</u>	<u>7,352</u>	<u>10,763</u>
0	10,851	11,673
0	121	661
15,142	15,142	16,749
340	340	914
0	295	797
0	325	238
0	2,226	11,497
0	965	1,316
0	353	5,213
0	89	960
0	0	102
<u>15,482</u>	<u>30,706</u>	<u>50,119</u>
0	4,556	5,411
0	0	866
0	941	9,239
0	0	180
<u>0</u>	<u>5,497</u>	<u>15,697</u>

	6,478	7,391
22	113	203
0	3,349	0
<u>22</u>	<u>9,940</u>	<u>7,594</u>

0	466	409
0	0	22
0	1,151	0
731	731	
<u>731</u>	<u>2,348</u>	<u>431</u>
<u>17,356</u>	<u>55,843</u>	<u>84,604</u>

N**D 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u> <u>£</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>288</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>288</u>
15,457	15,457	17,262
0	0	0
0	2,300	5,475
0	7,781	9,804
707	707	1,480
1,663	1,663	6,355
1,179	1,179	9,549
0	0	116
0	376	1,180
0	2,245	2,539
0	650	5,570
0	676	250
<u>19,007</u>	<u>33,035</u>	<u>59,581</u>
0	261	502
0	533	2,175
0	217	1,472
0	0	991
0	1,014	2,111
0	0	1,521
<u>0</u>	<u>2,026</u>	<u>8,772</u>
0	5,140	5,285
0	248	5,083
0	0	90
<u>0</u>	<u>5,388</u>	<u>10,458</u>
0	370	350
0	7,436	8,100
0	1,426	1,227
0	463	730
0	2,682	529

0	1,380	1,191
0	3,016	2,939
0	1,082	3,136
<u>0</u>	<u>17,854</u>	<u>18,201</u>
2,000	2,000	
0	124	966
0	4161	591
<u>2,000</u>	<u>6,284</u>	<u>1,557</u>
<u>21,007</u>	<u>64,593</u>	<u>98,857</u>

31ST DECEMBER 2020

182,828

(22,707)

3,896

680

265

(13,775)

151,187

2020

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373

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£

298

Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st Dec 2020 £
628	(1,179)	705
15,482	(15,457)	2,371
1,246	(4,370)	0
	(13,775)	57,301
<u>17,356</u>	<u>(34,781)</u>	<u>60,377</u>

Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st Dec 2020 £
37,740	(32,830)	141,870
280	(676)	2,090
350	(2,300)	0

117

(7,781)

18,523

38,487

(43,587)

162,483

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Mothers Union Diocese of Lichfield Charity Number 249942

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of examiner's statement

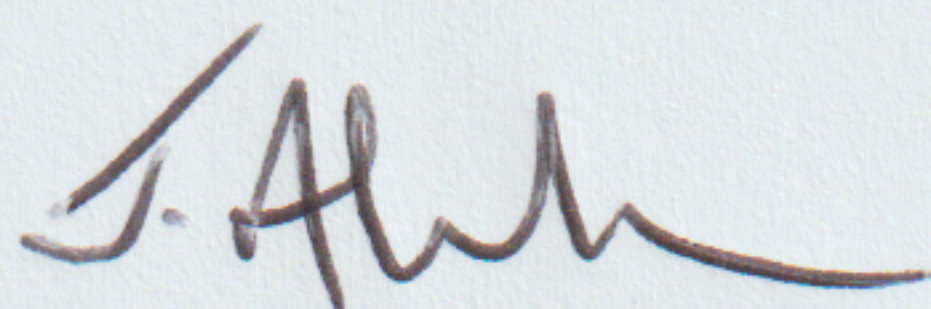
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below..

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met.
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: John Alexander

Qualification: ACMA CGMA

Address: 12 Cosby Drive, East Leake, Loughborough, LE12 6AD

Date: 21 August 2021