

# THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF LEICESTER BRANCH)

England & Wales · Charity number 250038

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1966-11-15

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE IT'S WIDER UNDERSTANDING.(2) TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILREN 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 FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.(5) TO HELP THOSE WHOSE FAMILY LIFE HAS MET WITH ADVERSITY.

**Activities:** Encouraging faith and practical Christian living in the context of marriage and family life throughout Leicestershire.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF LEICESTER
- Leicester City
- Leicestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£33,582	£34,403	-	-
2023-12-31	£39,365	£37,491	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,231	£31,987	-	-
2021-12-31	£34,986	£44,029	-	-
2020-12-31	£31,682	£30,345	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Ruth Mary Fryer</b>	Chair	2019-01-01
Eileen Margaret Payne		2022-01-01
Margaret Ann Rouse		2022-01-01
Mary Elizabeth Clarkson		2022-01-01
Noreen Mewies		2025-01-01
SUSAN WILSON		

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# Accounts

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## **Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester**

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## **Trustees' Annual Report & Consolidated Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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Ruth Fryer	Diocesan President from 1/1/25
Margaret Rouse	Past Diocesan President
Susan Wilson	Past Diocesan President
Yvonne Smith	Past Diocesan President (to 31/12/24)
Mary Clarkson	
Janice Lunn (to 31/12/24)	
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Eileen Payne	
Cynthia Thomson	Faith Adviser (to 31/12/24)

The Trustees are constituted as follows:

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Up to seven Trustees	elected by the membership

**Administrator:** Kate Cooper

**Honorary Treasurer** Susan Wilson

**Bankers:** CAF Bank Ltd  
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**Independent Examiner:** Robert P. Appleby, MA, FCA  
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## **Trustees' Annual Report 1 January to 31 December 2024**

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2024 was as busy as ever with requests for help from our Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire project fund. Blankets, hats and clothes were regularly requested, along with nappies, wipes and food for babies. Bedding and baby blankets were also supplied. Items were often sourced from charity shops, which sell at reasonable prices as well as, in turn, supporting their own charities. Those who received our support welcomed the help that we were able to offer.

One trustee represents Mothers' Union on the Diocesan Panel for Social Responsibility, and another is involved in the Diocesan response to modern-day slavery.

We continue to maintain a prayer chain to support anyone in need. We keep contact with members who are housebound by sending greetings cards and letters. As well as information by email, we produced our printed Diocesan newspaper twice in 2024. However, in the autumn members voted to revert to three issues for 2025, although with the option of a digital copy for those who would prefer it. The printed version is still a very important method of communication, particularly for those who do not have internet access.

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Our members have continued to generously support the Mothers' Union project to combat Female Genital Mutilation in the Diocese of Kiteto in Tanzania, both in prayer and with donations. In January 2024, one of our members visited Kiteto and brought back news of the progress of the project and how the donation we made in 2023 was helping the Mothers' Union members there to challenge a deeply-rooted cultural practice that persists in practice, although it is now illegal in Tanzania. Funds collected in 2024 will be sent to the Diocese of Kiteto in January 2025.

We continued to support the work of the central organisation by selling Mothers' Union cards and gifts among our members and friends. Our Diocesan MU Enterprises Representative orders in bulk, but individuals can also put in orders. We received 10% commission on all our purchases, whether made by our Representative or by individuals.

We promoted events organised by central Mothers' Union throughout the year. Online Midday Prayers Monday to Saturday each week, led by central staff or members, continued to be a great success, with members participating from all over the world. We also encouraged members to support central fundraising appeals if they were able. Central Mothers' Union have continued to provide resources for members on their website.

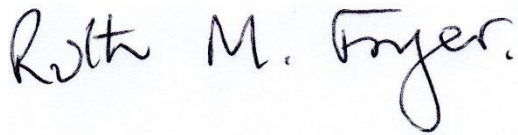
We are very grateful to the Diocese of Leicester for accommodating our part-time Administrator in St Martins House, Leicester, where she works one part-day each week. Her remaining hours are flexible and worked at home.

Our assets at 31 December 2024 were £2,095 less than at the start of the year, most of the decrease being seen in the funds held by branches. We are grateful to all our members for their financial support. The Trustees have examined the current level of unrestricted reserves, £26,543, and assess this to be satisfactory to secure the charity's immediate future. However, in common with most other dioceses, falling membership remains a concern.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken by the Finance and Administration Working Group and reported to the Trustees. The Trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives. Central Mothers' Union produced its own Safeguarding Policy at the end of 2023 and the Trustees adopted this in January 2024. Two Trustees attended training on the new policy during the year.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth M. Fryer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long, sweeping underline.

On behalf of the Trustees

## Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>	<b>10,188</b>	<b>15,555</b>	<b>7,839</b>	<b>33,582</b>	<b>39,365</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>11,095</b>	<b>15,338</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>34,403</b>	<b>37,491</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(907)</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>(131)</b>	<b>(821)</b>	<b>1,874</b>
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>	<b>27,450</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>21,854</b>	<b>49,626</b>	<b>47,752</b>
<b>Balances carried forward 31 December</b>	<b>26,543</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>21,723</b>	<b>48,805</b>	<b>49,626</b>

Income	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions		2,633	12,667		15,300	16,459
Insurance		106			106	124
Diocesan General Fund		2,624			2,624	4,099
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		2,420			2,420	2,089
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme					-	110
MU Enterprises sales commission	<b>1</b>	480			480	482
Recycling		757			757	668
Investment income		1,148		281	1,429	1,061
Diocesan events					-	490
FGM Tanzania				1,979	1,979	1,345
Other income		20			20	-
Overseas Development Fund					-	50
Relief Fund					-	20
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			204		204	770
MSH Summer of Hope			263		263	140
MSH General Fund			2,421		2,421	2,819
MSH Christmas Appeal					-	9
MU Literature					-	61
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			3,960	3,960	6,742
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,478	1,478	1,827
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds				141	141	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>10,188</b>	<b>15,555</b>	<b>7,839</b>	<b>33,582</b>	<b>39,365</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
MSH subscriptions		180	12,450		12,630	12,977
Staff salary		5,616			5,616	5,101
Insurance		450			450	450
Stationery & equipment		23			23	34
Postage		215			215	238
Photocopying					-	27
Bank charges		60			60	86
Meeting room hire & Zoom		90			90	365
Website					-	13
MUspaper		3,787			3,787	3,393
Officials' expenses		104			104	19
Training		167			167	116
Diocesan events		104			104	848
MSH publications		69			69	78
Canterbury Province		115			115	100
Other expenditure		20			20	-
Overseas Development Fund					-	50
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Britain & Ireland Development Fund			204		204	770
MSH Summer of Hope Appeal			263		263	140
MSH General Fund			2,421		2,421	2,819
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Difference in MU Literature assets	<b>1</b>			166	166	89
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			5,855	5,855	6,246
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,478	1,478	1,888
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds					-	266
FGM Tanzania					-	1,050
Modern Slavery		60			60	-
Prisons		35			35	-
Difference in funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			471	471	238
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>11,095</b>	<b>15,338</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>34,403</b>	<b>37,491</b>

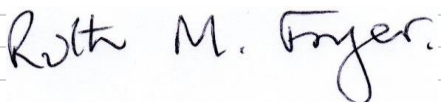
<b>Away From It All Holiday Project:</b>						
				<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>
				£		£
Income:						
Balance at 1st January				10,394		9,691
Donations				3,460		6,742
Grants				500		-
Interest on CBF account				281		207
<b>Total</b>				<b>14,635</b>		<b>16,640</b>
Expenditure				5,855		6,246
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>				<b>8,780</b>		<b>10,394</b>
Expenditure breakdown:						
Accommodation				3,868		4,162
Coaches				1,400		1,440
Food				500		500
Mobility scooters				-		144
Expenses				87		-
<b>Total</b>				<b>5,855</b>		<b>6,246</b>

<b>Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account:</b>						
				<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>
				£		£
Income:						
Balance 1 January				5,582		5,848
Donations				1,478		1,888
<b>Total</b>				<b>7,060</b>		<b>7,736</b>
Expenditure				1,338		2,154
<b>Balance 31 December</b>				<b>5,722</b>		<b>5,582</b>

<b>FGM Project:</b>						
				<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>
				£		£
Income:						
Balance 1 January				345		50
Donations				1,979		1,345
<b>Total</b>				<b>2,324</b>		<b>1,395</b>
Expenditure				-		1,050
<b>Balance 31 December</b>				<b>2,324</b>		<b>345</b>

<b>Current Assets:</b>						
	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
CAF Bank Cash Account		3,632	13,324	7,154	<b>24,110</b>	9,891
CAF Bank Gold Account		3,610			<b>3,610</b>	3,522
CBF Deposit Account		19,736			<b>19,736</b>	19,736
Nat West MU Literature account				508	<b>508</b>	619
MU Literature cash in hand				84	<b>84</b>	83
MU Literature debtors				-	-	2
MU Literature stock	<b>1</b>			517	<b>517</b>	571
CBF Away From It All Holiday Project account				5,405	<b>5,405</b>	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account				5,722	<b>5,722</b>	5,581
Funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			3,849	<b>3,849</b>	4,320
Creditors	<b>4</b>	(435)	(12,785)	(1,515)	<b>(14,735)</b>	(105)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>26,543</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>21,724</b>	<b>48,806</b>	<b>49,625</b>

## Notes to the accounts

<b>Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024:</b>				
<b>1. MU Literature</b>				
Stock is bought at retail price from Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd. £63 of dated or damaged stock was written off during 2024.				
<b>2. Away From It All Holiday Project</b>				
Fund balance at 31 December 2024 is £8,780.				
<b>3. Funds held by branches</b>				
At 31 December 2024 Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester had 21 branches. The total assets held at 31 December 2024 by the 19 branches which submitted returns was £3,849.				
<b>4. Creditors at 31/12/24</b>				
	General	Central	Local	Total
	£	£	£	£
Late subscriptions 2022/2023/2024	180	9,897		10,077
Officials' expenses	97		37	134
Stationery	23			23
Prisons	35			35
Canterbury Province	100			100
Donations to central MU Funds		2,888		2,888
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire			1,478	1,478
	<b>435</b>	<b>12,785</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>14,735</b>
This is the financial position of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester as at 31 December 2024.				
The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.				
Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer				
The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 20th May 2025 .				
				
On behalf of the Trustees				

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts**

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees and members of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, set out on pages 8 to 11 of this document**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required 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 of the Charities Act),  
and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

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

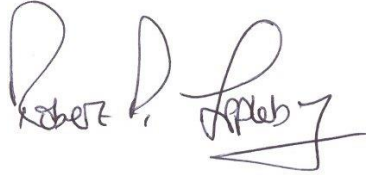
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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8<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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We continued to support the work of the central organisation by selling Mothers' Union cards and gifts among our members and friends. Our Diocesan MU Enterprises Representative orders in bulk, but individuals can also put in orders. We received 10% commission on all our purchases.

We promoted events organised by central Mothers' Union throughout the year. Online Midday Prayers Monday to Saturday each week, led by central staff or members, continued to be a great success, with members participating from all over the world. 11 members attended the Annual Gathering in York in September. We also encouraged members to support central fundraising appeals if they were able. Central Mothers' Union have continued to provide resources for members on their website.

We are grateful to the Diocese of Leicester for accommodating our part-time Administrator in St Martins House, Leicester, where she works one five-hour day each week. Her remaining hours are flexible and worked at home.

Our assets at 31 December 2023 were £1,874 more than at the start of the year, most of the increase being seen in the General Fund. We are grateful to all our members for their financial support. The Trustees have examined the current level of unrestricted reserves, £27,450, and assess this to be satisfactory to secure the charity's immediate future. However, in common with most other dioceses, falling membership remains a concern.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken by the Finance and Administration Working Group and reported to the Trustees. The Trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives. We follow the Leicester Diocese Safeguarding Policy with the additional request that members make themselves aware of who the Safeguarding Coordinator is in the parish where they are working.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

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On behalf of the Trustees

## Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>	<b>12,076</b>	<b>17,107</b>	<b>10,182</b>	<b>39,365</b>	<b>35,231</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>10,868</b>	<b>16,785</b>	<b>9,838</b>	<b>37,491</b>	<b>31,987</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>3,244</b>
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>	<b>26,242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,510</b>	<b>47,752</b>	<b>44,508</b>
<b>Balances carried forward 31 December</b>	<b>27,450</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>21,854</b>	<b>49,626</b>	<b>47,752</b>

	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Subscriptions		3,160	13,299		16,459	17,280
Subscriptions to be allocated when balance received		-			-	239
Insurance		124			124	133
Diocesan General Fund		4,099			4,099	3,340
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		2,089			2,089	2,390
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		110			110	25
Legacy		-			-	100
MU Enterprises sales commission	<b>1</b>	482			482	418
Recycling		668			668	757
Investment income		854		207	1,061	197
Travel grant from central MU		-			-	50
Diocesan events		490			490	-
FGM Tanzania				1,345	1,345	50
Other income		-			-	50
Overseas Development Fund			50		50	60
Relief Fund			20		20	85
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			770		770	656
MSH Summer of Hope			140		140	-
MSH General Fund			2,819		2,819	2,819
MSH Christmas Appeal			9		9	-
MU Literature				61	61	-
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			6,742	6,742	4,966
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,827	1,827	1,017
Difference in funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			-	-	599
<b>Total income</b>		<b>12,076</b>	<b>17,107</b>	<b>10,182</b>	<b>39,365</b>	<b>35,231</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
MSH subscriptions			12,977		12,977	13,835
Staff salary		5,101			5,101	3,208
Insurance		450			450	-
Stationery & equipment		34			34	85
Postage		238			238	341
Photocopying		27			27	72
Bank charges		86			86	81
Meeting room hire & Zoom		365			365	355
Website		13			13	-
MUspaper		3,393			3,393	3,434
Officials' expenses		19			19	225
Training		116			116	150
Diocesan events		848			848	-
FGM Tanzania				1,050	1,050	-
MSH publications		78			78	91
Canterbury Province		100			100	100
Other expenditure		-			-	50
Overseas Development Fund			50		50	60
Relief Fund			20		20	85
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			770		770	656
MSH Summer of Hope Appeal			140		140	-
MSH General Fund			2,819		2,819	2,819
MSH Christmas Appeal			9		9	-
MU Literature				61	61	-
Difference in MU Literature assets	<b>1</b>			89	89	91
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			6,246	6,246	4,637
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,888	1,888	1,017
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds				266	266	595
Difference in funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			238	238	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>10,868</b>	<b>16,785</b>	<b>9,838</b>	<b>37,491</b>	<b>31,987</b>

<b>Away From It All Holiday Project:</b>						
				<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>
				£		£
Income:						
Balance at 1st January				9,691		9,326
Donations				6,742		4,966
Interest on CBF account				207		36
<b>Total</b>				<b>16,640</b>		<b>14,328</b>
Expenditure				6,246		4,637
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>				<b>10,394</b>		<b>9,691</b>
Expenditure breakdown:						
Accommodation				4,162		2,837
Coaches				1,440		1,300
Food				500		500
Mobility scooters				144		
<b>Total</b>				<b>6,246</b>		<b>4,637</b>

<b>Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account:</b>					
					<b>2022</b>
				£	£
Income:					
Balance 1 January				5,848	6,443
Donations				1,888	1,017
<b>Total</b>				<b>7,736</b>	<b>7,460</b>
Expenditure				2,154	1,612
<b>Balance 31 December</b>				<b>5,582</b>	<b>5,848</b>

<b>FGM Project:</b>					
					<b>2022</b>
				£	£
Income:					
Balance 1 January				50	-
Donations				1,345	50
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,395</b>	<b>50</b>
Expenditure				1,050	-
<b>Balance 31 December</b>				<b>345</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Current Assets:</b>						
	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
CAF Bank Cash Account		4,191	427	5,273	<b>9,891</b>	12,341
CAF Bank Gold Account		3,522			<b>3,522</b>	3,457
CBF Deposit Account		19,736			<b>19,736</b>	19,736
Nat West MU Literature account				619	<b>619</b>	553
MU Literature cash in hand				83	<b>83</b>	36
MU Literature debtors				2	<b>2</b>	9
MU Literature stock	<b>1</b>			571	<b>571</b>	766
CBF Away From It All Holiday Project account				5,405	<b>5,405</b>	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account				5,581	<b>5,581</b>	5,848
Funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			4,320	<b>4,320</b>	4,558
Creditors	<b>4</b>		(105)		<b>(105)</b>	(4,957)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>27,449</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>21,854</b>	<b>49,625</b>	<b>47,752</b>

## Notes to the accounts

<b>Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023:</b>					
<b>1. MU Literature</b>					
Stock is bought at retail price from Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd. £64 of dated or damaged stock was written off during 2023.					
<b>2. Away From It All Holiday Project</b>					
Fund balance at 31 December 2023 is £10,394.					
<b>3. Funds held by branches</b>					
At 31 December 2023 Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester had 10 deaneries and 27 branches. The total assets held at 31 December 2023 by the 20 branches which submitted returns was £4,320.					
<b>4. Creditors at 31/12/23</b>					
	General	Central	Local	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
MSH General Fund (for overseas)		96		96	
MU Christmas Appeal		9		9	
	-	<b>105</b>	-	<b>105</b>	
This is the financial position of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester as at 31 December 2023.					
The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.					
Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer					
The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 21st May 2024 .					
<i>Susan Wilson</i>					
On behalf of the Trustees					

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts**

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees and members of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, set out on pages 8 to 11 of this document**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required 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 of the Charities Act),  
and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

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

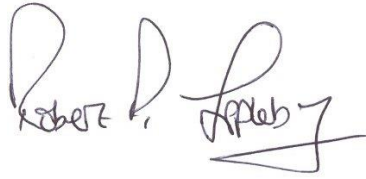
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert P. Appleby'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'A'.

Robert P. Appleby, MA, FCA  
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23-25 Friar Lane  
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LE1 5QQ

14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF LEICESTER BRANCH)**

England & Wales - Charity number 250038

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# Accounts

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## **Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester**

**Registered Charity Number: 250038**

## **Trustees' Annual Report & Consolidated Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

## Legal and administrative information

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**Registered Charity Name:** The Mothers' Union (Diocese of Leicester Branch)

**Charity Number:** 250038

**Address:** St Martins House  
7 Peacock Lane  
Leicester  
LE1 5PZ

**Trustees:**

Margaret Rouse	Life Vice-President
Yvonne Smith	Life Vice-President
Mary Clarkson	
Ruth Fryer	
Janice Lunn	
Eileen Payne	
Cynthia Thomson	Faith Adviser
Susan Wilson	

The Trustees are constituted as follows:

Diocesan President	elected by Diocesan Council
Up to two Life Vice-Presidents	chosen by them
Seven Trustees	elected by Diocesan Council
Diocesan Chaplain	appointed by Diocesan President and Diocesan Bishop
One Deanery Leader	elected by Deanery Leaders

**Administrator:** Kate Cooper (from 25/4/22)

**Honorary Treasurer** Susan Wilson

**Bankers:** CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**Independent Examiner:** Robert P. Appleby, MA, FCA  
Rutland House, 23–25 Friar Lane, Leicester, LE1 5QQ

## **Trustees' Annual Report 1 January to 31 December 2022**

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Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester is a charity federated to similar charities bearing the same name, and with the same Aim and Objects and sharing the same ethos and direction as the central charity. It is governed by its own constitution (last revised February 2011). The elected Board of Trustees makes major decisions and carries out or enables practical projects. The elected Chair of Trustees (Diocesan President) attends Provincial Conference and reports back to the Diocese. One part-time administrator is employed for 9 hours per week. All trading is channelled through Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd.

The aim of Mothers' Union is to advance the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life and this is focused on five objectives: to promote and support marriage; 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.

There are 700 Mothers' Union members in Leicester Diocese. Most are members of branches in Anglican churches throughout the Diocese; others (Diocesan Members) pay their subscription and receive mailings direct from our Leicester office and have the option of meeting in groups but without the administration involved in a branch. Two opportunities for Diocesan Members to gather together were arranged during 2022.

Members are involved in local projects and ministry as well as supporting the work of the central Mothers' Union charity. Involvement includes prayer, volunteer time, donating goods or money. All our events and projects welcome involvement from members and non-members alike. We try to encourage new membership wherever possible and keep our local work under review to try to be as effective as possible.

In 2022, we were, once again, able to organise and fund a holiday on the east coast for 10 Leicestershire families who had either never had a holiday or not had one for several years. Our Away From It All Holiday Project provides a fully-funded holiday in self-catering caravans at Haven Golden Sands Holiday Park in Mablethorpe. This holiday park has free activities and amusements for families, as well as being close to the beach. We also provide the return transport and a generous grocery pack for each family. Members of the organising committee accompany the families to provide friendly support throughout the holiday.

During the week, the committee hired a local hall and organised games and bingo, followed by tea and cakes, as a treat. The holiday provides families with a welcome break away from their daily pressures. All the families had a great time and thank-yous were endless, which is what makes it all worthwhile for the organising group. Families are referred to us by Mothers' Union members, clergy, health visitors, teachers, social workers or other agencies. Mothers' Union members, with occasional support from local charities, raise the money needed to provide the holiday and their funds are certainly put to good use.

Members continued to support local initiatives to help homeless, vulnerable and elderly people in their immediate area throughout the year. We kept them regularly informed of current needs as they collected items such as women's underwear, hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries. In 2022 we started to support Baby Basics by collecting toiletries and other items for families who are in need of help. One of our members now volunteers for the charity.

Our Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire project fund enabled us to respond to many people who needed support during 2022, which was a difficult year. The requests were mainly for basic items, such as towels, bedding and saucepans. The need for items for babies also increased, and this included nappies, toiletries, clothing, bedding and baby food and milk. Basic food items were also requested, including by people in low paid jobs and struggling to pay bills. Mothers' Union was able to make a difference.

A trustee represents Mothers' Union on the Diocesan Panel for Social Responsibility, and another member is involved in the Diocesan response to modern-day slavery.

We continue to maintain a prayer chain to support anyone in need. We keep contact with members who are housebound by sending greetings cards and letters. As well as information by email, we continue to produce our Diocesan newspaper three times per year; this is a very important method of communication as a good number of members do not have internet access, and many of those who do still appreciate a hard copy document.

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Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer.

The report was approved by the Trustees on .

On behalf of the Trustees

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<b>Income</b>	<b>11,108</b>	<b>17,455</b>	<b>6,668</b>	<b>35,231</b>	<b>34,986</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>8,192</b>	<b>17,455</b>	<b>6,340</b>	<b>31,987</b>	<b>44,029</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>(9,043)</b>
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>	<b>23,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,182</b>	<b>44,508</b>	<b>53,551</b>
<b>Balances carried forward 31 December</b>	<b>26,242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,510</b>	<b>47,752</b>	<b>44,508</b>

	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Subscriptions		3,445	13,835		17,280	19,612
Subscriptions to be allocated when balance received		239			239	
Insurance		133			133	168
Diocesan General Fund		3,340			3,340	2,009
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		2,390			2,390	2,271
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		25			25	-
Legacy		100			100	-
MU Enterprises sales commission	<b>1</b>	418			418	556
Recycling		757			757	926
Investment income		161		36	197	25
Travel grant from central MU		50			50	
Diocesan events					-	119
Collection for retiring Diocesan President					-	421
FGM Tanzania				50	50	
Other income		50			50	-
Overseas Development Fund			60		60	939
Relief Fund			85		85	807
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			656		656	1,208
MSH Summer of Hope					-	588
MSH MU on the Move					-	30
MSH General Fund			2,819		2,819	1,501
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			4,966	4,966	3,001
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,017	1,017	740
Memory Giving					-	65
Difference in funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			599	599	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>11,108</b>	<b>17,455</b>	<b>6,668</b>	<b>35,231</b>	<b>34,986</b>

Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester, Charity Number 250038

Expenditure	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
MSH subscriptions			13,835		13,835	15,682
Staff salary		3,208			3,208	4,446
Stationery & equipment		85			85	18
Postage		341			341	211
Photocopying		72			72	-
Bank charges		81			81	96
Meeting room hire & Zoom		355			355	221
MUspaper		3,434			3,434	3,211
Officials' expenses		225			225	256
Training		150			150	258
Diocesan events		-			-	289
MSH publications		91			91	34
Collection for retiring Diocesan President		-			-	421
Canterbury Province		100			100	
Other expenditure		50			50	-
Overseas Development Fund			60		60	939
Relief Fund			85		85	807
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			656		656	1,208
MSH Summer of Hope Appeal					-	588
MU on the Move					-	30
MSH General Fund			2,819		2,819	1,501
Difference in MU Literature assets	1			91	91	188
Away From It All Holiday Project	2			4,637	4,637	9,630
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,017	1,017	740
Lutterworth & Bitteswell (Memory Giving)					-	321
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds				595	595	999
Difference in funds held by branches	3				-	1,935
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>8,192</b>	<b>17,455</b>	<b>6,340</b>	<b>31,987</b>	<b>44,029</b>

<b>Away From It All Holiday Project:</b>					
					<b>2021</b>
				£	£
Income:					
Balance at 1st January				9,326	15,950
Donations				4,966	3,001
Interest on CBF account				36	5
<b>Total</b>				<b>14,328</b>	<b>18,956</b>
Expenditure				4,637	9,630
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>				<b>9,691</b>	<b>9,326</b>
Expenditure breakdown:					
Accommodation				2,837	7,780
Coaches				1,300	1,850
Food				500	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>4,637</b>	<b>9,630</b>

<b>Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account:</b>						
						<b>2021</b>
				£		£
Income:						
Balance 1 January				6,443		7,442
Donations				1,017		740
<b>Total</b>				<b>7,460</b>		<b>8,182</b>
Expenditure				1,612		1,739
<b>Balance 31 December</b>				<b>5,848</b>		<b>6,443</b>

<b>Current Assets:</b>						
	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
CAF Bank Cash Account		3,049	3,940	5,352	<b>12,341</b>	9,407
CAF Bank Gold Account		3,457			<b>3,457</b>	3,444
CBF Deposit Account		19,736			<b>19,736</b>	19,736
Nat West MU Literature account				553	<b>553</b>	476
MU Literature cash in hand				36	<b>36</b>	64
MU Literature debtors				9	<b>9</b>	18
MU Literature stock	<b>1</b>			766	<b>766</b>	897
CBF Away From It All Holiday Project account				5,405	<b>5,405</b>	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account				5,848	<b>5,848</b>	6,442
Funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			4,558	<b>4,558</b>	3,959
Creditors	<b>4</b>		(3,940)	(1,017)	<b>(4,957)</b>	(5,343)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>26,242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,510</b>	<b>47,752</b>	<b>44,505</b>

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Late subscriptions 2021/2022		320		320	
Overseas Development Fund		60		60	
Relief Fund		85		85	
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		656		656	
MSH General Fund		2,819		2,819	
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire			1,017	1,017	
	-	<b>3,940</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>4,957</b>	
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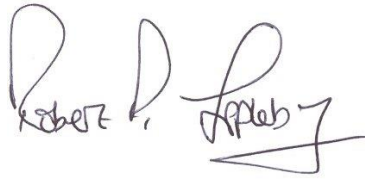
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31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

**THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF LEICESTER BRANCH)**

England & Wales - Charity number 250038

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# Accounts

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## **Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester**

**Registered Charity Number: 250038**

## **Trustees' Annual Report & Consolidated Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

## Legal and administrative information

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Margaret Rouse	Life Vice-President from 1/1/22
Yvonne Smith	Life Vice-President (Diocesan President to 31/12/21)
Mary Clarkson	from 1/1/22
Ruth Fryer	
Janice Lunn	
Eileen Payne	from 1/1/22
Cynthia Thomson	Faith Adviser from 1/1/22
Susan Wilson	
Ros Dobbin	to 31/12/21
Annette Hall	to 31/12/21
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The COVID-19 pandemic continued to limit us throughout 2021, but activities began to resume during the second half of the year. We used Zoom for Diocesan meetings when we were not able to meet in person during the first half of the year.

Having had to cancel the annual holiday on the east coast that we had arranged for needy Leicestershire families in 2020, we were very pleased to be able to organise a holiday for 13 families in 2021. We were able to take everyone on our waiting list, some of whom had been referred in 2019. Our Away From It All Holiday Project provides a fully-funded holiday in self-catering caravans at Haven Golden Sands Holiday Park in Mablethorpe. This holiday park has free

activities and amusements for families, as well as being close to the beach. We also provide transport, a generous grocery pack for each family and hand-knitted teddies for the children. Members of the organising committee accompany the families to provide friendly support throughout the holiday. During the week, the committee hired a local church hall and organised a family fun night with sausage and chip supper as a treat. The holiday provides families with a welcome break away from their daily pressures. Families are referred to us by Mothers' Union members, clergy, health visitors, teachers, social workers or other agencies. Mothers' Union members raise all the money needed to provide the holiday and their funds are certainly put to good use.

Members continued to support local initiatives to help homeless, vulnerable and elderly people in their immediate area throughout the year. During the second half of the year, we issued an up-to-date projects list and restarted our collection of items for those in need, including women's underwear, hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries.

Our Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire project fund enabled us to respond to ever-changing requests for help throughout the year, as COVID-19 and the arrival of refugees from Afghanistan created additional needs in 2021. Items supplied included household items, footwear and baby equipment. As costs increased, the use of charity shops for the purchase of items helps our funds to go further, which was particularly important, given that little fundraising was possible during 2020 and 2021.

Prayers were circulated to encourage members to pray and raise awareness during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence in November/December 2021. A trustee represents Mothers' Union on the Diocesan Panel for Social Responsibility, and another member is involved in Diocesan response to modern-day slavery. At the end of August 2021, after an idea was shared by Mothers' Union in Bristol, our local members were asked if they would knit links to be made into a chain as a visual aid for Modern Slavery Day on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Each link would represent a victim of modern-day slavery in Leicestershire. Our members and friends produced over 10,000 links to represent the huge number of victims in Leicestershire, and the chain continues to travel around the Diocese to raise awareness and inspire prayer.

We held a Diocesan Lady Day service on Zoom and continue to maintain a prayer chain to support anyone in need. We keep contact with members who are housebound by sending greetings cards and letters. Our Diocesan President

continued to telephone branch and deanery leaders regularly in order to find out how they and their members were coping while not being able to meet together. In turn, branch leaders faithfully maintained contact with their members. We were able to continue to produce our Diocesan newspaper three times per year; this is a very important method of communication as a good number of members do not have internet access, and many of those who do still appreciate a hard copy document.

We continue to work hard to establish contact with our five Mothers' Union prayer partners in Kenya, Nigeria (2), Solomon Islands and Zambia. The Mothers' Union badges sent to the Diocese of Eastern Zambia by Market Harborough Branch in response to their request were finally received in October 2021, almost a year since their despatch. We continue to pray for them all, encouraging all members to particularly remember them at the end of June and beginning of July each year when our group appears in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer schedule.

We continued to support the work of the central organisation by selling Mothers' Union cards and gifts among our members and friends. Our Diocesan MU Enterprises Representative orders in bulk, but individuals can also put in orders. We received 10% commission on all our purchases.

We promoted events organised online by central Mothers' Union throughout the year. Online Midday Prayers Monday to Saturday each week, led by central staff or members, continued to be a great success, with members participating from all over the world. Central Mothers' Union have produced additional resources for members on their website.

Elections for Trustee positions were held during 2021. There were no nominations for the role of Diocesan President so the Trustees will work together to cover the duties from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The new Trustee Board was commissioned at a Diocesan service at St Margaret's Church, Leicester in December. We intend to revise our constitution during the period of office of the new Trustee Board and central Mothers' Union has undertaken to produce a template version for dioceses. Our part-time Administrator resigned at the end of 2021.

Our assets at 31 December 2021 were £9,043 less than at the start of the year, as a result of two years where members were unable to arrange fundraising events for local projects. However, we remain grateful to all our members for

the financial support they have been able to provide during another challenging year. The Trustees have examined the current level of unrestricted reserves, £23,326, and assess this to be satisfactory to secure the charity's immediate future. Falling membership remains a concern, even though some expenditure falls with it.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken by the Finance and Administration Working Group and reported to the Trustees. The Trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives. We follow the Leicester Diocese Safeguarding Policy with the additional request that members make themselves aware of who the Safeguarding Coordinator is in the parish where they are working.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer

The report was approved by the Trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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On behalf of the Trustees

## Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>	<b>10,420</b>	<b>20,755</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>34,986</b>	<b>31,682</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>9,461</b>	<b>20,755</b>	<b>13,813</b>	<b>44,029</b>	<b>30,345</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,002)</b>	<b>(9,043)</b>	<b>1,337</b>
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>	<b>22,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,184</b>	<b>53,551</b>	<b>57,214</b>
<b>Donation to MSH Covid-19 Impact Appeal from reserves</b>	<b>-</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Balances carried forward 31 December</b>	<b>23,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,182</b>	<b>44,508</b>	<b>53,551</b>

	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Subscriptions		3,930	15,682		19,612	17,414
Insurance		168			168	178
Diocesan General Fund		2,009			2,009	1,794
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		2,271			2,271	1,707
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		-			-	105
Legacy		-			-	1,000
MU Enterprises sales commission	<b>1</b>	556			556	552
Recycling		926			926	390
Investment income		20		5	25	143
Diocesan events		119			119	-
Collection for retiring Diocesan President		421			421	-
Other income		-			-	35
Overseas Development Fund			939		939	1,639
Relief Fund			807		807	485
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			1,208		1,208	659
MSH Summer of Hope			588		588	-
MSH MU on the Move			30		30	
MSH General Fund			1,501		1,501	3,586
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			3,001	3,001	912
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				740	740	827
Memory Giving				65	65	256
<b>Total income</b>		<b>10,420</b>	<b>20,755</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>34,986</b>	<b>31,682</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
MSH subscriptions			15,682		15,682	12,949
Staff salary		4,446			4,446	3,097
Insurance		-			-	430
Stationery & equipment		18			18	18
Postage		211			211	221
Photocopying		-			-	11
Bank charges		96			96	94
Meeting room hire & Zoom		221			221	85
Website		-			-	13
MUspaper		3,211			3,211	2,025
Officials' expenses		256			256	121
Training		258			258	153
Diocesan events		289			289	50
MSH publications		34			34	11
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MU on the Move			30		30	
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Difference in MU Literature assets	<b>1</b>			188	188	90
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			9,630	9,630	-
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				740	740	827
Lutterworth & Bitteswell (Memory Giving)				321	321	
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds				999	999	857
Difference in funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			1,935	1,935	2,889
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>9,461</b>	<b>20,755</b>	<b>13,813</b>	<b>44,029</b>	<b>30,345</b>

<b>Away From It All Holiday Project:</b>					
					<b>2020</b>
				£	£
Income:					
Balance at 1st January				15,950	15,008
Donations				3,001	912
Interest on CBF account				5	30
<b>Total</b>				<b>18,956</b>	<b>15,950</b>
Expenditure				9,630	-
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>				<b>9,326</b>	<b>15,950</b>
Expenditure breakdown:					
Accommodation				7,780	-
Coaches				1,850	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>9,630</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account:</b>					
					<b>2020</b>
				£	£
Income:					
Balance 1 January				7,442	8,299
Donations				740	827
<b>Total</b>				<b>8,182</b>	<b>9,126</b>
Expenditure				1,739	1,684
<b>Balance 31 December</b>				<b>6,443</b>	<b>7,442</b>

<b>Current Assets:</b>						
	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
CAF Bank Cash Account		9,407			<b>9,407</b>	16,182
CAF Bank Gold Account		3,444			<b>3,444</b>	3,444
CBF Deposit Account		19,736			<b>19,736</b>	19,736
Nat West MU Literature account				476	<b>476</b>	564
MU Literature cash in hand				64	<b>64</b>	49
MU Literature debtors				18	<b>18</b>	32
MU Literature stock	<b>1</b>			897	<b>897</b>	998
CBF Away From It All Holiday Project account				5,405	<b>5,405</b>	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account				6,442	<b>6,442</b>	7,441
Funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			3,959	<b>3,959</b>	5,894
Creditors	<b>4</b>	(68)	(4,535)	(740)	<b>(5,343)</b>	(6,195)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>32,519</b>	<b>(4,535)</b>	<b>16,521</b>	<b>44,505</b>	<b>53,550</b>

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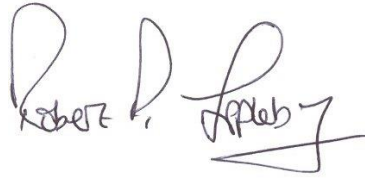
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**For the year ended 31 December 2020**

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2020 was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which affected all our planned activities from 20<sup>th</sup> March to the end of the year.

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Our Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire project.fund enabled us to respond to requests from a number of people who had been rehoused because of COVID-19 issues, such as not being able to stay with friends. There were also requests for household items, from older people as well as families. Trying to locate goods to purchase was challenging when shops were closed. Some people were so low in mood that sometimes just a few items requested helped them believe that through all the chaos of 2020 there were people who still cared enough to help.

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One prayer service was held in Leicester Cathedral; two others and a Quiet Day had to be cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions. We maintain a prayer chain to support anyone in need. We maintain contact with members who are housebound by sending greetings cards and letters. Since March our Diocesan President has conscientiously contacted branch and deanery leaders regularly in order to find out how they and their members have been coping during nine months of extremely restricted activity. In turn, branch leaders have faithfully maintained contact with their members.

Further progress has been made in our attempts to establish contact with our five Mothers' Union prayer partners in Kenya, Nigeria (2), Solomon Islands and Zambia. Having established contact with Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Mombasa, Kenya, in 2019, we now have communication with the Diocese of Eastern Zambia and Market Harborough Branch have sent Mothers' Union badges in response to their request. We continue to pray for them all, encouraging all members to particularly remember them at the end of June and beginning of July each year when our group appears in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer schedule.

In company with many charities and organisations, central Mothers' Union's finances took a major hit in the pandemic and in April 2020 all dioceses were asked to help financially if they could. We gave £5,000 from our accumulated reserves. An appeal was also made to members and many of our members responded. We continued to support the work of the central organisation by selling Mothers' Union cards and gifts among our members and friends. Our Diocesan MU Enterprises Representative orders in bulk, but individuals can also put in orders.

Many of the large events organised by central Mothers' Union have taken place online, giving access to more members. One of the biggest successes has been online Midday Prayers each day, led by central staff or members. Members have been joining in from all over the world.

During 2020 one of our trustees, Linda Poole, continued to serve as a non-executive trustee on the central Mothers' Union Enterprises Board. The updating of our diocesan records on the central database of members was completed.

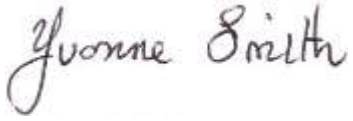
In due course it will be necessary for us to revise our constitution but, until the COVID-19 restrictions come to an end, we need to wait before changing our formal structure. On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 a new part-time Administrator, Heather Powell, took up employment with us. Heather has not yet been able to access office space in St Martins House as the building has been closed since March 2020 as a result of Leicester being under continuous restrictions.

Our assets at 31 December 2020 were £3,663 less than at the start of the year. We are grateful to all our members for their financial support during this challenging year. We acknowledge, with thanks, a legacy from the late Dorothy Wells. The Trustees have examined the current level of unrestricted reserves, £22,367, and assess this to be satisfactory to secure the charity's immediate future. Falling membership is a concern, even though some expenditure falls with it.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken by the Finance and Administration Working Group and regularly reported to the Trustees. The Trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives. We follow the Leicester Diocese Safeguarding Policy with the additional request that members make themselves aware of who the Safeguarding Coordinator is in the parish where they are working.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer

The report was approved by the Trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvonne Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'Y'.

Yvonne Smith, Diocesan President and Chair of Trustees  
On behalf of the Trustees

## Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

	General Fund £	Central Funds £	Local Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income</b>	10,339	19,318	2,025	31,682	44,872
<b>Expenditure</b>	6,364	19,318	4,663	30,345	40,778
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	3,975	-	(2,638)	1,337	4,094
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>	23,392	-	33,822	57,214	53,120
<b>Donation to MSH Covid-19 Impact Appeal from reserves</b>	5,000			5,000	-
<b>Balances carried forward 31 December</b>	22,367	-	31,184	53,551	57,214

	Note	General Fund £	Central Funds £	Local Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income</b>						
Subscriptions		4,465	12,949		17,414	18,673
Insurance		178			178	205
Diocesan General Fund		1,794			1,794	1,810
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		1,707			1,707	2,536
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		105			105	344
Legacy		1,000			1,000	-
MU Enterprises sales commission	1	552			552	596
Recycling		390			390	666
Investment income		113		30	143	188
Repayment of bank charges					-	5
Faith & Policy events					-	250
Expenses refund					-	22
Diocesan events					-	30
Other income		35			35	124
Overseas Development Fund			1,639		1,639	2,972
Relief Fund			485		485	2,703
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			659		659	1,106
MSH Summer of Hope			-		-	271
MSH General Fund			3,586		3,586	1,114
Away From It All Holiday Project	2			912	912	6,709
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				827	827	2,611
Memory Giving				256	256	-
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds					-	1,221
Difference in funds held by branches	3				-	716
<b>Total income</b>		<b>10,339</b>	<b>19,318</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>31,682</b>	<b>44,872</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	Note	General Fund £	Central Funds £	Local Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
MSH subscriptions			12,949		12,949	13,797
Staff salary		3,097			3,097	4,394
Employer's NIC		-			-	341
LDBF salary administration		-			-	72
Insurance		430			430	495
Stationery & equipment		18			18	66
Postage		221			221	335
Photocopying		11			11	-
Bank charges		94			94	70
Meeting room hire		85			85	192
Website		13			13	8
MUspaper		2,025			2,025	2,996
Officials' expenses		121			121	818
Training		153			153	558
Faith & Policy events		-			-	140
Diocesan events		50			50	282
MSH publications		11			11	92
Other expenditure		35			35	124
Overseas Development Fund			1,639		1,639	2,972
Relief Fund			485		485	2,703
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			659		659	1,106
MSH Summer of Hope Appeal			-		-	271
MSH General Fund			3,586		3,586	1,114
Difference in MU Literature assets	<b>1</b>			90	90	239
Away From It All Holiday Project	<b>2</b>			-	-	4,982
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				827	827	2,611
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds				857	857	-
Difference in funds held by branches	<b>3</b>			2,889	2,889	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>6,364</b>	<b>19,318</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>30,345</b>	<b>40,778</b>

**Away From It All Holiday Project:**

	£	2019 £
Income:		
Balance at 1st January	15,008	13,242
Donations	912	6,234
Poor's Platt	-	475
Interest on CBF account	30	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,950</b>	<b>19,990</b>
Expenditure	-	4,982
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>15,950</b>	<b>15,008</b>

Expenditure breakdown:

Accommodation	-	3,124
Coaches	-	1,100
Deposit for coach 2020	-	100
Food	-	600
Expenses	-	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,982</b>

**Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account:**

	£	2019 £
Income:		
Balance 1 January	8,299	7,078
Donations	827	2,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,126</b>	<b>9,689</b>
Expenditure	1,684	1,390
<b>Balance 31 December</b>	<b>7,442</b>	<b>8,299</b>

**Current Assets:**

	General Fund £	Central Funds £	Local Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
CAF Bank Cash Account	16,182			<b>16,182</b>	21,555
CAF Bank Gold Account	3,444			<b>3,444</b>	3,441
CBF Deposit Account	19,736			<b>19,736</b>	19,736
Nat West MU Literature account			564	<b>564</b>	646
MU Literature cash in hand			49	<b>49</b>	54
MU Literature debtors			32	<b>32</b>	15
MU Literature stock	<b>1</b>		998	<b>998</b>	1,018
CBF Away From It All Holiday Project account			5,405	<b>5,405</b>	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account			7,441	<b>7,441</b>	8,299
Funds held by branches	<b>3</b>		5,894	<b>5,894</b>	8,783
Creditors	<b>4</b>	(5,556)	(639)	<b>(6,195)</b>	(11,739)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>39,362</b>	<b>(5,556)</b>	<b>19,744</b>	<b>53,550</b>	<b>57,213</b>

## Notes to the accounts

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### 1. MU Literature

Stock is bought at retail price from Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd. £48 of dated or damaged stock was written off during 2020.

### 2. Away From It All Holiday Project

Fund balance at 31 December 2020 is £15,950.

### 3. Funds held by branches

At 31 December 2020 Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester had 10 deanery committees and 40 branches. The total assets held at 31 December 2020 by the 2 deaneries and 25 branches which submitted returns was £5,894.

### 4. Creditors at 31/12/20

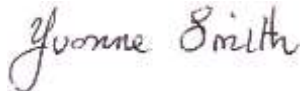
	General £	Central £	Local £	Total £
Overseas Development Fund		1,367		1,367
Relief Fund		180		180
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		484		484
MSH General Fund		3,525		3,525
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire			639	639
	-	<b>5,556</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>6,195</b>

This is the financial position of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester as at 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12th May 2021.



Yvonne Smith, Diocesan President and Chair of Trustees  
On behalf of the Trustees

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts**

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees and members of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, set out on pages 6 to 9 of this document**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required 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 of the Charities Act),  
and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

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 comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

