

MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRANCH)

England & Wales · Charity number 250086

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1968-02-05

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

Contact

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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 FAOURABLE TO STABLE FAMILY LIFE AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.5)TO HELP THOSE WHOSE FAMILY HAS MET WITH ADVERSITY.

Activities: A range of services are provided to support and enhance Christian family life in the Manchester Diocese and overseas. Financial and practical aid assists needs in schools, hospitals, hostels for the homeless, for elderly individuals in parishes,the diocese and where there is urgent need overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
- Manchester City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£41,245	£48,624	-	-
2023-12-31	£44,138	£49,935	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,724	£46,756	-	-
2021-12-31	£48,164	£55,960	-	-
2020-12-31	£54,041	£58,528	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Canon Dr Addy Lazz-Onyenobi		2022-05-07
Catherine Hilton		2025-01-01
Christine Leach		2025-01-01
John Sharp		2022-02-21
Pauline Greenhalgh		2025-01-01
Rosemary Taylor		2021-01-01

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Accounts

Charity Commissioners Annual Report for 2024
Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union Charity No 250086

Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner and today has over 4 million members in 84 countries worldwide. We work with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. We aim to build a future where everyone thrives. Full membership is open to anyone who is baptised in the name of the Trinity and we have friends and fellowship groups who support our aims and 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

Our identity: We, in Manchester, are part of a global, women led, volunteer movement. Our members are not all mothers or even women. They are single, married, parents, grandparents and young adults. Through prayer and action, our vision is a world where everyone prospers. We support and enable in order to build confident people and resilient communities. Our seek to bring about justice, challenge prejudice and advocate change. We aim to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities. We do this by helping to nurture strong relationships at all levels, promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally. Embedded in the Church and community, we have an unprecedented reach that gives a voice to the stigmatized and vulnerable locally and around the world. Safeguarding is always at the heart of what we do and we follow the Mothers' Union Britain Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Manchester Mothers' Union has the same boundaries and is divided into the same parishes, deaneries and archdeaconries as the Anglican Diocese. There are 824 paid members who either belong to local branches/groups, are deanery, diocesan, or indoor members. Our Diocesan President is Mrs Christine Sharp.

We have three Archdeaconry Presidents and two main Unit Coordinators, plus other smaller area co-ordinators who support Christine and facilitate the line of communication down to the deaneries and branches. Two roles of deanery leader and some branch leader roles remain vacant, with nominated correspondents or committees keeping the communication lines open.

The Board of Trustees is responsible to the Charity Commission and monitors the Diocesan expenditure in terms of its value and worth to the public and the promotion of Mothers' Union projects both at home and worldwide.

Our office is at St. John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND, which is overseen by the Trustee for Finance and Administration.

The office houses our shop/bookshop for the sale of cards, literature and Mothers' Union gifts. This is staffed by Mothers' Union volunteers and overseen by our MUE representative, Mrs Frances Brough. We have an unpaid volunteer treasurer.

Review of 2024

Our Diocesan President, Christine Sharp, holds office, along with the Archdeaconry Presidents, Unit Coordinators and the Trustee Board which met 4 times during the year either on Zoom or face to face. Spring Council in April and the AGM and Autumn Council meeting in October both took place at St. John's House, the End of Triennium Service of Celebration in October at Manchester Cathedral and our annual Advent service at St. Ann's Church in central Manchester in December.

Newsletters are sent out bi-monthly to members and other dioceses, with our indoor members receiving communications monthly. We continue to use a variety of social media and "A Moment with God" is monthly on our YouTube channel.

We aim to maintain our links in the Wave of Prayer with our five-link Dioceses of:

Kisangani in Democratic Republic of Congo

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Sunyani in Ghana

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Our **Outreach** support through our Manchester Projects continues to increase as shown through our impact recorded on MU Live.

Our areas of support cover:

Churches and local schools

Domestic Violence/Gender based violence/Modern Slavery

Refuges

Hospitals/ neo natal and baby units/bereavement

The homeless

Hostels

HMP Forest Bank, HMP Manchester, HMP Buckley Hall

Food banks

Refugees and asylum seekers

Homes for the elderly

Support for carers of those with disabilities

The lonely and isolated

Local community organisations throughout Greater Manchester

AFIA

Our Away From It All holiday project provides holidays and breaks for the less fortunate in society.

John Sharp

Administration and Finance Co-ordinator



Manchester Diocese Mother Union

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2024

Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Manchester Diocese Mother Union

Charity Number: 250086

Charity Address: St Johns House,
155-162 The Rock
Bury
BL90ND

Independent Examiner: Monton Green Accountancy Ltd

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	883	0	883	8,337
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	1,354	0	1,354	1,570
Investments				
Bank Interest	1,922	0	1,922	1,201
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	5,826	0	5,826	5,823
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	31,260	0	31,260	27,207
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	41,245	0	41,245	44,138
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	17,688	0	17,688	11,192
Admin	3,527	0	3,527	8,715
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	0	0	0	2
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	26,301	0	26,301	28,659
Premises	540	0	540	580
Staff Costs	417	0	417	499
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	150	0	150	288
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	48,624	0	48,624	49,935
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-7,379	0	-7,379	-5,798
Fund Transfers In	4,482	0	4,482	1,317
Fund Transfers Out	4,482	0	4,482	1,317
Net Movement of Cash Funds	-7,379	0	-7,379	-5,798
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	55,738	0	55,738	61,536
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	48,359	0	48,359	55,738

Represented By				
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	0	0	0
AFIA (Designated)	2,150	0	2,150	6,756
Manchester Projects (Designated)	3,157	0	3,157	11,440
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	42,136	0	42,136	36,700
MSH Appeals (Designated)	0	0	0	842
605 St Michael and All Angels Tonge (Designated)	917	0	917	0

Asset & Liability Statement

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Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		550	0	550	640
Other		40	0	40	50

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		948	0	948	1,264
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination		250	0	250	200

Fee Due					
Other		0	0	0	1,998

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name Mr John Sharp

Signature
John S Sharp

Date 20/11/2025

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

There were no transactions related parties during the accounting period.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	24,634	20,632	-4,002	0
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	36,700	11,898	10,704	4,242	42,136
Total	36,700	36,532	31,336	240	42,136
Designated					
AFIA (Designated)	6,756	1,354	5,961	0	2,150
Manchester Projects (Designated)	11,440	1,421	9,704	0	3,157
MSH Appeals (Designated)	842	597	1,439	0	0
605 St Michael and All Angels Tonge (Designated)	0	1,341	184	-240	917
Total	19,038	4,713	17,288	-240	6,223
Unrestricted Total	55,738	41,245	48,624	0	48,359
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	55,738	41,245	48,624	0	48,359



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRNACH)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

250086

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Cullen

Date:

19/11/2025

Name:

CAROLYN CULLEN

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

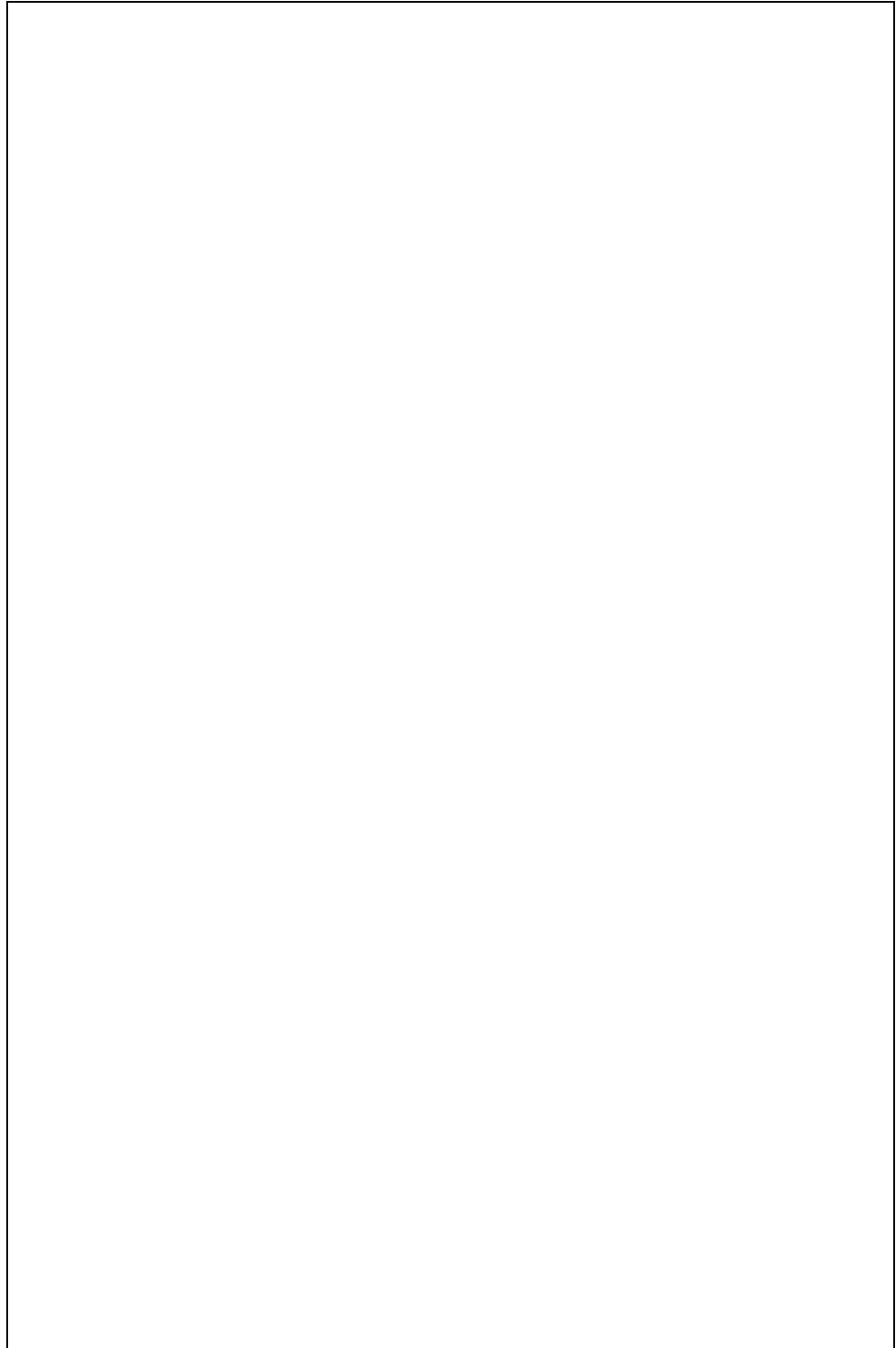
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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We have an unpaid volunteer treasurer to handle the financial transactions.

Review of 2023

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Administration and Finance Co-ordinator



Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union

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Charity Number: 250086

Charity Address: St Johns House
155 - 162 The Rock
Bury
BI9 0ND

Independent Examiner: **Monton Green Accountancy Ltd**

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	8,337	0	8,337	31,540
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	1,570	0	1,570	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	1,201	0	1,201	722
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	5,823	0	5,823	5,022
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	27,207	0	27,207	0
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	44,138	0	44,138	37,284
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	11,192	0	11,192	30,663
Admin	8,715	0	8,715	9,770
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	2	0	2	0
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	28,659	0	28,659	5,165
Premises	580	0	580	0
Staff Costs	499	0	499	0
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	288	0	288	0
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	49,935	0	49,935	45,598
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-5,798	0	-5,798	-8,314
Fund Transfers In	1,317	0	1,317	0
Fund Transfers Out	1,317	0	1,317	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	-5,798	0	-5,798	-8,314
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	61,536	0	61,536	69,849
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	55,738	0	55,738	61,535

Represented By				
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	0	0	0
AFIA (Designated)	6,756	0	6,756	9,133
Manchester Projects (Designated)	11,440	0	11,440	15,257
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	36,700	0	36,700	37,145
MSH Appeals (Designated)	842	0	842	0

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

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Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		640	0	640	0
Other	Petty Cash	50	0	50	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		1,264	0	1,264	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		200	0	200	0
Other		1,998	0	1,998	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name Mr John Sharp

Signature

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Date 19/11/2025

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Transactions to Related Parties

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Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	23,126	21,809	-1,317	0
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	37,145	15,445	17,207	1,317	36,700
Total	37,145	38,571	39,016	0	36,700
Designated					
AFIA (Designated)	9,133	1,570	3,946	0	6,756
Manchester Projects (Designated)	15,257	2,800	6,618	0	11,440
MSH Appeals (Designated)	0	1,197	355	0	842
Total	24,390	5,567	10,919	0	19,038
Unrestricted Total	61,536	44,138	49,935	0	55,738
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	61,536	44,138	49,935	0	55,738



Section A

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Signed:

Cullen

Date:

18/11/2025

Name:

CAROLYN CULLEN

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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The 2023 accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The charity is entitled to use the receipts and payments basis, this note is to highlight the change in preparation basis from the 2022 accounts which were prepared on an accruals basis.

The 2023 accounts do not include cash balances held in bank accounts which are controlled by the branches or transactions during the year in these accounts. This is a change from 2022 as the balances and transactions in these bank accounts were previously included. The decision not to include the branch bank account information for 2023 was made by the trustees of the charity as they have no access, control or visibility over these bank accounts and it was deemed that the funds in these accounts was not part of this charitable entity.

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Community organisations

The lonely and isolated

Local schools and churches

AFIA

Our Away From It All holiday project provides holidays and breaks for the less fortunate in society.

John Sharp

Administration and Finance Co-ordinator

Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union

Charity Number 250086

Financial Statements

for the Year ended 31st December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from members	1	27,245	2,735	29,980	35,630
Events and One-off Projects				-	4,106
Ancillary trading	2	5,022		5,022	5,156
Investment & Gift Aid	3	573	149	722	3,272
Total Incoming Resources		32,840	2,884	35,724	48,164
RESOURCES USED					
Payments to Mary Sumner House	4	19,440	40	19,480	22,396
Diocesan Restricted Activities	5		7,036	7,036	3,379
Ancillary trading	6	5,022		5,022	4,352
Management & Administration	7	9,729	81	9,810	15,302
Branch/Deanery Charitable Works	8	5,408		5,408	8,520
Closed Branches	9	-		-	2,011
Total Resources Used		39,599	7,157	46,756	55,960
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources		-6,759	-4,273	-11,032	-7,796
Balances b/fwd		61,689	26,394	88,083	95,879
		54,930	22,121	77,051	88,083

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	Note	2022		2021
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	10		<u>1,264</u>	<u>984</u>
Current Assets				
Stock	11	777		1,368
Sundry debtors and prepayments	12	-		4,275
Cash at bank & in hand	13	79,870		<u>82,446</u>
			<u>80,647</u>	<u>88,089</u>
Current Liabilities				
Sundry creditors	14		<u>-3,557</u>	<u>-990</u>
Net Current Assets				
			<u>77,090</u>	<u>87,099</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			<u><u>78,354</u></u>	<u><u>88,083</u></u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted funds				
	15		54,930	61,689
Restricted funds				
	16		<u>22,122</u>	<u>26,394</u>
Total Funds				
			<u><u>77,052</u></u>	<u><u>88,083</u></u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on its behalf by Christine Sharp (Diocesan President)

Christine Z. Sharp

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Other than reimbursement of expenses incurred, there were no payments to Trustees of the Charity.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Assets retained for charity use

Assets recognised but not valued include:

- President's and Deanery Leaders' brooches
- Office and shop furniture
- IT and AV equipment
- Display materials

Notes to the Financial Activities year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources from members	1				
Annual Subscriptions		26,550	54	26,604	26,944
Branch/Deanery Income				-	9,033
Collection at Diocesan Service		88		88	-
Donations					
Development Fund			450	450	147
Special Appeals			40	40	951
Manchester Diocese		607		607	760
Away From It All			380	380	865
Indoor Members Prayer Circle			161	161	-
Manchester Projects			1,193	1,193	442
Just up your Street			302	302	844
Welcoming Strangers			155	155	450
Total		27,245	2,735	29,980	40,436
Ancillary trading	2				
Literature sales		5,022		5,022	4,367
MU enterprises Ltd grant				-	711
Donations for face-coverings				-	22
Donations for lockdown poetry book				-	56
Total		5,022	-	5,022	5,156
Investment & Gift Aid	3				
CCLA and Bank Interest		357	149	506	22
Bank incentive				-	2,500
Income Tax refunded through Gift Aid		216		216	750
Total		573	149	722	3,272
Payments to Mary Sumner House	4				
Subscriptions		19,440		19,440	21,312
Development Fund				-	233
Special Appeals			40	40	851
Total		19,440	40	19,480	22,396
Diocesan Restricted Activities	5				
Away From It All			4,180	4,180	1,384
Indoor Members Prayer Circle			118	118	-
Manchester Projects			551	551	381
Just up your Street			1,598	1,598	734
Welcoming Strangers			589	589	880
Total			7,036	7,036	3,379

Notes to the Financial Activities year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Ancilliary trading	6				
Literature, etc.		5,022		5,022	4,352
Total		<u>5,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,022</u>	<u>4,352</u>
Management & Administration	7				
Salaries and National Insurance		5,272		5,272	9,914
Contribution to use of premises		1,000		1,000	1,000
Insurance		450		450	430
Office expenses		1,303		1,303	1,272
Office equipment depreciation		316		316	246
Postage		8	16	24	176
Printing and stationery		214	65	279	939
Expenses for co-ordinators, etc.		466		466	887
Expenses for conferences, meetings		500		500	238
Accountant's fee		200		200	200
Branch/Deanery Expenses				-	8,520
Total		<u>9,729</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>9,810</u>	<u>23,822</u>
Branch/Deanery Charitable Works	8	<u>5,408</u>		<u>5,408</u>	<u>-</u>
Closed branches	9			<u>-</u>	<u>2,011</u>
Tangible fixed assets	10				
Cost at 1st January 2022				985	1,091
Additions in year				595	140
Depreciation @ 20%				-316	-246
Net Book Value				<u>1,264</u>	<u>985</u>
Shop Stock	11			<u>777</u>	<u>1,368</u>
Sundry debtors and prepayments	12			<u>-</u>	<u>4,275</u>
Cash at bank & in hand	13				
Short term deposit - CCLA				35,058	34,603
Deposit account - Diocese				25,977	22,911
Current accounts - Diocese				500	500
Branch and Deanery accounts				18,234	21,666
Cash in hand				100	2,766
Total cash at bank & in hand				<u>79,870</u>	<u>82,446</u>

Notes to the Financial Activities year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	0 £	0 £
Sundry creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	14			<u>-3,557</u>	<u>-990</u>
Unrestricted funds					
	15				
General Account - Diocese				-22,059	-22,452
Branch/Deanery Accounts				-18,234	-24,332
Special account - projects				-14,000	-14,000
Special account - revenue				-637	-905
Total				<u>-54,930</u>	<u>-61,689</u>
Restricted funds					
	16				
Development Fund				-450	-
Special Appeals				-100	-100
Away From It All				-9,208	-12,926
Indoor Members Prayer Circle				-5,938	-5,871
Hospital				-307	-306
Manchester Projects				-1,404	-758
Just up your Street				-1,496	-2,786
Welcoming Strangers				-3,219	-3,647
Total				<u>-22,122</u>	<u>-26,394</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRNACH)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

250086

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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Signed:

Cullen

Date:

05/03/2025

Name:

CAROLYN CULLEN

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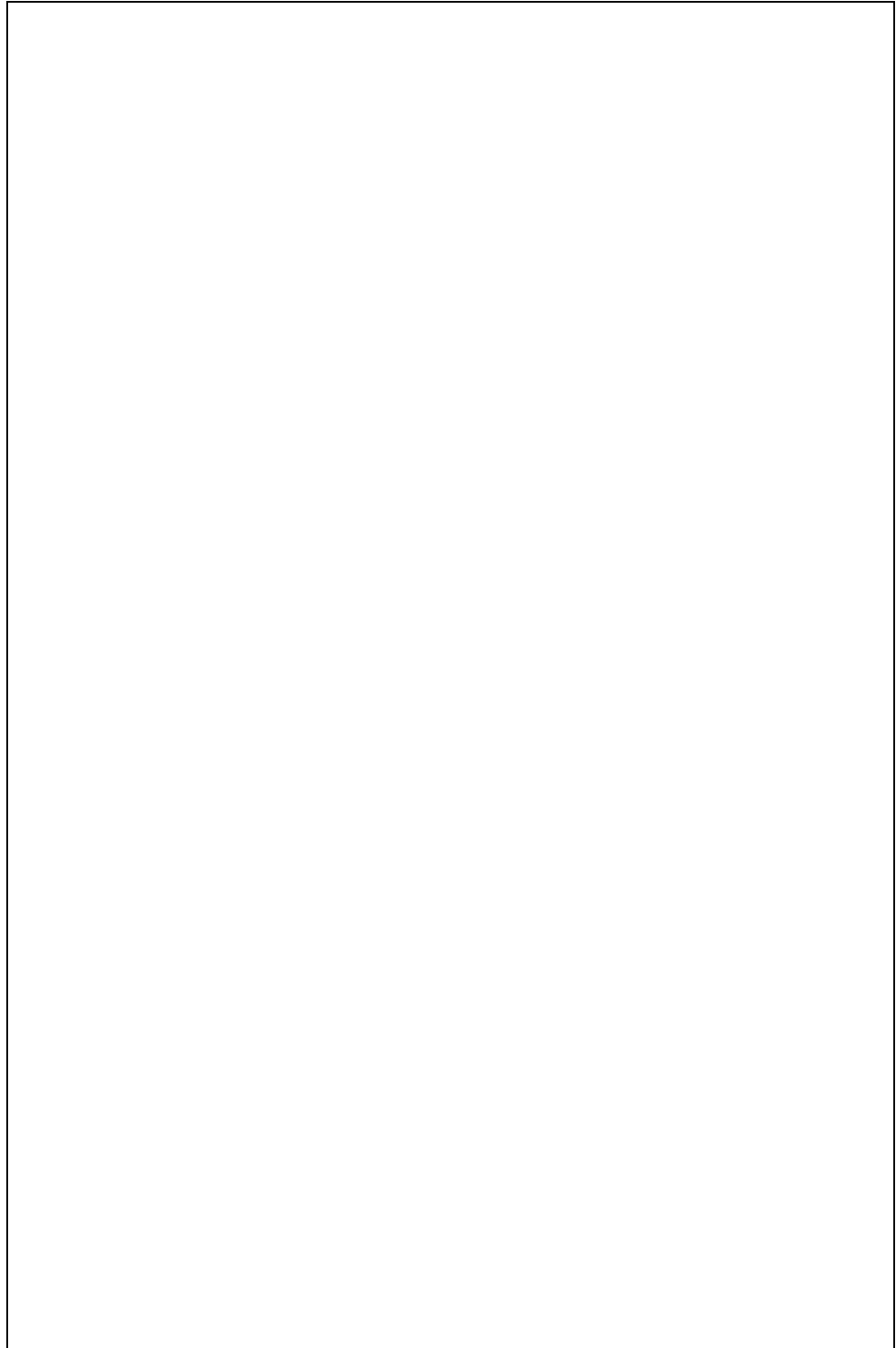
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MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRANCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 250086

Accounts

Charity Commissioners Annual Report for 2021
Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union Charity No 250086

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian organisation founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner and today has over 4 million members in 84 countries worldwide. Membership is open to anyone who is baptised in the name of the Trinity and supports its Aims and 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

Our identity: We, in Manchester, are part of a global, women led, volunteer movement. Through prayer and action, our vision is a world where everyone prospers. We support and enable in order to build confident people and resilient communities. Our movement seeks to bring about justice, challenge prejudice and advocate change. We aim to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide. We do this by helping to nurture strong relationships at all levels, promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally. Embedded in the Church and community, we have an unprecedented reach that gives a voice to the stigmatized and vulnerable around the world.

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Our Diocesan President, Christine Sharp holds office, along with the Archdeaconry Presidents, Unit Coordinators and the Trustee Board which met virtually 4 times during the year. Spring Council was held on Zoom due to ongoing issues with COVID 19. The AGM and Autumn Council meeting was held face to face as normal.

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Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union

Charity Number 250086

Financial Statements

for the Year ended 31st December 2021

2021-2022

Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union

Charity Number 250086

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	Note	2021		2020
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	11		<u>984</u>	<u>1,091</u>
Current Assets				
Stock	12	1,368		2,555
Sundry debtors and prepayments	13	4,275		3,078
Cash at bank & in hand	14	82,446		<u>91,101</u>
			<u>88,089</u>	<u>96,734</u>
Current Liabilities				
Sundry creditors	15		<u>(990)</u>	<u>(1,946)</u>
Net Current Assets				
			<u>87,099</u>	<u>94,788</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			<u><u>88,083</u></u>	<u><u>95,879</u></u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted funds				
	16		61,689	68,627
Restricted funds				
	17		<u>26,394</u>	<u>27,252</u>
Total Funds				
			<u><u>88,083</u></u>	<u><u>95,879</u></u>

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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from members	1	31,862	3,768	35,630	44,343
Events & One-off Projects	2	4,106	-	4,106	1,449
Ancillary trading	3	5,156	-	5,156	6,290
Investment & Gift Aid	4	3,265	7	3,272	2,587
Total Incoming Resources		44,389	3,775	48,164	54,669
RESOURCES USED					
Payments to Mary Sumner House	5	21,312	1,084	22,396	24,593
Diocesan Restricted Activities	6	-	3,379	3,379	4,614
Ancillary trading	7	4,352	-	4,352	5,594
Management & Administration	8	15,133	169	15,302	14,112
Deanery/Branch Expenses	9	8,520	-	8,520	9,304
Closed Branches	10	2,011	-	2,011	939
Total Resources Used		51,328	4,632	55,960	59,156
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources		(6,939)	(857)	(7,796)	(4,487)
Balances b/fwd		68,628	27,251	95,879	100,366
		61,689	26,394	88,083	95,879

Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union

Charity Number 250086

Notes to the Financial Activities year ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources from members	1				
Annual Subscriptions		26,875	69	26,944	28,314
Branch Subscriptions		3,343		3,343	1,706
Donations					
Manchester Diocese				-	760
Overseas				-	-
BIDF				-	-
Relief				-	-
Development Fund			147	147	-
Special Appeals			951	951	295
Away From It All			865	865	7,541
Indoor Members Prayer Circle				-	195
Manchester Projects			442	442	25
Just up your Street			844	844	2,038
Welcoming Strangers			450	450	1,195
Manchester Branches		1,644		1,644	1,043
Total		31,862	3,768	35,630	43,112
Events & Projects	2				
Fundraising/Events		4,046		4,046	1,233
Miscellaneous		60		60	216
Total		4,106	-	4,106	1,449
Ancillary trading	3				
Literature sales		4,367		4,367	4,848
MU enterprises Ltd grant		711		711	766
Donations for face-coverings		22		22	419
Donations for lockdown poetry book		56		56	257
Total		5,156	-	5,156	6,290
Investment & Gift Aid	4				
Bank Interest		15	7	22	183
Bank incentive		2,500		2,500	1,250
Income Tax refunded through Gift Aid		750		750	1,154
Total		3,265	7	3,272	2,587
Payments to Mary Sumner House	5				
Subscriptions		21,312		21,312	17,414
Development Fund			233	233	1,394
Special Appeals			851	851	785
Emergency Covid Appeal				-	5,000
Total		21,312	1,084	22,396	24,593

Notes to the Financial Activities year ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Diocesan Restricted Activities	6				
Away From It All			1,384	1,384	2,147
Indoor Members Prayer Circle				-	-
Manchester Projects			381	381	27
Just up your Street			734	734	2,440
Welcoming Strangers			880	-	-
Total		-	3,379	2,499	4,614
Ancillary trading	7				
Publications				-	746
Literature, etc.		4,352		4,352	4,848
Old stock written off				-	-
Total		4,352	-	4,352	5,594
Management & Administration	8				
Salaries and National Insurance		9,914		9,914	9,736
Contribution to use of premises		1,000		1,000	1,000
Insurance		400	30	430	490
Office expenses		1,272		1,272	1,434
Office equipment depreciation		246		246	272
Postage		75	101	176	53
Printing and stationery		901	38	939	759
Expenses for co-ordinators, etc.		887		887	129
Expenses for conferences, meetings		238		238	39
Accountant's fee		200		200	200
Total		15,133	169	15,302	14,112
Deanery/Branch Expenses	9				
Rent		916		916	158
Speakers' expenses		137		137	208
Officers' expenses		57		57	76
Donations		5,829		5,829	8,065
Refreshments		120		120	109
Flowers & Gifts		1,086		1,086	506
Fund Raising Expenses		350		350	-
Miscellaneous expenses		25		25	182
Total		8,520	-	8,520	9,304
Closed branches	10	2,011	-	2,011	939

Notes to the Financial Statements year ended 31st December 2021

		2021 £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	11		
Cost at 1st January 2021		1,091	1,363
Additions in year		139	-
Depreciation @ 20%		(246)	(272)
Net Book Value		<u>984</u>	<u>1,091</u>
Shop Stock	12	<u>1,368</u>	<u>2,555</u>
Sundry debtors and prepayments	13	<u>4,275</u>	<u>3,078</u>
Cash at bank & in hand	14		
Short term deposit - Central Board of Finance		34,603	34,585
Deposit account - Diocese		22,911	32,389
Current accounts - Diocese		500	500
Branch and Deanery accounts		21,666	22,159
Cash in hand		2,766	1,468
Total cash at bank & in hand		<u>82,446</u>	<u>91,101</u>
Sundry creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(990)</u>	<u>(1,946)</u>
Unrestricted funds	16		
General Account - Diocese		(22,452)	(30,203)
Branch Accounts		(21,253)	(21,688)
Deanery Accounts		(3,079)	(1,838)
Special account - projects		(14,000)	(14,000)
Special account - revenue		(905)	(898)
Total		<u>(61,689)</u>	<u>(68,627)</u>
Restricted funds	17		
Development Fund		-	(86)
Special Appeals		(100)	-
Away From It All		(12,926)	(13,472)
Indoor Members Prayer Circle		(5,871)	(5,938)
Hospital		(306)	(306)
Manchester Projects		(758)	(698)
Just up your Street		(2,786)	(2,676)
Welcoming Strangers		(3,647)	(4,076)
Total		<u>(26,394)</u>	<u>(27,252)</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRNACH)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

Cullen

Date:

15/04/2023

Name:

CAROLYN CULLEN

**Relevant professional
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MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRANCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 250086

Accounts

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Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner and today has over 4 million members in 84 countries worldwide. Membership is open to anyone who is baptised in the name of the Trinity and supports its Aim and Purpose of "demonstrating the Christian faith in action" by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms"

Our identity: We, in Manchester, are part of a global, women led, volunteer movement. United in our diversity and living out our faith, we support individuals and families to transform their lives. Embedded in the Church and community, we have an unprecedented reach that gives a voice to the stigmatized and vulnerable around the world.

Manchester Mothers' Union has the same boundaries and is divided into the same parishes, deaneries and archdeaconries as the Anglican Diocese. There are 1003 members in 73 branches (our numbers have decreased this year because of the passing of many members) plus 11 Diocesan Members.

Our Diocesan President is Mrs Christine Sharp

We have three Archdeaconry Presidents and four Unit Coordinators who support Christine and facilitate the line of communication down to the Deaneries and Branches. Some posts of deanery and branch leader remain vacant; with nominated correspondents or committees keeping the communication lines open.

The Board of Trustees is responsible to the Charity Commission and monitors the Diocesan expenditure in terms of its value and worth to the public and the promotion of Mothers' Union projects both at home and worldwide.

Our office is on the 3rd floor of Church House, Manchester, where our secretary works four days, 20 hours per week.

This floor also houses our shop/bookshop for the sale of cards, literature and Mothers' Union gifts. This is staffed by Mothers' Union volunteers and overseen by our MUE representative, Mrs Frances Brough,

We have an unpaid volunteer treasurer to handle the financial transactions.

Review of 2020

Our Diocesan President, Christine Sharp holds office, along with the Archdeaconry Presidents, Unit Coordinators and the Trustees Board. Spring & Autumn Council Meetings were held on Zoom because of Covid 19 restrictions

We were unable this year to hold our Annual Advent Service in December.

We continue to maintain our links in the Wave of Prayer with our five-link Diocese, which are:

Kisangani in Democratic Republic of Congo

Kagera in Tanzania

Awka in Nigeria

Sunyani in Ghana

Popandota in Papua New Guinea

We hope to nurture friendship within the Wave of Prayer with these Dioceses.

Our **Action and Outreach** projects have been maintained in very many different ways because of lockdown procedures and our being unable to meet in our branches.

This year the areas of our concern and assistance were focused upon:

Countering effects of Isolation

Domestic Violence

Support for the NHS

Collecting for homeless & Food banks

Providing Light relief with Lockdown Poetry

Gender Based Violence

Supporting refugees

AFIA (our Away from it all) project

We have provided hospital support where appropriate, i.e. knitting hats for premature babies and baskets of love.

Providing one day breaks, where Covid19 restrictions allowed to Key Workers.

Knitted Cross-in-Pockets for the lonely and Military Services have been supplied.

Prison Project

Our Co-ordinator, current President, is working with the Chaplain at **HMP Forest Bank prison**, who is keen to contact all those agencies and organisations who may be able to help in a resettlement/befriending program.

This year we have been supplying “Prisoner release packs” for released prisoners, containing essential items, toiletries and underwear etc. Family Day books, crafts materials and chocolate have also been provided.

We have provided reading glasses (non prescriptive)

HMP Manchester

We have maintained our connection with this prison but not directly been involved throughout lockdown

We have a “**JUST UP YOUR SREET**” project which helps in poorer communities. Any queries we have received for assistance have been dealt with immediately within Covid boundaries.

This year Posada sets were knitted for use in Church of England schools in the Diocese.

Mothers’ Union Constitution & Regulations

During this year we formed a group of four, dedicated to the rewriting of our Constitution and Regulations for Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union. This was completed, agreed by all of the Trustees and sent out to all the Archdeaconries and Deaneries for their onward transmission to the Branches.

Whilst we have continued to communicate without meeting physically, our Marketing Co-ordinator has been sending out monthly Newsletters keeping everyone informed of latest news and updates.

The problem we have had has been in being unable to have our Accounts Audited. Our Accountant moved out of the UK and we have been trying to ensure these are consolidated as quickly as possible.

Maureen Moore
Finance & Administration Co-ordinator

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union Charity Number 250086

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out in the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145(1)(a) of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
- and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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8th May 2022