

**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 You Tube channel.

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

Kisangani in Democratic Republic of Congo

Kagera in Tanzania

Awka in Nigeria

Sunyani in Ghana

Popondota in Papua New Guinea

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

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
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations &amp; Legacies</b>				
Donations	883	0	883	8,337
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Event Income	1,354	0	1,354	1,570
<b>Investments</b>				
Bank Interest	1,922	0	1,922	1,201
<b>Trading Activities</b>				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	5,826	0	5,826	5,823
<b>Other</b>				
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
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,245</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41,245</b>	<b>44,138</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
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
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Governance Costs	150	0	150	288
<b>Other</b>				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,624</b>	<b>49,935</b>
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
<b>Total Cash Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>55,738</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55,738</b>	<b>61,536</b>
<b>Total Cash Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>48,359</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,359</b>	<b>55,738</b>

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

## Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
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
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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
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	24,634	20,632	-4,002	0
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	36,700	11,898	10,704	4,242	42,136
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,700</b>	<b>36,532</b>	<b>31,336</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>42,136</b>
<b>Designated</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,038</b>	<b>4,713</b>	<b>17,288</b>	<b>-240</b>	<b>6,223</b>
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>	<b>55,738</b>	<b>41,245</b>	<b>48,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,359</b>
<b>Restricted Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,738</b>	<b>41,245</b>	<b>48,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,359</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRNACH)

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>ST</sup> 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):

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF ENGLAND & WALES  
(ICAEW)

Address:

5 HAWTHORN AVENUE  
ECCLES, MANCHESTER  
M30 9NE

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.**