

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY BRANCH)

England & Wales · Charity number 250124

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1966-11-15

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE ANT TO PROMOTE IT'S WIDER UNDERSTANDING. 2) TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH. 3) TO MAINTAIN A WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS,UNITED IN PRAYER, WORSHIP AND SERVICE. 4) TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS IN SOCIETY FAVOURABLE TO STABLE FAMILY LIFE AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. 5) TO HELP THOSE WHOSE FAMILY LIFE HAS MET WITH ADVERSITY.

Activities: To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding. encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church. To maintain a fellowship of Christians .promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and for the protection of children. help those whose family life has met with adversity

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY.
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£53,560	£54,196	-	-
2023-12-31	£47,333	£38,766	-	-
2022-12-31	£61,517	£65,536	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,847	£17,229	-	-
2020-12-31	£18,667	£23,727	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Debra Anne Smith		2023-01-01
Jacqueline Curd		2022-01-01
Mary Cook		2025-01-01
Rachel Thomas		2022-01-01
Rev Carol Smith		2025-01-01
Susan Spillett		2022-01-01
Susan Thomas		2017-07-05

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Accounts

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Canterbury



Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Canterbury

Registered Charity No 250124

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Mothers' Union Canterbury Diocese Annual Report 2024

Patrons

The Lord Bishop of Dover Rt Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin

Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Canterbury

Registered Charity Number: 250124

Charity's principal address: 3 Woodstock Road
Sittingbourne
Kent ME10 4HH

Names of the trustees who manage the charity:

Mrs Jackie Curd- Trustee and acting Diocesan President

Mrs Susan Thomas – Trustee and Diocesan Treasurer

Mrs Susan Spillett – Trustee

Ms Rachel Thomas – Trustee

Mrs Debbie Smith – Trustee

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of Governing document Royal Charter granted 15th June 1926 as amended by supplemental Charter dated 6th September 1974

Trustee selection methods Elected from membership

Our aims and objectives are:

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out by its governing document:

- 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

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

2024 was a busy year with our AFIA holiday and stabilising our membership. The reduced Trustee Board focused on the priorities of meeting the members, ensuring the key objectives were met and that the AFIA holiday was facilitated. The Trustee Board met bi-monthly with a structured meeting following a pre published agenda. Jackie Curd had attended the Provincial Conferences to represent the Diocese and reported back to the Trustee Board.

Several branches have maintained the running of their toddler group within their church buildings. The volunteers are all Mothers' Union members although one branch is able to fund a Playgroup Leader. The necessary DBS checks and First Aid qualifications were achieved. It was noted by one branch that by attending their toddler group many families sought to explore their Christian faith and were now regularly attending church services. Some members are actively participating in baptism preparation in their church and several branches send out baptism anniversary cards to let the families know we are still praying for them.

Many members are active in running Sunday School groups within their church. The members at St Nicholas, Allington participated in a living tableau – "Journey to Bethlehem" at local schools with an interesting variety of shepherds and angels.

Membership: The members were invited to three Diocesan meetings (March and November) and the AGM in June. The members meetings in the spring and autumn now start with a eucharist and we are grateful to our chaplain Rev Dr Emma Pennington for her continued support. The business then follows, and the meeting concludes with lunch which has proved very popular as a chance for members to chat and meet up with old friends. The AGM in June was chaired by Debbie Smith and was well attended.

The Diocesan Newsletter is published three times a year and delivered to every member of the Diocese. This contains reports and pictures of events that have been held locally, a report from Mary Sumner House, a prayer diary, a report from our overseas link dioceses and a list of forthcoming events across the diocese.

Diocesan Members: Sue Spillett is now corresponding regularly with these members and is planning to try and meet up with some of them. There was an increase in Diocesan Membership as members who had previously been members of branches that had closed transferred to become Diocesan Members.

Indoor Members: Each branch is encouraged to maintain contact with their members who can no longer participate in branch activities but maintain a ministry of prayer.

Cathedral Prayer Time: Every member is invited to join in with our monthly prayer time in the Jesus Chapel of Canterbury Cathedral. The prayer rota is managed by Margaret Horwood.

Wave of Prayer: Sue Spillett organised our Wave of Prayer. The Trustees compiled the service with help from Danielle Ligneau Wilton, our Overseas Link Co-ordinator and each branch held their service at the allocated time.

Corporate Communion: Many branches hold a monthly communion service for its members.

Branch Meetings: The larger branches are able to hold a monthly meeting but the smaller branches meet following a service in their church either midweek or on a Sunday. Each meeting begins with a time of worship and prayer reflecting on God's word followed by a speaker or a faith based activity. One branch has an evening branch for younger members who meet at the allotment in the summer and the pub in the winter. Another branch offers a monthly supper club to its younger mums.

Advent Service: The Advent Service was held in the Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral by kind permission of the Dean, The Very Reverend Dr David Monteith. Dean David led our worship assisted by our Chaplain the Rev Dr Emma Pennington.

Rise Up against Domestic Abuse: Wendy Brown has agreed to be the representative on the Domestic Abuse Community of Interest. Branches were encouraged to pray for the victims of Domestic Abuse at their meetings. In November many branches and Canterbury Cathedral set up a red chair in their church as part of the global "16 days of Activism" campaign. Several held prayer meetings during this time and knitted purple and white hearts and origami doves were used symbolically to demonstrate the hope for peace and transformation in the lives of the victims.

Two churches have achieved the Bronze Rise Up Award – St Peter's, Boughton Monchelsea and St Martin and St Paul's, Canterbury. Other branches are working towards achieving this award.

Gifts of Support: Several branches supported the Blytheswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal by filling shoeboxes with gifts for those in Ukraine. Many branches also prepared wrapped gifts for those in local Mental Health hospitals who wouldn't otherwise receive a gift. Holy Trinity in Margate have supported young people leaving foster care with a new rucksack for their belongings. The rucksack also contains some toiletries. Several bags of knitted baby hats for newborn babies have been delivered to local maternity units. Some branches have been able to support their local refuge with specific gifts when requested and particularly at Christmas and Easter

Prisons: Marianna Poliszczuk and fellow members from Maidstone have maintained our links with the local prison and guided by the prison chaplain have given cards and gifts at festival times.

AFIA: August saw 12 families enjoy a fully funded, accompanied holiday in Ashburnham Conference Centre, Eastbourne. The team was led by Sue Thomas ably assisted by 11 volunteers. The families were greeted on the Sunday afternoon and shown to their rooms where a basket of toiletries and beach towels awaited them, all donated by the members. On Monday after a walk around the lake a series of craft activities organised by Ruth Baker helped everybody get to know each other. On Tuesday we were all on a coach to Knockholt Adventure Centre for the day. The weather was perfect and a large variety of animals, plenty of free rides and water play made for a perfect day out. On Wednesday we were back in the craft room and had fun with bubbles, tie dying, making picture frames and outdoor play. On

Thursday we went to Eastbourne where we had use of a local church hall for refuge if needed and the bonus of the Eastbourne Air Show. The following morning there were lots of tears as goodbyes were said we all returned home. The feedback from the families was very positive. Most families commented on the kindness they received and were amazed that there was an organisation that cared enough to fundraise for the holiday and then the volunteers were with them for the entire holiday.

The Trustees have looked at the Flourishing Families course being shared by Mary Sumner House but felt that there weren't enough resources to undertake this at present. The Trustee Board organised and ran the triennial elections for the next triennium 2025-2027.

Going forward:

We hope to increase the number of Trustees to the Board.

Explore the possibility of offering Quiet Days to our members.

Review the constitution.

Update Trustees on Governance training.

Cascade the Safeguarding training when available.

Plan events and marketing for the 150th Anniversary in 2026.

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

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	<u>Year ended</u>		<u>Year ended</u>	
	<u>31st December 2023</u>		<u>31st December 2024</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Central Funds				
Subscriptions		7,335.00		7,094.00
Overseas Funds		370.15		705.56
Emergency Relief Fund		60.00		130.00
General Fund		160.00		110.00
Fabric Fund		11.00		10.00
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		40.00		27.83
Wheels Appeal				
Christmas Appeal				
Make a Mothers Day				100.00
Summer of Hope		151.08		
<u>Sub Total</u>		8,127.23		8,177.39
Diocesan Funds				
Subscriptions		2,445.00		2,146.00
Donations				
Diocesan Project Fund				0.00
Diocesan Project - AFIA		6,431.50		7,761.58
Literature and Badges		189.75		
Miscellaneous Income		30.00		
Newsletter				
Bank Interest		38.77		238.17
CBF Interest		529.07		904.31
Sales Grant MSH		420.93		394.29
Tax Refund - Gift Aid General Fund		487.50		648.63
Archdeaconry fundraising				0.00
Diocesan General Fund		591.36		4,666.87
Archdeaconry		11,066.15		10,357.99
Branches		16,975.32		18,265.08
<u>Sub Total</u>		39,205.35		45,382.92
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		47,332.58		53,560.31

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	<u>Year ended</u>		<u>Year ended</u>	
	<u>31st December 2023</u>		<u>31st December 2024</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Resouces Expended</u>				
Central Funds				
Subscriptions		7,329.00		7,038.00
Overseas Funds		370.15		705.56
Emergency Relief Fund		60.00		130.00
General Fund		160.00		110.00
Fabric Fund		11.00		10.00
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		40.00		27.83
Wheels Appeal				
Christmas Appeal				
Make a Mothers Day				100.00
Summer of hope		151.08		
<u>Sub Total</u>		8,121.23		8,121.39
Diocesan Funds				
Printing/Post		93.58		82.17
Insurance		449.50		449.50
Diocesan Project Fund		153.95		72.00
Diocesan Project - AFIA		1,906.00		15,710.00
Literature and Badges		211.70		11.90
Miscellaneous Expenditure		38.00		175.00
Newsletter		1,040.00		850.00
Travel Expenses				74.69
Trustees Expenses		114.30		
Hire of Rooms		120.00		190.00
Fundraising expenses		96.58		
Province Contribution				115.00
Conferences		107.50		117.00
DBS Checks				0.00
Archdeaonries		10,918.83		10,497.61
Branches		15,395.14		17,730.26
<u>Sub Total</u>		30,645.08		46,075.13
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		38,766.31		54,196.52
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		8,566.27		-636.21
Opening Cash and Bank Balances		41,018.80		49,585.07
Closing Cash and Bank Balances		49,585.07		48,948.86

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY

31-Dec-24

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
Literature & Badges	-	Literature & Badges	11.90
Subs M.S.H.	7,094.00	Subs M.S.H.	7,038.00
Donations M.S.H.	1,083.39	Donations M.S.H.	1,083.39
Subs Diocese	2,146.00	Province Contribution	115.00
Diocese General Fund	1,365.90	Diocese Project Fund	72.00
Diocese Project Fund		A.F.I.A.	15,710.00
A.F.I.A.	7,761.58	Legacy	175.00
Archdeaconry Fundraising		Newsletter	850.00
Legacy	3,300.97	DBS Checks	
Bank Interest	238.17	Misc Expenditure	
CBF Interest	904.31		
		Travel Expenses	
		Trustee Expenses	74.69
		Print/Postage	82.17
Sales Grant M.S.H.	394.29	Insurance	449.50
Gift Aid General Fund	648.63	Conferences	117.00
Gift Aid Other Funds		Hire of Rooms	190.00
		Fundraising expenses	
	<u>24,937.24</u>		<u>25,968.65</u>

OPENING BALANCES

Fund Balances

General Fund	11,045.29
Diocese Project Fund	14,011.33
Diocese Project - AFIA	12,743.13
Training Fund	222.46
Archdeaonries	2,647.00
Branches	8,846.86
Money due to M.S.H.	69.00
	<u>49,585.07</u>

Bank Balances

	-
Current account	6,015.14
Deposit account	15,038.77
CBF Deposit a/c	17,037.30
Archdeaonries	2,647.00
Branches	8,846.86
	<u>49,585.07</u>

CLOSING BALANCES

Fund Balances

General Fund	14,852.33
Diocese Project Fund	13,939.33
Diocese Project - AFIA	4,794.71
Training Fund	222.46
Restricted Fund - Legacy	3,125.97
Archdeaonries	2,507.38
Branches	9,381.68
Money due to M.S.H.	125.00
	<u>48,948.86</u>

Bank Balances

	-
Current Account	5,841.25
Deposit Account	13,276.94
CBF Deposit a/c	17,941.61
Archdeaonries	2,507.38
Branches	9,381.68
	<u>48,948.86</u>

Mothers' Union Diocese of Canterbury
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023	2024
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Bank Current Account	6,015.14	5,841.25
CBF Deposit Account	17,037.30	17,941.61
Bank Deposit Account	15,038.77	13,276.94
Archdeaconries	2,647.00	2,507.38
Branches	8,846.86	9,381.68
	<u>49,585.07</u>	<u>48,948.86</u>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

MOTHER UNION DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

250 124

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: P.B.T.

Date: 1/4/25

Name: PETER BARTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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Accounts

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Annual Report 2023

Last year was a challenging one for us. We welcomed Debra Smith from Westgate on to our Trustee Board. We also said goodbye to Sandra Goodey in September. We will miss Sandra and her husband Phil and we thank them for the support they have given us over the past years. Sandra prepared our Wave of Prayer and also the Advent Service. We are continuing to work as a small trustee board and share the work among us. We are also without any Archdeaconry Presidents. We are grateful to Margaret Horwood who arranges the Cathedral Prayer time and helped to plan the Advent Service. We would like to thank Danielle Ligneau Wilton for her continued work with our overseas links.

In **May** we held another of our popular pop up teas. This time in Margate.

August was a very busy time. We held our Bible auction on Mary Sumner day it is amazing the items members bring along to sell. Jackie and her helpers once again prepared a splendid lunch. Much needed funds were raised for our AFIA holiday booked for 2024.

I was invited to speak during the morning service at Harbledown. This was a new venture for me and I was nervous.

AFIA. We are very grateful to Rita's daughter Hazel who did a sponsored walk and swim in memory of her mother. This raised the magnificent total of £1600 towards our AFIA holiday. We did send two families on a caravan holiday to New Romney. They both had a wonderful time and were so grateful.

In **September** Sue Spillett, Jackie Curd and myself attended the annual conference in York. This was an interesting day. The day started with a sketch from the local Mothers Union group. We heard from our Worldwide President, she talked at length about her visits during the year. We met members of the staff from Mary Sumner House. The day finished with evensong in the cathedral. It was worth standing in the pouring rain outside the Minster waiting to be let in.

Members Meetings – Our members meetings this year all started with a service of Holy Communion and in November we welcomed our Provincial President Kathryn Anderson to speak to us. She even came on her birthday. Once again Jackie and her team provided a lovely lunch.

Advent Service – Our Advent Service was led by our Chaplain Canon Emma Pennington and we welcomed the Dean The Very Reverend David Monteith as our preacher. David is an avid supporter and member of Mothers Union.

Prisons Marianna and a few members from Maidstone have been involved with work in the prisons. They were invited to attend the advent service and we gave Christmas cards to the prisoners.

Shoebboxes – Several branches took part in the annual shoebox appeal by Blytheswood. These boxes are always gratefully received. A lady from Blytheswood came to talk to one branch.

Looking Ahead -Edna Tupper and other members have been supporting looking ahead. They have provided necessary items to the young people living in these flats. Edna always makes sure these people have a chocolate egg at Easter and a small gift at Christmas.

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	<u>Year ended</u>		<u>Year ended</u>	
	<u>31st December 2023</u>		<u>31st December 2022</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Central Funds				
Subscriptions		7,335.00		7,843.00
Overseas Funds		370.15		724.07
Emergency Relief Fund		60.00		30.00
General Fund		160.00		110.00
Fabric Fund		11.00		15.75
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		40.00		209.00
Wheels Appeal				
Christmas Appeal				
Make a Mothers Day				50.00
Summer of Hope		151.08		30.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		8,127.23		9,011.82
Diocesan Funds				
Subscriptions		2,445.00		2,736.00
Donations				
Diocesan Project Fund				0.00
Diocesan Project - AFIA		6,431.50		10,394.42
Literature and Badges		189.75		543.15
Miscellaneous Income		30.00		17.40
Newsletter				
Bank Interest		38.77		
CBF Interest		529.07		214.31
Sales Grant MSH		420.93		330.06
Tax Refund - Gift Aid General Fund		487.50		712.25
Archdeaconry fundraising				0.00
Diocesan General Fund		591.36		3,374.00
Archdeaconry		11,066.15		12,418.97
Branches		16,975.32		21,763.93
<u>Sub Total</u>		39,205.35		52,504.49
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		47,332.58		61,516.31

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	<u>Year ended</u>		<u>Year ended</u>	
	<u>31st December 2023</u>		<u>31st December 2022</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
Central Funds				
Subscriptions		7,329.00		7,780.00
Overseas Funds		370.15		724.07
Emergency Relief Fund		60.00		30.00
General Fund		160.00		110.00
Fabric Fund		11.00		15.75
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		40.00		209.00
Wheels Appeal				
Christmas Appeal				
Make a Mothers Day				50.00
Summer of hope		151.08		30.00
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>8,121.23</u>		<u>8,948.82</u>
Diocesan Funds				
Administrator Salary and Expenses				3,809.01
Printing/Post		93.58		209.12
Insurance		449.50		
Diocesan Project Fund		153.95		177.78
Diocesan Project - AFIA		1,906.00		16,089.10
Literature and Badges		211.70		623.37
Miscellaneous Expenditure		38.00		74.99
Newsletter		1,040.00		705.00
Travel Expenses				13.45
Trustees Expenses		114.30		478.45
Hire of Rooms		120.00		120.00
Fundraising expenses		96.58		250.26
Province Contribution				100.00
Conferences		107.50		130.00
DBS Checks				38.32
Archdeaconries		10,918.83		12,508.65
Branches		15,395.14		21,259.67
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>30,645.08</u>		<u>56,587.17</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>38,766.31</u>		<u>65,535.99</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		8,566.27		-4,019.68

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY

31-Dec-23

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
Literature & Badges	189.75	Literature & Badges	211.70
Subs M.S.H.	7,335.00	Subs M.S.H.	7,329.00
Donations M.S.H.	792.23	Donations M.S.H.	792.23
Subs Diocese	2,445.00	Province Contribution	
Diocese General Fund	591.36	Diocese Project Fund	153.95
Diocese Project Fund		A.F.I.A.	1,906.00
A.F.I.A.	6,431.50		
Archdeaconry Fundraising		Newsletter	1,040.00
Misc Income	30.00	DBS Checks	
Bank Interest	38.77	Misc Expenditure	38.00
CBF Interest	529.07		
		Travel Expenses	
Sales Grant M.S.H.	420.93	Trustee Expenses	114.30
Gift Aid General Fund	487.50	Print/Postage	93.58
Gift Aid Other Funds		Insurance	449.50
		Conferences	107.50
		Hire of Rooms	120.00
		Fundraising expenses	96.58
	19,291.11		12,452.34

OPENING BALANCES

Fund Balances

General Fund	8,584.07
Diocese Project Fund	14,165.28
Diocese Project - AFIA	8,217.63
Training Fund	222.46
Archdeaonries	2,499.68
Branches	7,266.68
Money due to M.S.H.	63.00
	41,018.80

Bank Balances

Petty Cash	-
Current account	14,744.21
CBF Deposit a/c	16,508.23
Archdeaonries	2,499.68
Branches	7,266.68
	41,018.80

CLOSING BALANCES

Fund Balances

General Fund	11,045.29
Diocese Project Fund	14,011.33
Diocese Project - AFIA	12,743.13
Training Fund	222.46
Archdeaonries	2,647.00
Branches	8,846.86
Money due to M.S.H.	69.00
	49,585.07

Bank Balances

Petty Cash	-
Current Account	6,015.14
Deposit Account	15,038.77
CBF Deposit a/c	17,037.30
Archdeaonries	2,647.00
Branches	8,846.86
	49,585.07

Mothers' Union Diocese of Canterbury

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2022	2023
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Bank Current Account	14,744.21	6,015.14
CBF Deposit Account	16,508.23	17,037.30
Bank Deposit Account		15,038.77
Archdeaconries	2,499.68	2,647.00
Branches	7,266.68	8,846.86
	<u>41,018.80</u>	<u>49,585.07</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LANTERBURY

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no (if any)

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 31/12/2023.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

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Date:

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PETER BARTON

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Section B

Disclosure

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

NONE.

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY BRANCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 250124

Accounts

MU Canterbury Diocese

Trustee Annual Report 2022

This was always going to be another challenging year for Mothers' Union in Canterbury Diocese as it was both the start of a new triennium and Covid was still affecting our national and personal lives. However we knew that God was with us in all we did in His name.

For the first time, the MU theme of Transformation Now! was to last for three years, not one, as the worldwide movement concentrated on reimagining its ways of working.



Some of the new trustees board at our Festival Service along with our Chaplain & Bishop Rose

Same but different

A smaller trustee board than previously, met for the usual 5 times in the year. No longer led by a Diocesan President and with one of our number attending via video call, things felt different but the familiar projects and purpose of MU continued.

Praying

In January, the long awaited Reimagining conference was postponed (due to Covid) until July so in the spring we concentrated on our prayer and worship - Daniele & Sandra put together another thoughtfully produced Wave of Prayer and then we had our Festival Service at which the new trustee board and chaplain were commissioned. Bishop Rose even broke into song during her address. We were sad that trustees Rita and Sally were unable to be with us.

Monthly prayers in the cathedral had a new coordinator (thank you Margaret) and a new home - the Jesus Chapel. It was not available for every month but St Paul's and members' gardens were also used. As in previous years our November prayers focused on both gender violence and domestic abuse. New faces were added to the leading rota, along with different contributors to Together in Prayer each quarter.

Communicating

A mixed economy of paper, email, video conferencing and meeting face to face brings both opportunities and challenges. Some branches continued with their news sharing methods begun during lockdown. It was a struggle to produce our quarterly newsletter but by the end of the year we had settled on managing the editorial aspects amongst ourselves. With only a handful of trustees to oversee our work the role of administrator has been key, so Susan Bradley's unexpected decision to retire in the September was another significant change.

Changing lives

The collective prayers, projects and fund raising of our members continue to make a difference to so many people as we seek to reach out in Jesus name. From the large scale AFIA holiday and hospitality at the Lambeth Conference to regular toddler groups, support for the Women's Refuge or knitting for many and varied reasons, lives are changed. In March there was a clergy breakfast, in the summer a Community Wardrobe event. These are not everything we accomplish, as there is much that goes unnoticed or unreported.

Reimagining

Trustees linked with the wider church by attending diocesan synods during the year; delegates attended both the MU Provincial and Reimagining conferences which formed the basis of much of our work in the autumn as Mary Sumner House had asked each diocese to set three priorities for our future work. These are

AFIA 'extras' - Ashburnham, the new venue had been excellent and the holiday, a success. Members amazing fundraising was so generous that opportunities would be sought to support families in between the 'main event

Metamorphosis Bitesize - A copy of this new, six part community engagement tool was given to each branch at the November Members meeting where one activity was demonstrated (and the AFIA DVD was also shown). Branches would be encouraged to use the resource as appropriate, for example doing one of the interactive Bible studies

Fellowship is OK! - Formal meetings are important but we needed ways to reconnect after Covid. Our first two Pop up Teas had been well supported by enough members to encourage us to plan further events for 2023 and we would add more social time at Members Meetings and other gatherings.

Joys & Sorrows

After the wonderful celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee and the successful AFIA holiday, we were not prepared for the emotional ups and downs of the autumn, beginning with the sudden death of Queen Elizabeth 11. At the end of September we wished Susan well in her retirement, with thanksgiving for her many years of service. We were totally unprepared for the sudden death of our wonderful Rita Pengelly - so faithful to her Lord and beloved Mothers' Union. We all renewed our resolve to follow in her footsteps. November brought news of the tragic death of Craig, dad to one of the AFIA families. His wife and children were able to attend the successful AFIA Christmas party and were so overwhelmed by the hamper we put together for them.

This year also saw the unexpected deaths of two bishops from our link dioceses in Nigeria and Sudan - in August, Bishop Oyekpen from Akoko-Edo diocese and in December, Bishop Emmanuel from Kajo-Keji. Some of us had met with him and his lovely wife Cecelia only a few months earlier during the Lambeth Conference.

Changed from Glory into Glory

This was the theme of our Advent Service, again held in The Crypt at Canterbury. We were delighted that Canon Emma, our chaplain could preach at short notice with Jackie Curd leading. It is always a privilege to put together this service each year as we both reflect on the year and look forward.

We think now of those we have just mentioned who are now in the glorious company of heaven along with so many past members of MU. As we continue to be the hands of Jesus in God's world may we be strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

Sandra Goodey, Trustee

Reimagining

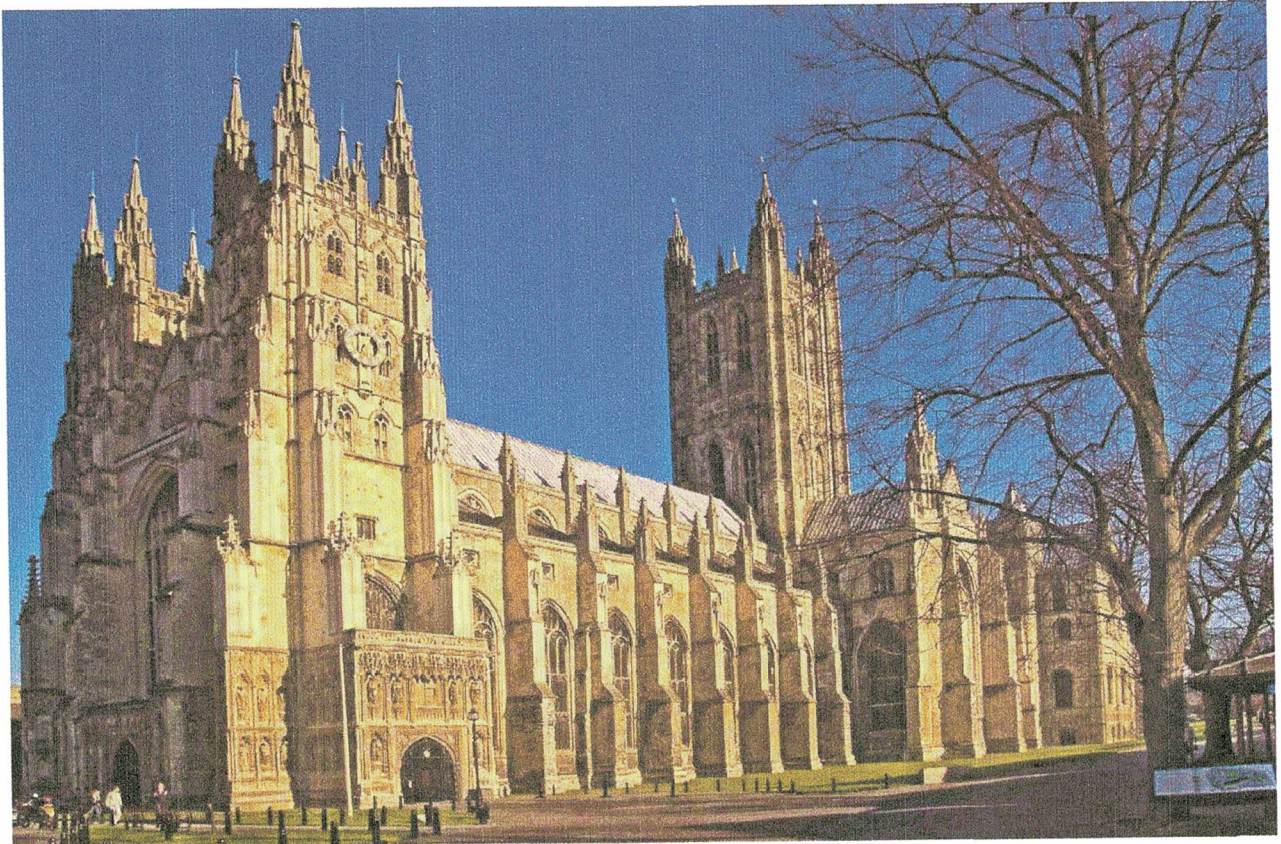
Members

Stories of change - Metamorphosis/ Afia/ community wardrobe

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Canterbury



Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Canterbury

Registered Charity No 250124

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Mothers' Union Diocese of Canterbury
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Bank Current Account	14,744.21	19,377.78
CBF Deposit Account	16,508.23	16,293.92
Cash held by Treasurer	-	15.00
Archdeaconries	2,499.68	2,589.36
Branches	7,266.68	6,762.42
	<u>41,018.80</u>	<u>45,038.48</u>

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
31-Dec-22

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
Literature & Badges	543.15	Literature & Badges	623.37
Subs M.S.H.	7,843.00	Subs M.S.H.	7,780.00
Donations M.S.H.	1,168.82	Donations M.S.H.	1,168.82
Subs Diocese	2,736.00	Province Contribution	100.00
Diocese General Fund	3,374.00	Diocese Project Fund	177.78
Diocese Project Fund		A.F.I.A.	16,089.10
A.F.I.A.	10,394.42	Zoom Licence	
Archdeaconry Fundraising		Newsletter	705.00
Misc Income	32.40	DBS Checks	38.32
Bank Interest	214.31	Misc Expenditure	74.99
Donations		Admin Salary and Expenses	3,809.01
		Travel Expenses	13.45
		Trustee Expenses	478.45
Sales Grant M.S.H.	330.06	Print/Postage	209.12
Gift Aid General Fund	712.25	Insurance	
Gift Aid Other Funds		Conferences	130.00
Annual Meeting Market		Hire of Rooms	120.00
		Petty Cash	-
		Fundraising expenses	250.26
	<u>27,348.41</u>		<u>31,767.67</u>
			15.00
<u>Petty Cash</u>		Expenditure	<u>15.00</u>
Income	<u>-</u>		
<u>OPENING BALANCES</u>		<u>Bank Balances</u>	
<u>Fund Balances</u>		Petty Cash	15.00
General Fund	7,208.87	Current account	19,377.78
Diocese Project Fund	14,343.06		
Diocese Project - AFIA	13,912.31	CBF Deposit a/c	16,293.92
Training Fund	222.46	Archdeaconries	2,589.36
Money due to M.S.H.		Branches	6,762.42
Archdeaconries	2,589.36		<u>45,038.48</u>
Branches	6,762.42		
	<u>45,038.48</u>		
		<u>Bank Balances</u>	
<u>CLOSING BALANCES</u>		Petty Cash	-
<u>Fund Balances</u>		Current Account	14,744.21
General Fund	8,584.07		
Diocese Project Fund	14,165.28	CBF Deposit a/c	16,508.23
Diocese Project - AFIA	8,217.63	Archdeaconries	2,499.68
Training Fund	222.46	Branches	7,266.68
Archdeaconries	2,499.68		<u>41,018.80</u>
Branches	7,266.68		
Money due to M.S.H.	63.00		
	<u>41,018.80</u>		

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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	<u>Year ended</u>	<u>Year ended</u>
	<u>31st December 2022</u>	<u>31st December 2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>

Incoming Resources

Central Funds

Subscriptions	7,843.00	7,933.50
Overseas Funds	724.07	408.57
Emergency Relief Fund	30.00	95.00
General Fund	110.00	120.00
Fabric Fund	15.75	10.00
Britain & Ireland Development Fund	209.00	26.60
Wheels Appeal		
Christmas Appeal		
Make a Mothers Day	50.00	10.00
Summer of Hope	30.00	188.52

Sub Total

9,011.82

8,792.19

Diocesan Funds

Subscriptions	2,736.00	2,985.81
Donations		
Diocesan Project Fund	0.00	100.00
Diocesan Project - AFIA	10,394.42	6,111.06
Literature and Badges	543.15	179.05
Miscellaneous Income	17.40	0.01
Newsletter		
Bank and CBF Interest	214.31	8.49
Sales Grant MSH	330.06	486.70
Tax Refund - Gift Aid General Fund	712.25	825.00
Archdeaconry fundraising	0.00	300.00
Diocesan General Fund	3,374.00	1,720.73
Annual Meeting/Market		

Archdeaconry

12,418.97

Branches

21,763.93

1,337.87

Sub Total

52,504.49

14,054.72

TOTAL INCOME

61,516.31

22,846.91

MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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	<u>Year ended</u>		<u>Year ended</u>	
	<u>31st December 2022</u>		<u>31st December 2021</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Resouces Expended</u>				
Central Funds				
Subscriptions		7,780.00		7,973.50
Overseas Funds		724.07		408.57
Emergency Relief Fund		30.00		120.00
General Fund		110.00		120.00
Fabric Fund		15.75		10.00
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		209.00		26.60
Wheels Appeal				
Christmas Appeal				
Make a Mothers Day		50.00		10.00
Summer of hope		30.00		188.52
Sub Total		<u>8,948.82</u>		<u>8,857.19</u>
Diocesan Funds				
Administrator Salary and Expenses		3,809.01		4,875.03
Printing/Post		209.12		400.74
Insurance				449.50
Diocesan Project Fund		177.78		349.68
Diocesan Project - AFIA		16,089.10		710.00
Literature and Badges		623.37		191.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		74.99		87.00
Newsletter		705.00		858.00
Zoom Licence				5.70
Travel Expenses		13.45		47.50
Trustees Expenses		478.45		70.00
Hire of Rooms		120.00		70.00
Fundraising expenses		250.26		70.00
Province Contribution		100.00		
Conferences		130.00		250.00
DBS Checks		38.32		
Archdeaconries		12,508.65		8.09
Branches		21,259.67		
Sub Total		<u>56,587.17</u>		<u>8,372.24</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		<u>65,535.99</u>		<u>17,229.43</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		-4,019.68		5,617.48
Opening Cash and Bank Balances		45,038.48		39,421.00
Closing Cash and Bank Balances		<u>41,018.80</u>		<u>45,038.48</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: MOTHERS' UNION IN THE DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2022 Charity no (if any) 250124

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 10/4/23

Name: PETER BARTON

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