



Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2024



**Karen (DP) with Kathleen Snow
Worldwide President Elect**

Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

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Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

Registered Charity Name	Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese
Charity address	Diocesan Office, 7 Priory Row Coventry, CV1 5EX
Registered Charity Number	250129
Trustees	Karen Morris - Diocesan President Paul Morris Lynette Askew Annie Lane Ann Gibbons Mary Leeson
Diocesan Chaplain	Revd. Denise Burgess
Diocesan Treasurer	Gary Askew
Finance Administrator	Patricia Rich (appointed 9/9/24)
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25, Kings Hill Avenue West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Examiner	Stephen Marks (ACA) Balsall Common

Diocesan President Annual Report 2024

Transformation Now!

We have welcomed 24 new members to the worldwide family of Mothers' Union this year and 95 new members have been enrolled over the last three years, whilst the role of Diocesan President continues to be a humbling and transformative one.

I enjoy attending branch meetings, deanery services and summer events/outings. I also have the privilege of presenting Long Service Certificates, enrolling new members and speaking at parish services to promote Mothers' Union more widely.

Another privilege is representing Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese when attending Diocesan Synod, Canterbury Provincial Conferences and West Midland Cluster meetings and events.

The role of a trustee board is to work collectively and have overall responsibility for managing the charity. I would like to, therefore, acknowledge the committed and faithful support received from my fellow trustee board members. In particular, grateful thanks to Revd. Denise Burgess, Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain who continues to provide prayerful reflection and spiritual nourishment. Diocesan Treasurer, Gary Askew, Patricia Rich, Finance Administrator and Finance trustee Paul Morris for all their support in keeping our finances and databases in order. Nigel Hawke for all his hard work as Gift Aid secretary.

The trustee board is also grateful to the office holders who selflessly, step out in faith to support the Mothers' Union initiatives and projects and the faithful committed members who pray, provide words of encouragement and heroic fundraising efforts to ensure our projects/initiatives continue to be well supported.

Indeed, we feel truly blessed to be supported by such committed and faithful servants in Christ.

We were delighted to welcome Patricia Rich to the role of Mothers' Union Diocesan Finance Administrator on a self-employed basis at the latter part of the year and Patricia has been working closely with Gary Askew, Diocesan Treasurer to learn our financial processes and is making good progress.

The final year of the triennium is important due to elections, not only for Mothers' Union Coventry but also for the central Mothers' Union trustee board. Elections for the first time were conducted digitally with leaders tuning in from around the globe with Kathleen Snow from Canada elected as Worldwide President Elect, to lead the new central Trustee Board from 2025. Comfort Fearon elected as Canterbury Provincial President Elect.

Members were also informed of the new triennial theme for 2025-2027 following on from 'Transformation Now!' Namely, 'Join Us and Join In!' a trumpeting cry to encourage us, to not only use our God given talents to spread the Good News story but to reach out to others, by asking them to, Join us and Join in!

Turning now to Mothers' Union elections locally and being the only nominee and deemed to be elected unopposed, I was delighted to be able to confirm my intention of being called to serve as Diocesan President for a further 3 years.

A new triennium brings change with two new trustees due to join the board from 2025 and two trustees due to step down at the end of this year. Grateful thanks to

Vice President Ann Gibbons who will have served faithfully as trustee for six years and to Mary Leeson stepping down after three years to focus on Mothers' Union branch matters.

Office Holders play a vital role in leading our projects and no more so than, Lynda Howells who has served faithfully as our AFIA (Away From It All Holidays) Representative for 10 years now and is due to step down at the end of this year. Lynda has also been most generous in volunteering not only her time but also the proceeds of her book 'Reflections of a Pilgrim' to the Mothers' Union Coventry AFIA project. The book has raised so far over £1000 to ensure more families benefit from an AFIA break.

There is no doubt the support office holders, branch leaders/contacts/committee members continue to provide is integral to carrying out Mothers' Union aims and objectives, growing membership and targeted outreach.

We are also fortunate to have many other unsung heroes also within the wider membership that continue to put their faith into action by serving others through their good deeds and prayers. Indeed, we are truly blessed and well placed to start the new triennium with a sense of God's love and hope as we give glory to God in everything we do.

Another example of this was when Mothers' Union member Paula Waters competed in the London Marathon to support AFIA and the MU Burundi Literacy and Education programme with some £3145.56 raised.

The Diocesan President's (DP) Challenge also continues to provide an opportunity to build on our important missionary work with one branch reaching out in love by purchasing items for 'House to Home' starter packs for Helping Hands and another has provided floor mats and financed six, thirty-minute dance and movement sessions, primarily for children with special needs.

The Alive 2023 legacy has supported parish and school initiatives and the spiritual development of children. Four applications have been received and goods purchased have been reimbursed on receipt of invoices and approval from the Diocesan Director of Education.

It was pleasing to see one school applying for funding to improve the school's worship area by purchasing icons, crosses and candles, another school purchased books to teach and enlighten the children on religious diversity. Another bought resources with the seed money to start a pupil led worship group with another buying materials to create a large mural within the school hall depicting a tree with the school's Christian values - to align with the school's motto of 'Together We Flourish'.

A new initiative for this year saw the launch of a Mary Sumner Day Tea Party in August, building on the success of the Christmas lunch, for the homeless at Gateway Hostel in Hillfields Coventry. Trustees and members enjoyed preparing food, chatting with residents and providing entertainment.

The aim of both events is to share God's love in a fun and meaningful way to ensure residents feel valued and to provide an opportunity for them to socialise with one another. For some residents leaving their accommodation is rather daunting so with some 50 residents in attendance, both events were deemed to be a huge success.

Mothers' Union members continue to reach out in love to other charities such as Coffee Tots, Coventry Clothing, Carriers of Hope, Coventry Haven and Doorway with donations from members of knitted items, clothing, seasonal gifts/toiletries and more.

Members value gathering to give thanks and praise to the Lord for all the outreach initiatives happening within the diocese and to share ideas. The Mothers' Union members and friends Celebration Lunch in October provides an ideal opportunity to just that. The theme this year was 'Serving Others Through Our Deeds and Prayers' which linked nicely to the triennial theme of 'Transformation Now!' and from the feedback received: uplifting worship, good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Domestic Abuse continues to be Mothers' Union main theme for advocacy, and it is pleasing that three branches have been awarded the Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse Level Bronze Award with two more branches getting ready to apply.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign is building momentum with the majority of branches/friendship groups displaying Domestic Abuse statements, shoes (with props), MU Rise Up posters, prayers and purple and white heart shaped 'no more 1 in 3' bunting. Members have also been using the song 'I am not nothing' by Beth Crowley, to help focus their thoughts, prayers and branch discussions around the myths of domestic abuse.

The end of the year (November to early December) saw the launch of a pilot Flourishing Families parenting programme where three parents met with two facilitators over a period of 5 weeks to fine tune and enhance the programme.

As we continue to reflect on the 'Transformation Now!' theme and the many acts of love and faithful service, we are also reminded that life changing hope is not in what we can do, but what God can and will do in and through us.

We are also reminded by, our Founder, Mary Sumner's personal prayer that we, as Mothers' Union members, are called to touch the lives of others with love. Indeed, to be Christ's hands and feet here on earth, using words, prayers and day-to-day living to bless those we meet or those we cannot physically reach.

With this in mind, we look forward, therefore, to next year where we can build on the triennial theme of 'Transformation Now!' with a sense of God's hope and purpose as we encourage all that we meet to 'Join Us and Join In!'

Karen Morris
Diocesan President

Annual Review of Diocesan Projects and Outreach Initiatives

Away from It All Holidays

The AFIA holiday scheme is a Mothers' Union initiative in the UK and Ireland, which is run by members in their local dioceses.



AFIA provides holidays and day breaks for those whose family life has met with adversity, thus giving them an opportunity to consolidate and nurture relationships.

Mothers' Union members are involved in AFIA in many ways, whether this be through prayers for the holidays and for the officers involved with the scheme, fundraising through lunches, coffee mornings or nominating a family to the local clergy in their branch. We also receive donations from Parochial Church Councils who support the scheme.

If the Diocese is in a position to offer a holiday, the family will be asked to complete an AFIA application form which will need to be supported by someone who knows them in a professional capacity, such as a social worker, member of the clergy, doctor or head teacher. Applicants do not have to be a member of a church or any organisation to apply.

Once the family has been away, the Diocese normally receives feedback from them regarding the holiday, which reflects how they just enjoy spending time together relaxing away from the everyday stress of life and often say what a difference the break has made to their lives.

In 2024 Mothers' Union paid for four families to enjoy a holiday and the total spent during 2024 was £3,611.00, therefore benefitting were 6 adults and 9 children.

Here is some feedback from the families

"This was the first time we had been away together from Coventry. Staying at the seaside was amazing. The girls loved being able to go to the beach and play in the sea. Thank you."

And these are messages from another family

"I just told the girls about our holiday, I wish I'd filmed their reaction.... They're so excited and grateful."

"This has been soooo good. We have all enjoyed it so much. Our last day today so we've had fish and chips and ice cream on the beach! We've been so lucky with the weather - the icing on the cake for this amazing holiday."

"This has been the best week memory making"

Passionate About Parenting

It continues to be a challenge to encourage parents/carers to attend parenting programmes. We are continuing to explore new ways of engaging but the stigma surrounding parenting groups continues to be a huge barrier within this country.

We have also been unsuccessful at our SEN school in Rugby, where we have run courses with positive feedback for many years. A new Head was appointed last

year, and since then, our contact there has not had the time to arrange anything. Again, we will hope for more progress next year.

The Flourishing Families programme being developed centrally by Mothers' Union is getting under way in Guildford and Chichester Dioceses and we have also run a pilot programme with very positive feedback. Coffee Tots has also offered a trial Flourishing Families programme and has sent their evaluation to our central charity as way of an overview.

We are keen to grow our facilitator team having lost many due to age, moving away and existing facilitators not keen to do more training linked to the Flourishing Families programme. However, two facilitators have undertaken additional training and look forward to engaging with the Flourishing Families programme next year.

We continue to advertise two single session resources from Care for the Family, 'Left to their own Devices' and 'A Mind of their Own' and offer taster sessions to branches and interested groups in churches.

Action and Outreach

The work of Action and Outreach has followed a similar pattern as before, but with a widening remit. The President's Challenge, where branches are encouraged to use £50 to £250 maximum seed money to reach out in love continues to go from strength to strength.

The Mothers' Union Coventry homeless initiative, which started two years ago by St John Baptist Church, Mothers' Union members in Berkswell is also building momentum with lots of encouragement from MU members from across the diocese. Members deliver left over food donated by Sainsbury three times a week to four Homeless Hostels in Coventry City Centre on rotation.

Building on the success of the Mothers' Union Christmas party for the homeless, we also held a Mary Sumner Day tea party, which proved popular. We provided turkeys and entertainment for the Christmas lunch at Gateway Hostel and members continue to be generous in supporting these events by volunteering their time and prayerful support.

Members also donate toiletries, clothes, long-life tinned food such as Fray Bentos steak pies, meatballs and chunky soup. Household and laundry items are also in much demand, and we are pleased to be able to provide dishwasher tablets, detergent and collapsible clothes dryers for those staying in homeless hostels.

We also continue to support refugee families, asylum seekers and migrants via our links with Carriers of Hope, Coventry Clothing and Baby Godiva. All three charities support refugee families and provide everything from beds to saucepans to baby buggies and clothes.

The Carriers of Hope Christmas toy appeal is an annual event, to ensure no child goes without a gift at Christmas, as well as various appeals for clothing, such as school uniform, hats, gloves and scarves to which our members donate generously.

Our branches/friendship groups continue to support Coffee Tots, a Coventry city centre charity that provides a nurturing environment for parents and children of

under-fives. Branches donate Christmas hampers, seasonal goodies, knitted blankets and clothing. Special requests are also supported, where possible.

Our work for prisoners at Rye Hill, and Onley continues. We provide Christmas gifts for prisoners' children at Onley, and the Angel Tree initiative supports the provision of Christmas cards to Rye Hill inmates. Our members also support Family Days and help families prepare for their visit by phoning to ensure they bring the correct paperwork and are on hand to answer any questions.

Our knitters are active as ever, and the goods produced go far and wide. Members knit baby blankets and items of clothing for Coffee Tots families together with hats, gloves and scarves. Prayer shawls for our Indoor Members and miniature knitted angels presented to babies at baptism, to name but a few, are also popular.

Away from it all holidays (AFIA) under the care of Lynda Howells are active in achieving 'breaks' for families in need of a holiday, or a day out.

As mentioned before, the Passionate About Parenting programme has now been under review and for the first time within MU Britain and Ireland a Flourishing Families parenting resource has been launched. It was a joy to meet with three parents to pilot the programme over 5 weeks with the following very positive feedback:

How have the group facilitators helped you understand and explore the material?

'The Facilitators were very knowledgeable and had a wealth of experience and examples to share. The examples were also personalised for attendees. Follow up questions were asked to check we understood.'

Would you recommend the Flourishing Families group to your friends?

'Yes. It's very insightful, different and not aware of anything offered like this before. It's refreshing to have resources and support'

Any other comments?

'The facilitators helped us to feel safe right from the first session and the group felt very inclusive and comfortable'

'Thank you for making me feel normal.'

The plan is to build on this success and look for more creative ways to engage and support parents and carers so parenting challenges can be normalised and opportunities for new and lifelong friendships can be made.

Mothers' Union's commitment to supporting healthy and flourishing relationships is ever present and one of the greatest threats to individuals and families and societies around the world, is violence and abuse, which is carried out against women and girls because of their gender. Therefore, we continue to be committed to supporting those who have been affected by domestic abuse by shining a light on domestic abuse in all its forms.

This year as part of our support for the *16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence* and 'no more 1 in 3' campaign, members took part in a silent prayer vigil within their churches, displayed a 'red chair' as part of the 'Red Chair' project (<https://www.restored-uk.org/>) to raise awareness about domestic abuse.

Members also engaged with the Mothers' Union Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse Campaign by displaying Rise Up posters with 24-hour Domestic Abuse helpline number tear off slips. Boards with Domestic Abuse statements on them and matching shoes were also displayed with props such as a doll or football (child) pair of rubber gloves or walking stick (adult) along with knitted white and purple love heart bunting linked to 'no more 1 in 3' to convey a powerful message and to encourage prayer for victim survivors as well as perpetrators.

Members also lead intercessions to pray for victim and survivors within their branch meetings and Sunday morning services. Mothers' Union resources also continue to be available to encourage advocacy activities locally and direct prayers.

Several of our members also attended the 'Counting Dead Women' vigil in Coventry City Centre, where local women come together to remember women who have been killed by men in the past year, due to domestic abuse and violence. Shoes are laid out for every woman killed, as a powerful message and visual aid.

Members also attended a conference run by Coventry city council and Coventry Haven, which provided a marketplace of DA agencies with the aim of informing and providing an overview of DA interventions and support within the local authority. Keynote Speakers also provided powerful testimonies and examples of how these various agencies provided support, which continue to be life changing.

Faith and Policy

Prayers and worship continue to be foundational for Mothers' Union both individually and when members gather together. Festival Services continue to be held in Deaneries and this year in celebration of Mary Sumner, the Mary Sumner Day Service focused on Charlotte Yonge, Mary Sumner's first editor and their joint vision for Mothers' Union. The service also provided an opportunity to give thanks to our founder and reflect on why her vision for Mothers' Union is just as important now as it was nearly 150 years ago.

It was also a joy to see 60 plus members attend the annual Diocesan Advent Service at the historic Holy Trinity Church, Coventry to worship God, meet with friends and share refreshments. We are grateful to Revd. Canon Richard Hibbert who preached and shared his experience of Mothers' Union overseas and transformational projects. Grateful thanks also to Revd. Denise Burgess who led the service and soaked the toys donated for Onley Prison, Christmas cards for Rye Hill and donations for the homeless in prayer.

An additional Quiet Day was held this year for members - one in May and the other in November. The Quiet Day in May was a 'play day' where members had fun drawing, painting, gluing and prayerfully reflecting on how they could best use their talents (and leave their 'marks') to advance the kingdom of God. The November Quiet Day in preparation for Advent saw members explore and reflect on Mary and Elizabeth's relationship, their great faith, commitment and sense of duty.

Members also engaged with a new Mothers' Union initiative 'Empower her Literacy' to raise awareness of the critical issue of female illiteracy, which affects 480 million women globally. Members displayed posters to encourage members of the public to add their name via a link to the campaign and to pray that the government will take action.

Prayer is the heartbeat of Mothers' Union, and I am therefore grateful to the eight members who continue to support the MU monthly Coventry Prayer Diary with their creative prayers.

We were also fortunate (and a first) to be asked by our central charity to write a reflection together with six prayers for each day in preparation for September 2025 midday prayers around the theme of the 'Power of Reconciliation'.

Members continue to be involved in leading Mothers' Union Midday Prayers & Wave of Prayer via Mothers' Union Facebook as well as organising prayer walks. We are also thankful to have a member who regularly opens her garden to lead reflective prayerful afternoons to pray Thy Kingdom Come in June and in celebration of Mary Sumner Day during the month of August.

Members attended the annual Coventry Cathedral's Patronal Festival and Community of Cross of Nails Service in September. This year and a first was when Mothers' Union's Faith and Church Relations Manager joined them. She was also delighted to meet the interns who have a specific focus on peace and reconciliation.

Mary Sumner's personal prayer reminds us of our calling to touch the lives of others with love. We are to be Christ's hands here on earth, using our words, our prayers and our day-to-day living, to bless those we cannot physically reach.

We look forward, therefore, to next year where we can prayerfully work towards 'Join Us, Join In! Whilst building on the triennial theme of Transformation Now!

With God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)

Thanks be to God.

Karen Morris – Diocesan President

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statement

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statement of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with current Mothers' Union and the Charity Commission requirements.

Aim, Purpose & Objectives

The vision of Mothers' Union is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. The aim and purpose of Mothers' Union is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

In furtherance of this aim and purpose, Mothers' Union will carry out all or any of the following objectives:

1. To promote and support married life.
2. To encourage parents in their role to develop the Christian faith of their children.
3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; and
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership, and activities are driven by and undertaken through its members. In Coventry Diocese, it operates at Diocesan, Deanery and Branch levels.

Members of Mothers' Union believe in the value of each individual and their unique qualities; in the value of relationships; and in the value of family as a source of love and support for individuals and as the basis for a caring community. Jesus said, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."*

Furthermore, our Mission is to demonstrate Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms. Promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally.

Organisational Structure

Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese is affiliated to Mothers' Union, a charity incorporated by Royal Charter (charity no: 240531) through its shared aim and objectives and by virtue of its acceptance as an affiliate by the central charity. The charity operates within the Anglican Diocese of Coventry. Governance, policies and procedures of Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese are in line with suggested policies from the central charity based at Mary Sumner House. Trustees consider the major risks of our operation are safeguarding and health and safety with procedures in place to manage them.

Performance and Financial Review

For 2024 total income was £33,918 (2023 £35,175) with expenditure of £24,352 (2023 £40,719) with a surplus of £9,567 (2023 loss £5,544). Total cash held in all accounts for 2024 was some £67,735 (2023 £58,168). There were no post year end events. There has been a recovery in membership during 2024 post Covid and costs have been controlled in 2024 to maintain a surplus of £9,567.

Finance and Central Services

Annual subscriptions were increased in 2024 by £2 to £34 for a Branch Member and £36 for a Diocesan Member to cover the increase levied by Mary Sumner House, our central charity. The Trustees did not include any increase in subs to cover the costs of the running the Diocese for 2024.

Our members remain loyal and continue to support Mothers' Union funds and projects. During 2024 £1,879 (2023 £1,544) was raised for the overseas funds and other projects that are administered by Mary Sumner House. Members also raised an amazing £6,016 (2023 £8,207) for the charitable works carried out within the Diocese of Coventry.

We continue to recruit new members, and we all need to proactively enrol a friend, a colleague or a neighbour as our membership continues to be static at best. At the year- end we had 448 members (2023 442) a modest increase over 2023.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees maintain financial reserves in line with suggested policies from the central charity based at Mary Sumner House.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above fulfil this requirement of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Karen Morris
Diocesan President
Coventry Diocese

Date: 10th September

<u>Main Cash Account 2024 - Income</u>	2024	2023
<u>Coventry General Fund</u>		
Subscriptions - collected by MU Coventry	8,717	8,516
Subscriptions - collected by MSH	6,086	5,468
Subscriptions - paid early for next year	108	297
Gift Aid - paid into Gold Acc. (See page 16)	0	0
General Fund - In	4,217	4,209
Mue Commission (TRG)	470	613
Administration - Insurance, Mailing, Printing	425	340
Refreshments (inc. in Events below)	0	89
Bank Interest CAFCash Acc	50	43
Bank Deposit Interest - CCLA	885	650
Legacies	300	500
Branch Closures - Styvechale	192	0
Miscellaneous Income	468	1,590
Homeless Initiative (Restricted Fund)	420	0
	22,337	22,316
<u>Coventry Mission Funds</u>		
AFIA - Donations (Restricted Fund)	5,666	5,559
Flourishing Families (Parenting)	0	27
Kapsabet Donations	91	2,421
Hug in a Mug (HIAM) Donations	0	20
Presidents Challenge	60	0
Other Donations/Income	150	0
Alive 2023 Legacy Fund	0	0
Domestic Abuse/Rise up Campaign	50	0
	6,016	8,027
<u>Events</u>		
Advent Service	409	0
<u>Receipts on collected on behalf of MSH</u>		
Overseas Literacy Fund	246	213
Relief Fund	0	200
Make a Mother's Day	350	159
Summer of Hope	1,082	622
Seasonal Appeals - Other (Christmas Appeal)	200	150
Other Income	0	200
	1,879	1,544
<u>Sales</u>		
Mue - Income from Sales	792	710
<u>Total Income</u>	31,434	32,596

<u>Main Cash Account 2024 - Expenditure</u>	2024	2023
<u>General Fund</u>		
Finance Administrator Costs (Self Employed)	0	1,320
Insurance	450	450
Bank charges - CAF Cash Acc	60	60
Link up	1,496	1,424
Postage	128	263
Telephone	68	77
Stationery	0	149
Travel	179	269
Conferences	117	84
Website	20	123
Laptop Security	0	0
ZOOM - Admin	156	144
Safeguarding Costs	150	157
Indoor Members	85	0
Speakers Expenses	19	40
Legacies	0	1,034
Miscellaneous costs	87	100
Homeless Initiative (Restricted Fund)	0	0
	3,014	5,695
<u>Coventry Mission Fund</u>		
AFIA (Restricted Fund)	3,611	3,664
Flourishing Families (Parenting)	39	183
Kapsabet - Admin/Event Costs	0	820
Kapsabet - Gifts	0	258
Kapsabet Donations	0	1,988
Hug in a Mug (HIAM) Expenses	0	176
Presidents Challenge	804	1,930
Pilgrimage	0	0
Cross of Nails	0	0
Finance for Provincial Diocese	115	100
Alive 23	903	0
Domestic Abuse/Rise up Campaign	50	0
	5,523	9,118
<u>Events</u>		
Trustee's Meetings/Away Days	50	135
Members Meetings/Evenings	186	297
Advent Service (inc 750 from 2023)	1,070	190
Other Events - Out	0	273
<u>Payments to MSH</u>		
Subs 24 MSH £23.00 x448 members)	10,304	9,282
Overseas Literacy Fund	240	2,713
Relief Fund	0	200
Make a Mother's Day	350	159
Summer of Hope	1,002	622
Seasonal Appeals- Other	0	150
Appeals - held over from last year	200	1,261
Other payments to MSH	0	6,260
	12,096	20,646
<u>Sales</u>		
Mue - Purchase Stock Items	506	986
Total Expenditure	22,445	37,340

Mothers Union - Coventry Diocese

Other Accounts - For year to 31st December 2024

Income			Expenditure		
CAF Gold Account					
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Balance - Start of year	17,938	18,833			
Interest	450	359	Transfers - Out	1,907	3,379
HMRC Gift Aid	1,907	1,626			
Transfers - In	0	500	Expenditure Total	1,907	3,379
Income Total	2,357	2,484	Balance end of year	18,388	17,938
CAF Gold Reserves Account					
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Balance - Start of year	5,132	5,037	Expenditure	0	0
Interest	128	95	Expenditure Total	0	0
Income Total	128	95	Balance - End of year	5,259	5,132
Income from CAF Cash Account	31,434	32,596	Expenditure from CAF Cash Acc	22,445	37,340
Total Income all accounts	33,918	35,175	Total Expenditure all accounts	24,352	40,719

Statement of Accounts 2024 - For year to 31st December 2024

	£	£
Opening Balance from statements	1st Jan 24	1st Jan 23
CAF Cash Acc	18,099	22,842
CAF Gold Acc	17,938	18,833
CAF Gold Reserves Acc	5,132	5,037
CCLA	17,000	17,000
	58,168	63,712
Total Funds		
Opening Balance	58,168	63,712
Add Income	33,919	35,175
Less Expenses	24,352	40,719
	67,735	58,168
Closing Balance from statements	31st Dec 24	31st Dec 23
CAF Cash Acc	27,087	18,099
CAF Gold Acc	18,388	17,938
CAF Gold Reserves Acc	5,259	5,132
CCLA	17,000	17,000
	67,735	58,168
Movement in the year - all accounts		
Income per statements	33,919	35,175
Expenditure per statements	24,352	40,719
Surplus or overspend for year	9,567	-5,544
Approved by Karen Morris		
Date: 10 th September 2025		

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

Charity Number 250129

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 14 - 17

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 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 Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
2. 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: **S Marks**

Name: **Stephen Marks**

Qualification: **ACA ICAEW**

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Date: **03/09/25**