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Monthly Meeting Thoughts - 2021

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Example of Bath District Weekly email

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Mothers' Union Chapel - Wells Cathedral

Annual Report & Accounts 2021

Registered Charity No. 250180

Vision

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling.

Mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We can do this through supporting strong relationships within the family and promoting reconciliation at all levels.

Our Aims and Objectives are:

- 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:
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children:



Cathedral Prayers in Lady Chapel, Wells Cathedral



How We Work Towards Alerting Parishioners and Visitors to the Work of The Mothers Union

- † Branches keep their incumbent and PCC informed of the work that lay they do.
- † Most parishes have a Notice Board with a display of current MU activity.
- † Our Communication's Officer regularly delivers extra display boards and leaflets when a parish is having a special function.
- † Visitors wandering around the Cathedral are invited to stop and join in our monthly Cathedral Prayers service.
- † We were delighted to see that the MU kneeler from the Mothers' Union Chapel became part of the Cathedral Crib Scene
- † During COVID restrictions we have learnt to embrace
- † Social Media. Our Facebook page was developed in 2020 - MU Bath&Wells @MUBathWells. During 2021 confidence grew, with this form of Outreach gradually developing into 2 or 3 daily posts with photos (mostly taken by family) illustrating prayers from our Annual Prayer Diary. Next came Instagram - @bath_wells_mothers.union. This was slower to develop into regular daily posts but eventually this was reached. Lastly came Twitter, not yet fluent! Bath&Wells Mothers Union @BathWellsMU.

eg: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB-a2ek2KJ_j39BR-ackJbw

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MUBathWells>

Instagram: [Bath&Wells MU](#)

Twitter: [@BathWellsMU](#)



We Have

771 Members in the diocese

621 Branch members

Found in 31 Branches

151 Diocesan Members

either as Lone Members

or part of 6 Groups

Maintaining a Worldwide Fellowship of Christians United in Prayer, Worship & Service

How we work towards achieving the following Objective

Cathedral Prayers:

This is a ½ hour Service held in Wells Cathedral on the 3rd Thursday morning of each month. It includes praying for the members in 4 or 5 dioceses across the world, following the format found in the central Prayer Diary. Each month's service is written and led by a different Branch/ Deanery, following the guidelines written by The Faith Trustee, to fit in with the Annual Theme produced by the Worldwide Trustee Board. During Lockdown, this was held on-line.

eg: YouTube Link - <https://youtu.be/LeFIu8KD17Q>

Wave of Prayer Service:

This service is written by our Faith Trustee, our MU Chaplain and the Diocesan President. It is used by branches both in Bath&Wells Diocese and our Link Dioceses - Umuahia and Ijebu in Nigeria: Shinyanga, in Tanzania: False Bay in South Africa: and Vellore Church of South India, sent by our Link Dioceses Project Officer.

In 2021, we were unable to use The Mothers' Union Chapel in Wells Cathedral, therefore the service was held on-line each day. We were delighted to be joined by members from our Link Diocese, in particular by South Africa & India.

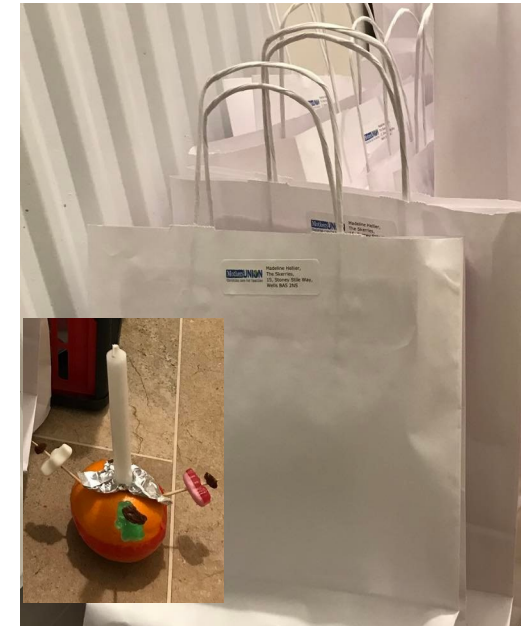
YouTube Links - <https://youtu.be/2hIcq-u1ht8>

<https://youtu.be/HW3d5KdEmJc> <https://youtu.be/zUY3X5SYsZc>

Branch/Group Prayers:

To aid planning the branch pre-meeting Prayer Times, the Faith Trustee produces a booklet with suggested hymns and readings to fit the Annual Theme.

Appendix A



To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children

How we work towards achieving this Objective

By showing God's Love to their children, Parents will learn about God's Love by our actions.

Baptisms:

Many Branches give something to the child or parents on the occasion of their Baptism: Card, Bible, Prayer Book or a Baptism Teddy.

We Hope and Trust that Baptism Anniversary Parties will be resumed soon.

Local Schools:

There are several branches that have, when possible, helped with After-School Clubs, although COVID has lessened these opportunities.

Bath United are supporting 2 schools combat Period Poverty.

Local Community:

Mother & pre-school children groups are supported by branches across the diocese; by regularly being there, parents get to know these MU members and trust them. Branches regularly give gifts on Mothering Sunday. Similarly the MU branch are often the creators of the Christingles.

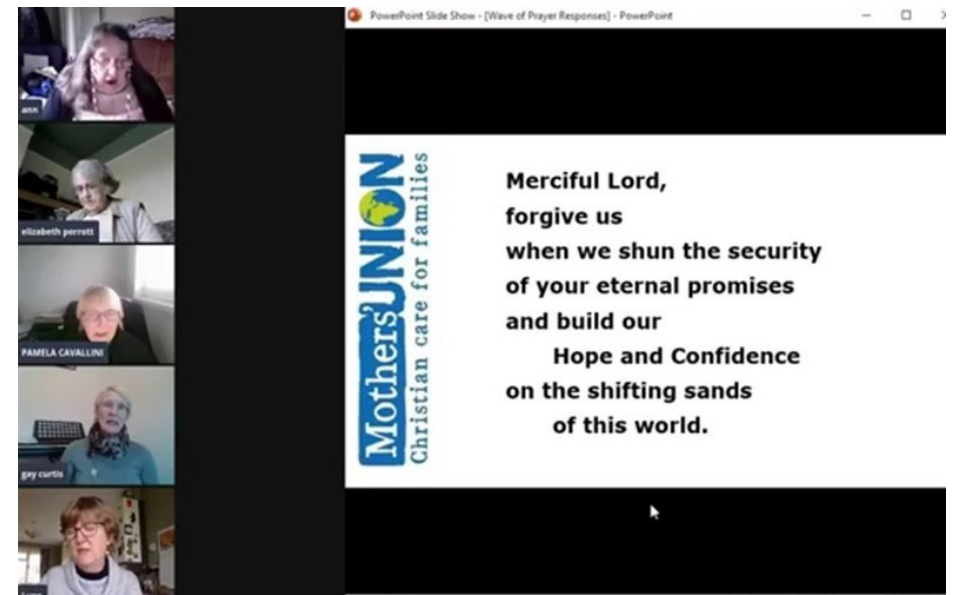
Individual members have reached out to neighbouring families using front gardens & windows to highlight the Christian faith.



Cathedral Prayers On-line 2021



Wave of Prayer on-line 2021



Mothers' Union Autumn Retreat 2021

Theme: Celtic Saints

Venue: The Ammerdown Centre,

Date: Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th October

Conductor: Rev Wendy Mitchell

Price: £300 including deposit –

The **Shirley Penn Memorial Retreat Fund** is now available for Bursaries. Due to COVID uncertainty a deposit is not currently being collected. Price for non-resident attendees tbc.

Open to: MU members, Diocesan Readers and friends. The Retreat will include extended periods of silence.

To Show Interest Please Contact:

Ann Cattermole, 53 High Lane, Shapwick, Bridgwater. TA7 9NB or **email:** ann@cattermoles.com
or MU Office, Flourish House, 2, Cathedral Park, Wells BA5 1FD or **email:** mu@bathwells.anglican.org

Registering an Interest in MU Retreat 2021



Thursday 22nd April

Zoom Meeting

Starting @ 9.45am

Service @ 10am

Looking to the Future

Speakers:

Sheran Harper

&

Bishop Ruth

&

Kathryn Anderson

**Mothers' Union
Diocese of Bath & Wells**



*Service of
Thanksgiving*
+ Presentation of
Annual Report



on Monday 20th Sept

Liquid Refreshment from 10.15

**Bagley Baptist Church
Coldnose Lane, BS28 4TG**

Have you sent Veronica
details of the person
to be remembered?

Are they **MU member** or
Friend or **Family**



To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children

How we work towards achieving this Objective

Modern Day Slavery:

Our Project Officer completed On-Line training. She also tried to plan a Workshop which was postponed yet again.

Anti Slavery Day and 16 Days of Activism

Both activities were actively supported by prayer rather than demonstrations. Many branches created lengths of chains, knitted, crochet & paper.

Support for those using the Refuges:

Many branches, even when not meeting in person, raised funds to donate vouchers. This allows the recipients to choose their own gift.

Parenting:

Our Parenting Project Leader remains in touch with the National Organisation. We hold this Project in our prayers.

To promote and support married life

How we work towards achieving this Objective

Marriage Preparation:

West Monkton Branch have, in the past, been supporting Marriage Preparation in their Benefice. Unfortunately COVID has upset this format of preparation.

Marriage Fairs:

MU attendance at these tends to occur on an Ad Hoc basis. Unfortunately, there hasn't been any opportunity to support these lately.

We Hope and Trust that with normality returning, these activities will be relaunched.

During lockdown Taunton Deanery held a monthly prayer meeting via zoom. Bath District received a weekly email which included a weekly prayer sheet, specific prayer requests and mid-day prayers

Appendix B

Prayer Chain:

Faith Trustee was responsible for receiving information and forwarding it around the members.

Appendix C

Parish Eucharist:

These are held monthly in some Parish Churches across the diocese.

Quiet Days:

It had been arranged that the Quiet Days planned for Lent 2020, but cancelled due to COVID, would be used for Lent 2021. As this was still not possible, our MU Chaplain wrote a Lent course on Pilgrimage which was emailed out weekly. Members were invited to ring her for further discussion.

Appendix D

Retreat:

This was arranged (in Faith) for 3 days in October as usual, and was held at Ammerdown Conference Centre with our Chaplain leading a small group. The faith of the Celtic Saints were explored.

Special Services:

These were arranged when possible, following COVID restrictions and some members needing to maintain isolation. They included the Service before the Annual Meeting via Zoom, A Thanksgiving/Memorial Service, Mary Sumner Day Service, Advent Services, Anti-Slavery Service (YouTube).

YouTube Links - https://youtu.be/2zZ83M_DiIs

To help those whose family life has met with adversity:

How we work towards achieving this Objective

AFIA:

A family of 4 were given a Haven holiday. We enabled a lady, with her daughter to visit her elderly mother.



CRAFT: Knitting:

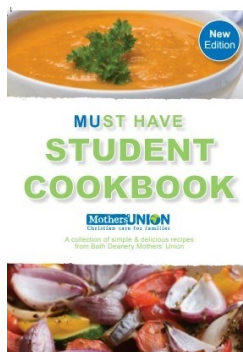
Members have continued to knit, but as have many others due to Lockdowns, so many of our usual recipients - Neonatal departments, Nursing Homes, have been overwhelmed with knitting. Some baby items were donated to a prison with a Mother & Baby Unit. Items destined for Gaza, had been waiting for travel restrictions to be lifted, but were able to go before the end of 2021.

Period Poverty:

Due to members not meeting to discuss plans, this Project has not yet expanded beyond 2 schools in Bath.

Student Support / Cookbook:

Members were unable to attend Freshers Week when the students are usually offered a copy of the book. Instead of printing copies, the Cookbook became an On-line book accessed via the MU bath website. A leaflet giving details about this version of the Student Cookbook was added to the student bags. The website records how often the cookbook is accessed.



Parenting:

Our Parenting Project Leader remains in touch with the National Organisation. We hold this Project in our prayers.



Knitting for Gaza



Knitting for the Seafarers



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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st December 2021

	Rowena					Total 2020
	Merson AFIA		Other			
	Unrestricted	Child Contact	Restricted	Total		
	Funds	Centres' Fund	Funds	2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Subscriptions	19230			19230	7951	
Gift Aid	1823			1823	3080	
MUe Grant	863			863	1069	
CCC Grant		700		700	1691	
Donations	1594	120		3390	3718	
Donations - Mary Sumner House Projects			418	418	-	
Donations - Diocesan Projects			944	944	1502	
Donations - S Penn Fund			725	725	-	
Donations - WWF			103	103	515	
Donations - BID			14	14	63	
Retreat	1600			1600	-	
Bank Interest	124	326		711	912	
Unknown Donations not included last year	384			384	-	
Total Receipts	25618	1676	326	30905	20501	
Payments						
Subscriptions to Mary Sumner House	16237			16237	-	
Finance and Administration Unit Expenses (1)	9426			9426	9670	
Meetings and Training	336			336	-	
Expenses of Diocesan President, Archdeaconry Leaders and Chaplain (inc conferences)	394			394	890	
Child Contact Centre Expenses		2166		2166	-	
MUe Representative's Expenses and Communication Unit expenses	207			207	298	

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	Unrestricted Funds	AFIA	Rowena Merson AFIA Travel Bursaries	Child Contact Centres' Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Retreat	1125					1125	-
Bursary Payments		1394	129			1523	2870
Bursary Payments - Mary Sumner House Projects					418	418	1000
Bursary Payments - Diocesan Projects					50	50	144
Bursary Payments - S Penn Fund					200	200	-
Bursary Payments - WWF					103	103	515
Bursary Payments - BID					14	14	63
Total Payments	27725	1394	129	2166	785	32199	15450
Surplus / (Deficit)	(2107)	282	197	(1085)	1419	(1294)	5051
Opening Current Account & Petty Cash	16376	140	2121	10353	1363	30353	25302
Closing Current Account & Petty Cash	14269	422	2318	9268	2782	29059	30353
Other Investments							
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>							
Hampshire Trust - Two Year Bond (to Feb 23)	7000					7000	7000
<i>Rowena Merson AFIA Travel Bursaries Fund</i>							
Hampshire Trust - One Year Bond (to Nov 21)							5085
Hampshire Trust - Two Year Bond (to Nov 21)							18000
Hampshire Trust - Easy Access			5136			5136	
Hampshire Trust - Two Year Bond (to Nov 23)			18000			18000	

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	Rowena Merson AFIA				
	Unrestricted Funds	AFIA	Travel Bursaries	Child Contact Centres' Fund	Other Restricted Funds
					Total 2021
<i>Child Contract Centres' Fund</i>					
Hampshire Trust - One Year Bond (to Feb 21)					5000
Hampshire Trust - Two Year Bond (to Dec 21)					15000
Hampshire Trust - Two Year Bond (to Feb 22)				10000	10000
Hampshire Trust - Two Year Bond (to Feb 23)				5000	5000
Hampshire Trust - Easy Access				15272	15272
	7000	0	23136	30272	0
					60408
					60085

Notes:

Fund Descriptions

Away from it All (AFIA)

This is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, primarily funded by our members, to give the opportunity of a break to those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life. Funds raised can be used to:-

- Help fund part of the cost of a holiday
- Cover a family's travel expenses
- Pay for a whole holiday or day trip
- Organise family weeks for groups of families to have a break with activities and outings.

Rowena Merson Travel Fund

This is an invested legacy left to Bath & Wells following the untimely death of a serving Trustee. It was decided by her fellow Trustees at the time to use it for reimbursing travelling expenses for the families benefiting from the AFIA breaks. The original donation is invested in 2 yearly bonds which can be cashed in and reinvested as the Trustees deem necessary.

Shirley Penn Bursary Fund

This was created in 2021 following a generous funeral collection from the MU in Bath & Wells of a former Trustee who had also been on the national Central

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Council. It was designated for the use of members who wish to deepen their lives spiritually by attending either one day courses or the Annual Diocesan Retreat. It contributes to their overall expenses according to their means. The funds are topped up from time to time by the widower of the Trustee and members are free to raise additional funds if they so wish.

Child Contract Centres

These are invested funds, originally given as grants or donations, towards the running, by the Mothers' Union in Bath & Wells, of voluntarily organised Child Contact Centres. We have three centres in Frome, Nailsea and Clevedon. All are affiliated to the National Association of Child Contact Centres, strictly monitored, and examined by their staff. To date no one is paid for their help, but each Centre has a highly trained coordinator who reports back to the diocesan MU CCC Committee twice yearly, of which one Trustee is a committee member. At present the funds not needed are invested in several 2 yearly bonds. Members across the diocese also raise funds to support this valuable cause.

Diocesan Projects

This covers more locally inspired projects that members can become involved in such as knitting hats for use by the Seamen Mission, clothing for premature babies, trauma teddies or Christening Teddies, sewing 'angel pockets' for still births, children's activity bags for churches, 'fiddle blankets' for those suffering from dementia etc. Bath Deanery support a Student Cookbook which is distributed to all new students at Freshers Week in the two Bath universities. These projects come and go according to the need of local communities, an unless members indicate the specific need, money raised goes into a general 'pot' for project expenses and donations.

1. The expenses include the following: secretary's remuneration, rent, rates and insurance, accountants fees, stationery and office consumables, postage and photocopying, copyright and data protection licences, meetings and events, less contributions to cost of events / meetings.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we approve the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st December 2021 as presented to a meeting of the Board on 25th October 2022

Madeline Hellier - Diocesan President

Madeline Hellier

25th October 2022

Sarah Bult - Treasurer & General Trustee

Sarah Bult

25/10/22

Margaret Willmott - General Trustee

Margaret Willmott

25/10/22

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Mothers Union Enterprises (MUE) Trading Account for the year ending 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Sales	9700	7393
Purchases	8538	8122
Surplus (Deficit) on Sales	1162	(729)
Opening Bank Account	84	813
Surplus (Deficit) on Sales	1162	(729)
Closing Bank Account	1246	84

Notes:

This is the trading account of the Mothers' Union our diocesan representative deals directly with MSH for stock, which is then sent out to branches, or displayed at meetings and events such as our AGM or Diocesan Synod, on a sale or return basis. It has its own bank account which the Diocesan Representative administers.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we approve the Mothers Union Enterprises (MUE) Trading Account for the year ending 31st December 2021

Madeline Hellier - Diocesan President

Madeline Hellier
25th October 2022

Sarah Bult - Treasurer & General Trustee

Sarah G. Bult
25/10/22

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Worldwide Fund Account for the year ending 31st December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations for General Fund and various projects	5690		3395	
Donations for Emergency Relief Fund	-		90	
Donations for Literacy & Development - S Sudan	-		50	
Donations not declared in previous year	1001		-	
Bank Interest	2		-	
		6693		3535
Payments				
Transferred to Mother's Union, Mary Sumner House, for the various funds as donated		-		1200
Surplus		6693		2335
Opening Balance		2373		38
Closing Balance		9066		2373

Notes:

This is a fund administered by the Central Council in Mary Sumner House and all funds raised in Bath & Wells go towards MU work all over the world. It has its own bank account which the MU Diocesan WWF Treasurer administers.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we approve the Worldwide Fund Account for the year ending 31st December 2021

Madeline Hellier - Diocesan President

Sarah Bult - Treasurer & General Trustee

Madeline Hellier.
25th October 2022.

Sarah G. Bult.
25/10/22.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Mothers Union Diocese of Bath and Wells

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Mothers Union of Bath and Wells (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records

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.



Adam Turrell
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Maxwells Chartered Accountants
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Date: 25/10/22 .