

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 250224

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The Trustee Board are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020.

Board of Trustees who served during the year ending 31st December 2020.

Diocesan President: Susan Rivers

Vice Presidents: Nicola Webber
Jodie Taylor
Elizabeth Jones

General Trustees: Julie Davies
Jean Starr

Unit Co-ordinators: Barbara Treharne
Margaret Jones
Lowrie Washington-Jones
Raye Saunders

The present Board was elected from 1st January 2019 until the 31st December 2021. The Trustee Board now comprises of experienced and new members. *There is a vacancy for an elected member from the Archdeaconry of Margam.*

The Diocesan President, Vice-Presidents, General Trustees and Unit Co-ordinators are elected by Members of the Diocesan Council by a simple majority.

The Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Treasurer (non-voting) remain unchanged and ratified annually by the Board.

The Diocesan Chaplain is appointed by the Bishop.

Bankers: HSBC BANK, 61 High Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7YJ

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION

The Purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens marriage and Christian family life.

The Aim of the Society is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

To carry out this Aim and the Objectives of the Mothers' Union are:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith of the life of the Church.
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.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Membership is open to all who:

- (i) Have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity.
- (ii) Declare their support for the aim and objectives of the Society.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

They shall debate, consider, and determine all matters of policy and strategy to be affected on behalf of Llandaff Diocesan Mothers' Union.

They shall manage and supervise the finances of the Society and review and evaluate the work of the Society.

They shall receive, consider, and respond to all resolutions received

from the Diocesan Council.

Procedures are in place for the regular training of Trustees to ensure good practice and awareness of their responsibilities. Training is also given to Deanery and Branch officials at regular intervals.

Risk Management

The Trustees confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity. This review considered the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The review concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently we should aim to keep reserves at their present level, which equates to approximately 12 months of charitable expenditure also bearing in mind our A.F.I.A. project which puts a high financial demand on our expenditure. During 2019, the Trustee Board took the decision to retain current reserves to enable the Charity to be managed efficiently.

Organisation

Llandaff Diocesan Mothers' Union is autonomous and is one of the sixty-six federated Mothers' Union Charities in the British Isles. As such it operates in conjunction with the central charity of the Mothers' Union at Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3RB. The Charity has over 4 million members in 84 countries and lobbies local and national government on issues affecting family life and campaigns to change legislation, where necessary.

Llandaff Diocese Mothers' Union

The Llandaff Diocese Mothers' Union is managed by the Board of Trustees which comprises the Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Treasurer, Diocesan Chaplain (non-elected) a Diocesan President, three Vice Presidents each representing an Archdeaconry, three elected Trustees one from each Archdeaconry and four elected Unit Coordinators. The Units are Faith and Policy, Marketing, Action and Outreach and Finance and Administration. These Units are run by the elected Coordinator and have Trustees and members who act as Unit Advisors undertaking the work of each Unit.

Following a new Mothers' Union (Central Charity) Constitution passed in 2018, the Llandaff Diocese Mothers' Union Constitution was updated and ratified, conforming to the amended Rules and Regulations therein,

in 2019.

In 2020 there were 80 Branches and 1,749 members of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. A few members choose to become Deanery or Diocesan members, and do not belong to a specific Branch.

The organisation, whether at Diocesan, Deanery or Branch levels aims to reach out to those in need of all ages and especially with families and married couples. Members raise funds for use at local, national, and international levels.

All the work is underpinned by Prayer and the membership is involved in a range of Prayer and Worship events across the Diocese. This work is supported by the Mothers' Union Chaplain, Revd. Sandra Birdsall. Llandaff Diocese is linked with five Overseas Dioceses and attempts to keep in close touch with them.

To enable all members to be well informed, a publication named 'In Touch' is produced which includes all up to date news on projects and Branch Life. This was distributed four times a year.

The website, namely mothersunionllandaff.org, is constantly updated and is favourably viewed by members. There is a Facebook account to keep members updated with news and events.

During 2020 the Trustee Board met frequently on Microsoft Teams or on Zoom in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the charity; Deanery Leaders and Officers meetings were held, to disseminate information to branches and members. In 2020 it was not possible to hold a Diocesan General Meeting due to Government restrictions and many members not being able to access the internet. The individual Units met on Zoom a regular basis to undertake the work of the Charity through its many initiatives and to ensure that communication is kept at its highest level. A report from each Unit is presented at the Trustee Board meeting.

All Trustees have signed the Trustee Code of Conduct produced by Mothers' Union. In addition, a Deanery Leaders Code of Conduct was produced and has been signed by all Deanery Leaders.

The Trustees have considered the requirements of the Charity Commissioners regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Llandaff Diocesan Mothers' Union meet these requirements.

Highlights

During March 2020, members of the Trustees were trained on the use of Microsoft Teams by the IT department of Mothers' Union Central Charity. This proved beneficial in enabling members to communicate during the first lockdown.

The purchase of a Zoom account enabled greater communication across the Diocese, as Microsoft Teams was limited to Trustees and did not address the needs of members. The Zoom account enabled Units, Deaneries and Branches to meet and communicate effectively throughout the year.

A Digital Virtual Volunteering project was set up to support members and members of church congregations with developing IT skills through the loan of devices. This was to enable those who could not access the internet to communicate with others and follow church services. Four Apple iPads and 11 mobile Wi-Fi units were purchased in conjunction with Digital Communities Wales through a Pathfinder project. Four iPads were also purchased by Llandaff Diocese to support the project. Twice weekly devotions were produced by our Mothers' Union Chaplain, Revd. Sandra Birdsall, and these were distributed throughout the Diocese by email, Facebook and our website and through the post to support and keep in contact with members.

Ongoing Projects:

(1) 'Away from it All'

This is our main project but unfortunately, we were unable to offer holidays to families in need due to the pandemic and government regulations. The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic also saw a lack of fundraising for the caravan. The Charity purchased a new a Caravan at Parkdean Caravan Park, Trecco Bay, Porthcawl in 2016 and provides families who have met with adversity or have suffered traumatic events, to a week's holiday, free of charge.

Members give their time freely and work tirelessly to raise funds, as this project relies entirely on the membership plus any 'sponsored' events that may arise. The season lasts for approximately 30 weeks, with one family a week given a free holiday. The families are sponsored and recommended to us due to their circumstances, for consideration.

During the 2020 holiday season no families benefited from a holiday in the caravan, but families received a supermarket voucher of £25 and a card explaining the situation and assuring them that a holiday would be allocated to them when restrictions allowed.

The Open Week at the Caravan is held each July for members to visit and see the facility for themselves, but this was not possible in 2020.

(2) Prison Work

Volunteers continue to attend and support the children's play area and creche at Parc Prison Bridgend and Llandaff Mothers' Union was successful in obtaining a grant to purchase toys for the play area once again but due to the pandemic the children's play area was closed and no volunteering took place.

(3) Wedding Fairs

The Action and Outreach Unit have reached out to the community by promoting Christian Marriage and a wedding fair was held on the 1st March.

(4) Outreach Work

A range of projects exist across the Diocese, but these were severely affected by the Coronavirus. Members were highly creative and supported need in the community by various craft projects – knitting hearts for COVID patients, sewing scrub bags and masks, supporting food banks and supporting members, especially those who were isolated and lonely due to shielding through phone contact.

(5) During 2020 there were approximately 135 Indoor Members.

These members are unable to attend monthly branch meetings, due to their disability or circumstances but benefit by being kept in touch by letter twice a year. They also receive Easter/Christmas cards which also includes a letter from the Worldwide President each time.

(6) The Faith and Policy Unit organised and held some worship events, many of which were online.

The Annual Wave of Prayer started at the Chaplain's Church in St. Mary's Llansawel with the President and Chaplain and proceeded at set times throughout the Diocese. The unit provided an effective contribution to the 16 Days of Activism Campaign in November and worked collaboratively with Llandaff Diocese in a 'Behind Closed Doors' campaign raising awareness of Domestic Violence, which statistics stated had increased during the pandemic. An Advent Praise service was held online.

Future Plans

It is the Trustees' wish that the Charity continues to undertake its Faith and Worship, Action and Outreach and Marketing functions but with the uncertainty of lockdowns, different variant strains of the Coronavirus and government regulations it has proved difficult to plan for 2021 but all agree with the need to move cautiously and plan for events as circumstances allow.

The Trustees agreed the accounts on 6 July 2021.

Llandaff Diocesan Mothers' Union

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Charity Commission Registration Number : 250224

Mothers' Union Diocese of Llandaff
(Charity No : 250224)

Receipts and Payments 2020						
	2020 Diocese	2020 Branches and Deaneries	2020 Consolidated	2019 Diocese	2019 Branches & Deaneries	2019 Consolidated
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Central MU Subs & General Fund	25403		25403	26712		26712
Diocesan Fund	7525		7525	8901		8901
Insurance	730		730	790		790
Overseas	3930		3930	6860		6860
Literacy & Development Project	3032		3032	3086		3086
Relief	148		148	2803		2803
GBI (formerly CWISY)	2123		2123	1924		1924
AFIA (Caravan)	8685		8685	17560		17560
Indoor Members	1090		1090	1053		1053
MU Enterprises	1827		1827	5115		5115
Branch & Deanery funds		-7660	-7660		11737	11737
Conferences, Travel, Outings		908	908	609	18947	19556
Sundries	3760	721	4481		2718	2718
Interest	516	1	517	460	5	465
Total	58,788	-6,030	52,758	75,873	33,405	109,278
Payments						
Central MU Subs & General Fund	25403		25403	26712		26712
"In Touch" Newsletters	1810		1810	3860		3860
Insurance	801		801	801		801
Overseas	3930	1175	5105	6860	2672	9532
Literacy & Development Project	3032		3032	3086		3086
Relief	148		148	2803		2803
GBI (formerly CWISY)	2123		2123	1924		1924
AFIA (Caravan)	3708		3708	6569		6569
Indoor Members	417		417	168		168
MU Enterprises	1388		1388	4356		4356
Outings, refreshments, etc		1073	1073		17086	17086
Speakers		402	402		2585	2585
Conferences & Travel	356	48	404	4092	224	4316
Office and Administration	1227	914	2141	2206	1567	3713
Rent, light, heating	36	1510	1546	544	5854	6398
Units	1129		1129	967		967
Sundries	6484	4922	11406	5214	5290	10504
Total	51,992	10,044	62,036	70,162	35,278	105,440
Net receipts / (payments)	6,777	-16,074	-9,297	5,711	-1,873	3,838
balance at 31 December 2019	33954	44492	78446	28243	46365	74608
bank balances at 31 December 2020	40,731	28,418	69,149	33,954	44,492	78,446

Branches and Deaneries 2020

	Diocese	Deaneries	Consolidated	Diocese	Branches and Deaneries	Consolidated
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Caravan	29779		29779	34743		34743
Investments						
National Savings Bonds	40,000		40,000	40,000		40,000
COIF a/c	26164		26164	26095		26095
Current a/c	14567		14567	7859		7859
Branch & deanery a/cs		28418	28418		44492	
Total	110,510	28,418	138,928	108,697	44,492	153,189
Accumulated Fund						
Brought forward	108697	44492	153189	107950	46365	154315
Net receipts	6777	-16074	-9297	5711	1873	3838
Caravan investment Note 1	4964		-4964	-4964		-4964
Total	110,510	28,418	138,928	108,697	44,492	153,189
Note 1						
Caravan depreciation 10% of cost price				£4,964		

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Llandaff Diocesan Mothers' Union

I report on the accounts of the Llandaff Diocesan Mother's Union for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 2011 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 the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would require 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material in respect of requirements
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord in the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Caravan Accounts 2020

Receipts

Payments received from branches and deanerries	£8,502.25
Mrs L Wallace	£50.00
Anonymous	£120.00
Gift Aid	£12.49
TOTAL	£8,684.74

Expenses

Expenses	
Winterisation	£122.55
T V License	£154.50
Keys	£100.00
Cleaning	£190.00
Lowrie Washington Jones	£304.59
Liz Jones : Gift vouchers	£260.00
Site fees & gas check	£2,575.96
Total	£3,707.60

Depreciation

£4,964.00

Prepared by S A Jones
29/03/2021

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