

THE MOTHERS' UNION - ST DAVIDS DIOCESE

England & Wales · Charity number 250226

Details

Other names	THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF ST DAVIDS BRANCH)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1966-12-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	83 Water Street Kidwelly SA17 5BZ
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Activities

Objects: (1)TO UPHOLD CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF THE MARRIAGE AND TO PROMOTE ITS WIDER UNDERSTANDING;(2)TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH AND 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.

Activities: To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by helping communities through the nurture of family in its many forms.To promote and support married life and encourage parents to develop the faith of their children.To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life; to help those in adversity& maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer worship and service

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF ST DAVIDS
- Carmarthenshire
- Ceredigion
- Pembrokeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£29,191	£28,541	-	-
2024-12-31	£25,448	£24,342	-	-
2023-12-31	£38,859	£36,655	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,187	£24,778	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,610	£20,181	-	-
2020-12-31	£21,000	£25,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Bessant		2022-01-01
Annie Rees		2023-06-01
Eiryth Thomas		2022-01-01
GLENYS PAYNE		2011-06-30
Grace Albison		2022-01-01
Heather Jenkins		2024-12-31
Jane Rees		2022-01-01
Lorna Cecil		2022-01-01

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ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

Reporting period: Easter 2025 – Easter 2026

Author: Revd Glenys Payne, Diocesan President Mothers' Union

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

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THE OBJECTIVES

Our Vision is a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships which members actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling others. Our Mission is to show our Christian faith by transformation of communities worldwide.

ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR

- Our partnership with *Plant Dewi continues* with MU supporting and actively participating with the *Baby Bundle* scheme. We have also supported *Plant Dewi* via MU **Away From It All**. AFIA, one of our longest-running projects, by contributing to family trips and days out.
- The continuation of our *Seafarers*, *Women's Refuge* and *Cross in the Pocket* projects and many local hospital and community projects run by Branches have also been introduced..
- We have changed the format of our Diocesan meetings by streamlining the format of the meetings. There are three 'Gatherings' one in each Archdeaconry. We have continued with a short talk from a speaker followed by an informal discussion with members.
- A day of Celebration was held in August at the Cathedral to celebrate the Birthday of our Founder Mary Sumner. This culminated in a Service of Thanksgiving.

CHALLENGES THIS YEAR

Yet again one of biggest challenges is to maintain and nurture current branches. We are very grateful to our younger clergy who are helping us in this venture with a view to increasing membership. With most of our members heavily involved in Church life it has been a little difficult at times to continue with the administration in so many different avenues.

LOOKING FORWARD

This year we are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of MU. We are planning a visit from our Worldwide President in May. There will also be a 150th Anniversary Celebration in the Cathedral in June. There will also be a Service in St. Paul's Cathedral in London which a few of our members are involved in. With guidance from our Clergy and our Central Board, our Trustees continue to look at new ways to facilitate existing branches. We are also looking at encouraging more young people to embrace the work of MU with a view to

them becoming supporters and eventual members. We accept that this will take time. We pray that God will guide us to walk alongside our Clergy in furthering His work in this corner of the vineyard.

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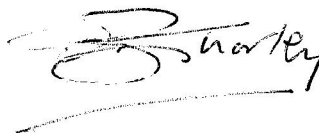
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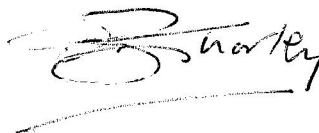
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- help those whose family life has met with adversity
- promote and support married life.

A global movement present in 84 countries, our members are not all mothers, or even all women. They are single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience.

Mothers' Union provides a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community. This is done through prayer, projects and partnership, actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

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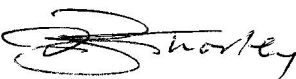
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity number 250226

Opening Balance as at 1st January 2024	£	4,117.80
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions for MU (Mary Sumner House)		7,774.00
Direct Debit Subs for MU (Mary Sumner House)		3,266.00
Diocesan Fund (Members' Subscriptions)		1,690.00
Diocesan Fund (Members' Subs by Direct Debit)		710.00
Diocesan Fund (Statutory)		290.00
Diocesan Fund (Donations)		994.40
Diocesan Fund (Branch Closurers)		265.18
Diocesan Fund (Legacy)		2,110.00
Diocesan Fund (Raffles, Bring & Buy)		389.45
Diocesan Fund (Service Collections)		491.53
Diocesan Fund (Sale of Cook Books)		52.50
Gift Aid		499.43
Refund of Cost of Card Reader		154.80
Overseas Fund		762.01
Overseas Fund (Branch Closure)		16.35
UK & Ireland Fund		303.21
UK & Ireland Fund (Branch Closure)		11.24
AFIA		1,311.60
AFIA (Sale of Driftwood Trees)		525.00
Summer of Hope Appeal		154.50
Mothers' Day Appeal		37.50
Quiet Days		198.13
Plant Dewi Baby Bundles		388.00
MUe Annual Turnover Grant		580.31
Received for Mue Trading Account		68.04
Random Draw (For 2024)		660.00
Random Draw (For 2025)		456.00
Retreat		635.00
Testimonial		250.00
RECEIPTS		25,044.18
Contra Entry (Bank Error)		327.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2024		25,371.18
OPENING BALANCE + TOTAL RECEIPTS		29,488.98

Note £300.00 was banked in 2023 for the 2024 Random Draw.

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PAYMENTS		
Subscriptions for MU (Mary Sumner House)		7,774.00
Direct Debit Subs for MU (Mary Sumner House)		3,266.00
Officials' & Trustees' Expenses		646.15
Official Speakers' Expenses		121.60
DBS Checks		145.00
Insurance		449.50
Lottery Registration		40.00
Overseas Fund		798.36
UK & Ireland Fund		334.45
Teulu Non		320.00
Indoor Members		4.95
Diocesan Members		54.85
Finance & Central Services		2,925.00
Festival		816.00
Conferences & Gatherings		15.00
Celebrations		54.99
Events		15.00
AFIA		2,000.00
Mothers' Day Appeal		37.50
Summer of Hope Appeal		154.50
Plant Dewi Baby Bundles		2,388.00
Transferred to Mue Account		68.04
Postage, Printing etc		127.30
Random Draw Prizes		384.00
Leaflets and Booklets		122.00
Testimonial		250.00
Retreat		630.00
Cards, Gifts, Badges and Mue		121.84
Unpresented Cheque (003146)		-25.60
Unpresented Cheque (003154)		-8.00
Unpresented Cheque (003206)		-15.00
PAYMENTS		24,015.43
Contra Entry (Bank Error)		327.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS for 2024		24,342.43
Closing Balance as at 31st December 2024		5,146.55
TOTAL PAYMENTS + CLOSING BALANCE		29,488.98

ST. DAVIDS DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION (Registered Charity No 250226)
BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
<u>Current Account</u>		
Balance of Account as at 1st Jan	4,117.80	1,913.27
Income to 31st Dec	25,371.18	38,859.66
Total Available Funding	29,488.98	40,772.93
Total Expenditure to 31st Dec	24,342.43	36,655.13
Balance of Account as at 31st Dec	5,146.55	4,117.80
<u>Deposit Account</u>		
Balance of Account as at 1st Jan	6,493.20	9,922.69
Income to 31st Dec	77.35	70.51
Total Available Funding	6,570.55	9,993.20
Total Expenditure to 31st Dec	0.00	3,500.00
Balance of Account as at 31st Dec	6,570.55	6,493.20
Current Account	5,146.55	4,117.80
Deposit Account	6,570.55	6,493.20
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	11,717.10	10,611.00

AFIA Restricted Fund

(Held within the Total Assets)

Balance of Fund as at 1st Jan	2,710.60	2,895.80
Income to 31st Dec	1,836.60	2,646.95
Total Available Funding	4,547.20	5,542.75
Total Expenditure to 31st Dec	2,000.00	2,832.15
Balance of Fund as at 31st Dec	2,547.20	2,710.60

RANDOM DRAW for 2024 Restricted Fund

(Held within the Total Assets)

Balance of Fund as at 1st Jan	300.00	0.00
Income to 31st Dec	660.00	300.00
Total Available Funding	960.00	300.00
Prizes Expenditure to 31st Dec	384.00	0.00
Profit for Diocesan Fund	576.00	0.00
Balance of Fund as at 31st Dec	0.00	300.00

RANDOM DRAW for 2025 Restricted Fund

(Held within the Total Assets)

Balance of Fund as at 1st Jan	0.00
Income to 31st Dec 2024	456.00
Total Available Funding	456.00
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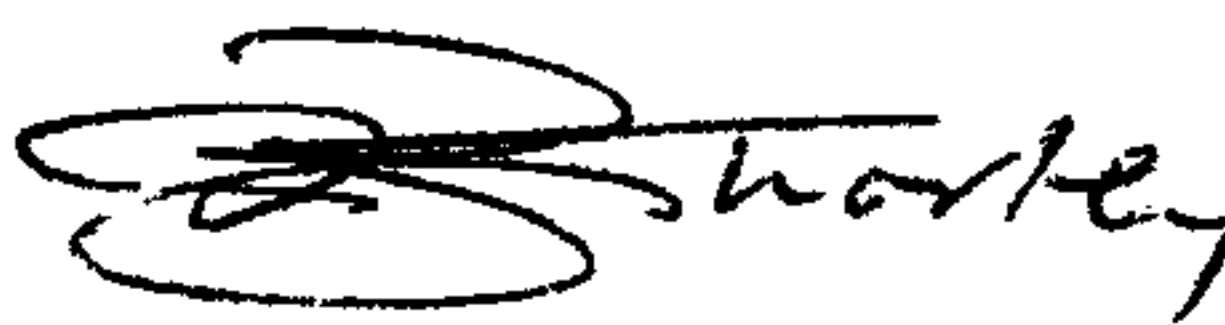
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Subscriptions for MU (Diocesan Fund)	836.00
Direct Debit Subs for MU (Diocesan Fund)	290.00
Subs for MU (Mary Sumner House 2022)	120.00
Gift Aid (For 3 Years)	1,077.60
Diocesan Fund	3,393.46
Diocesan Fund (Branch Closure)	478.65
Overseas Fund	738.89
UK & Ireland Fund	317.00
AFIA	2,444.35
AFIA (Deanery Closure)	202.60
AAGBV Global Fund	115.00
Summer of Hope Appeal	549.50
Mothers' Day Appeal	88.00
Quiet Days	106.30
Plant Dewi Baby Bundles	66.20
MUe Annual Turnover Grant	544.22
Received for Mue Trading Account	36.00
Random Draw (For 2024)	300.00
York Gathering	10,626.00
Transferred from Deposit Account	3,500.00
Contra Entry	1,206.89
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Insurance	409.50
Lottery Registration	40.00
Overseas Fund	774.00
UK & Ireland Fund	332.11
Teulu Non	830.00
Indoor Members	39.32
Finance & Central Services	2,275.00
Services	36.00
Conferences & Gatherings	162.50
Festival of Banners	746.00
Courses	100.00
AFIA	2,832.15
Mothers' Day Appeal	88.00
AAGBV Global Fund	115.00
Summer of Hope Appeal	549.50
Provincial Contribution (2022 & 2023)	80.00
Postage, Printing etc	118.01
Plant Dewi Baby Bundles	2,076.20
Leaflets and Cards	1.65
Equipment	59.99
Refund of Duplicate Receipt	100.00
York Gathering	10,957.45
Contra Entry	1,206.89
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR 2023	36,655.13
Closing Balance as at 31st December 2023	4,117.80
TOTAL PAYMENTS + CLOSING BALANCE	40,772.93

Financial Audit of Mothers' Union Accounts 2023

The Financial Audit undertaken on 15th March 2024 looked at the following accounts:
St. Davids Diocesan Mothers Union Treasurers Current Account – No. 00567475
St. Davids Diocesan Mothers Union Bus Bank Instant Deposit Account – No. 07107976

The Accounting Records Kept

A detailed electronic spreadsheet records all payments made and displays these in relevant categories. These electronic records are backed-up to Google Cloud.

There is currently no online banking arrangement.

Income receipts are recorded in detail on the Bank Receipt Tabs.

Occasional income receipts are made direct to the Mothers' Union Account.

All payments and income receipts are processed through the Mothers' Union Account.

All payments are made via cheques. No Petty Cash is held.

All payments require 2 signatories.

There are currently 4 signatories to these accounts.

A Gift Aid application was made in this financial year covering the previous 3 years.

Reconciliation of Accounting Records with Bank Statement Records

The Accounting Records in respect of the Mothers' Union Accounts reconcile with the Lloyds Bank Statement Records for 2023.

The Format of the Accounts Presented

The Annual Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Mothers' Union is in the correct receipts and payments format as directed by the Charities Act 2011 for those organisations whose income and expenditure falls below the £250,000 threshold.

The Annual Financial Report clearly presents the reconciled receipts and payments.

Also presented is an informative spreadsheet showing the detail of income receipts and payments made.

Payment receipts are retained. Where payment receipts have not been received, these are recorded by the Treasurer and shown in her accounts.

Committed payments that have not been processed by the Bank are identified.

The Annual Financial Report allows for comparisons with previous years:

	£	£	£	£
Current Acc.	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total Assets for Current & Deposit Accounts
2022	24,187.57	24,778.59	1,913.27	11,835.96
2023	38,859.66*	36,655.13	4,117.80	10,611.00

*£3,500 was transferred from the Deposit to the Current Account.

Independent examination has been carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

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