

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Portsmouth

CHARITY NUMBER 1067369

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2020

Mothers' Union in the Portsmouth Diocese, is registered with the Charity Commission (no 1067369). The Bishop of Portsmouth is our patron.

Mothers' Union Aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. To carry out its aim its objectives are:

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- 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.

The Trustee Board as of 1st January 2019

Elizabeth Groves	Diocesan President & Chair of Trustees
Alison Mills	Diocesan Secretary (Ex-officio)
Valerie Griffiths	Diocesan Treasurer (Ex-officio)
Vacant	Diocesan Chaplain (Ex-officio)
Sylvia Beardsmore	Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Isle of Wight
Felicity Keeping	Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Portsdown
Vacant	Deanery Co-ordinator Bishops Waltham
Valerie Edmonds	Deanery Co-ordinator Fareham and Gosport
Sheila King	Deanery Co-ordinator Havant and Portsmouth
Sue Williams	Deanery Co-ordinator Isle of Wight
Christine Long	Unit Co-ordinator Action and Outreach
Val Franks	Unit Co-ordinator Faith and Policy
Vacant	Unit Co-ordinator Finance and Administration
Vacant	Unit Co-ordinator Fundraising & Communications
Vacant	Unit Co-ordinator Training
Susan Hamilton	Unit Co-ordinator Diocesan Members
Ann Bebbington	
Caroline Scull	
Hillary Batchelor	
Theresa Bignell	'Contact' Editor
Sabrina Gwynn	Co-opted as Modern Day Slavery Co-ordinator

The members of Mothers' Union Council elect the Trustees every three years, 2020 is the second year of a triennium

In 2020 Mothers' Union in Portsmouth had twenty-six branches. Overall there were 627 members, sixty-seven had either left or died through 2019 and there were sixty two additional members.

The board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility to identify, assess and manage risks. This is undertaken on an ongoing basis regarding all activities undertaken by the Portsmouth Mother's Union. Dynamic risk assessments are undertaken for all activities and formal documented risk assessments are carried out where any larger event for example those events involving a variety of activities and the general public.

Each Member organising an activity is responsible for the initial dynamic assessment and judge whether the activity requires a documented risk assessment. Formal risk assessment documents are available on request from the Board of Trustees and the completed forms are sent to the Trustees for approval.

We continue to be led by Portsmouth Diocese's theme of 'Live Pray Serve' and as that is what Mothers Union has been undertaking during the last one hundred and forty five years that is how we shall present our report.

Live



The theme for Mothers' Union 2020 is to Building Hope and Confidence

2020 Started the year with Midday Prayer at the Cathedral in January followed by a trustee meeting. We managed to continue with the Cathedral Midday Prayer in February and March, then by the end of March we were in Lockdown when all meeting together ended. This led to Lady Day Service in Havant and Portsmouth and the Quiet Day on the Isle of Wight during Holy Week being cancelled. However, most of us have learnt new technology and have been communicating via Zoom. Many of

our members are elderly and Branch leaders and members have endeavoured to keep everyone in communication.

Pray

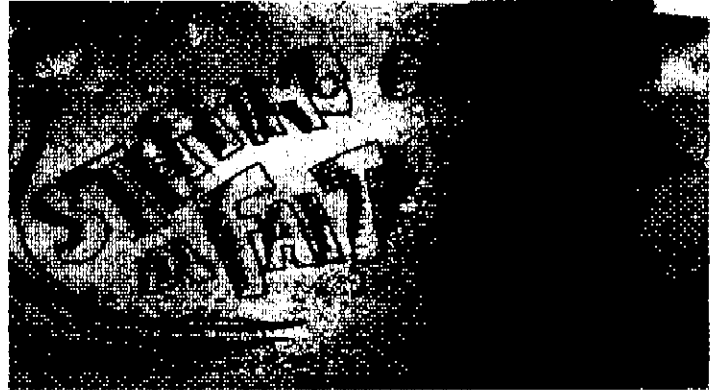
Prayer is at the heart of Mothers' Union life and all we undertake is upheld by it.

- Each month on the third Wednesday at mid-day members gather in the Cathedral for Holy Communion celebrated by MU diocesan chaplain assisted by members from the deaneries in rotation.
- The 577 members in the diocese each receive a copy of Families Worldwide which encourages and enables daily prayer for families throughout the world. It provides information about MU projects and our link dioceses and their leaders to aid prayer and understanding. Members are encouraged to pray at mid-day each day.
- Wave of Prayer – the three archdeaconries each from June 15th to 17th when the branches in the archdeaconry were allocated different times to meet for the Wave of Prayer services during which we prayed for the work of MU and specially for our link dioceses abroad, these are New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea, Gboko in Benue State Nigeria, Bukavu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nyahururu in Kenya.
- Prayer Chain – The prayer chain is made up of a representative from each deanery. They undertake to pray regularly for those who are sick or who have asked for prayer.
- A quiet day was held at Carisbrooke Priory on the Isle of Wight during Holy Week.
- Every year on Lady Day, March 25th, Havant and Portsmouth deanery holds a Lady Day Service
- Council and Trustee meetings begin with prayer usually led by Mothers' Union Chaplain and also at mid-day.



Serve

- Last year Mary Sumner House (Head Quarters of Mothers' Union) invited us to take part as a pilot diocese in 'Metamorphosis' a project which followed on from MULOA but was parish based. This was an exciting project which needed the backing of the diocese and the parish priest. We centred this in Gosport a town with deprivation in many areas. This project was to help the church to reach out to the community and engage with it in areas of need. It used art and drama and the bible to aid. Three of six sessions were undertaken last year and three this year finishing just before lockdown. We continued the Holiday Hunger project started in the Christmas holidays at half term and joined in the Council's 'Open Door' project which provided accommodation for the homeless of Gosport during January and February. We have continued to support the families who joined the Holiday Hunger project.



- During the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence some of our branches met to pray for people suffering from the effects of gender violence.
- Bags Of Love. Some branches have sent 'bags of love' to parents taking the YR children to school for the first time and at Christmas 'bags of love' were given to Care Workers in a Care Home.

- Normally, Members of Portsmouth Mothers' Union volunteer help at the Roberts Child Contact Centre. There were very few days this year when this was able to happen except in the first few months.

The Child Contact Centre is a place where children living with one parent can meet the parent they do not live with in a safe comfortable environment. Research tells us that children have better outcomes when they have contact with their non-resident parent. The Child Contact Centre is run by a team of trained staff and volunteers whose primary role is to help parents make sure their child's contact experience is positive.'

- We have two projects supporting Queen Alexandra Hospital. MGN Support Project (Maternity, Gynaecological and Neo-Natal Support) we provided gowns for still-born babies, tiny baby-grows for the neo-natal unit and knitted matinee jackets and blankets. In the second project members provided toiletry items in a bag for those people who are taken to hospital in an emergency. During the year the members who support these projects have continued to provide articles for QA Hospital.

Members in the Isle of Wight knit hats to support the Seafarers' Mission, they also knit for the neonatal unit at St Mary's Hospital and collect toiletries for those admitted unexpectedly to St Mary's Hospital.

- Our teams of volunteers have not attended Wedding Fayres through 2020 to promote marriage in church.
- Throughout the year members raised funds for us to provide a week's holiday or days away for families who are unable to fund a holiday, however, this year we have been unable to send any family away due to the prevailing circumstances.
- Two of our members look after the MUE (Mothers' Union enterprises) stall. They sell cards, badges, gifts etc., that are ordered from Mary Sumner House. The proceeds go to help the running of Central Mothers Union and a percentage is received back annually.

We hope and pray that 2021 sees us able to return to our branches and projects with renewed energy.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Elizabeth Groves

Portsmouth Diocesan President

**MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ending 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Totals Funds 2019
INCOMING RESOURCES				
A1 From Donors	17551.93	520.38	18072.31	16620.01
A2 Other Voluntary Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	4284.35
A3 Income from Operating Activities	4817.35	0.00	4817.35	5412.35
A4 Income From Fund Raising	0.00	4124.92	4124.92	13135.48
A5 Income From Investments	47.52	42.92	90.44	140.48
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	22416.80	4688.22	27105.02	39592.67
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
B1 Projects	7000.00	3826.09	10826.09	10128.59
B2 Activities relating to Mu	12633.88	0.00	12633.88	18599.71
B3 MU Management & Admin	3703.97	30.00	3733.97	6779.53
B4 Costs of Generating Funds	20.00	0.00	20.00	3508.80
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	23357.85	3856.09	27213.94	39016.63
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	-941.05	832.13	-108.92	576.04
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1ST JANUARY 2020	14613.84	13571.09	28184.93	27608.89
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	13672.79	14403.22	28076.01	28184.93

**MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Deposit A/c	11238.03	11190.51
Current A/c	2706.32	5119.78
Santander	2599.94	1258.98 (mue a/c)
AFIA A/c	4761.72	3893.21
Afia Deposit A/c	7018.00	7000.00
Afia Cash		62.58
	<u>28324.01</u>	<u>28525.06</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Newsletter		
Insurance		
Over payment subs		9.50
Gift		205.00
Advanced subs 2021	248.00	90.00
Afia Donations		35.63
	<u>248.00</u>	<u>340.13</u>
ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	<u>28076.01</u>	<u>28184.93</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

signed on its behalf by:

Revd E Groves (President)

V Griffiths (Treasurer)

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2020

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
A1 From Donors				
Subscriptions	13926.00		13926.00	14130.00
Postal Membership	211.50		211.50	213.00
Income Tax Recovered	2334.43	510.38	2844.81	1459.01
Open Plate Services			0.00	0.00
Donations	984.50		984.50	400.00
Action & Outreach	60.00		60.00	290.00
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Indoor Members Prayer Circle	35.50		35.50	48.00
Wedding Fair		10.00	10.00	80.00
	17551.93	520.38	18072.31	16620.01
A2 Other Voluntary Resources				
Grants				
Legacies			0.00	250.00
AGM 2019			0.00	4034.35
Familles First			0.00	0.00
	0.00		0.00	4284.35
A3 Income from Operating Activities				
MU Enterprise Sales	4255.00		4255.00	4791.72
Profit Related Grant	562.35		562.35	620.63
	4817.35		4817.35	5412.35
A4 Income From Fund Raising				
Draw			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous			0.00	7.30
Projects				
Away From It All Holidays		2300.63	2300.63	6486.95
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Britain & Ireland Fund		55.00	55.00	250.00
Disaster Relief		236.75	236.75	1149.55
MSH Fund		1370.00	1370.00	475.00
Overseas Fund		162.54	162.54	1206.08
Overseas Travel Fund			0.00	0.00
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
AGM Memorabilia			0.00	3560.60
	0.00	4124.92	4124.92	13135.48
A5 Income From Investments				
Interest	47.52	42.92	90.44	140.48
	47.52	42.92	90.44	140.48
TOTAL OF INCOMING RESOURCES	22416.80	4688.22	27105.02	39592.67

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Stements for year ended 31. December 2020

Resources Expended	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
B1 Projects				
Away from it all Holidays		2000.00	2000.00	6903.55
Britain & Ireland		55.00	55.00	250.00
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Disaster		236.75	236.75	1149.55
MSH	7000.00	1370.00	8370.00	475.00
Overseas		162.54	162.54	1206.08
Overseas Travel			0.00	25.00
Wedding Fairs		1.80	1.80	119.41
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
	7000.00	3826.09	10826.09	10128.59
B2 Activities relating to Mu				
Subscriptions	8468.00		8468.00	8553.00
Purchase Stock	3459.68		3459.68	4894.72
Expenses				
Presidents	110.10		110.10	734.75
Vice-Presidents	88.80		88.80	303.60
Secretary			0.00	0.00
Treasurer	18.83		18.83	296.71
Training			0.00	248.29
Chaplain			0.00	482.85
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Admin & Finance			0.00	0.00
Action & Outreach	98.60		98.60	157.89
Speakers			0.00	283.77
Dio. Mem. Sec.	157.61		157.61	235.65
Mue Sales	87.10		87.10	320.09
IMPC rep	110.96		110.96	137.49
Trustees	34.20		34.20	328.70
Facilltator Training			0.00	1622.20
	12633.88		12633.88	18599.71
B3 MU Management & Admin				
Printing, Postage & Statlonery			0.00	209.14
Computer & Internet Exp	308.67		308.67	1.25
General Meeting			0.00	2407.68
Festival Service			0.00	0.00
Insurance	400.00	30.00	430.00	495.31
Staff Costs	1720.00		1720.00	1720.00
Conferences	153.00		153.00	282.80
Newsletter	1122.30		1122.30	1656.16
Publicity			0.00	7.19
	3703.97	30.00	3733.97	6779.53
B4 Costs of Generating Funds				
Fetes Bazaars & other fundraising even	20.00		20.00	3508.80
	20.00		20.00	3508.80
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	23357.85	3856.09	27213.94	39016.63

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31. December 2020

C1 FUND DETAILS

which are deemed to be restricted, which must be spent on the specified purposes within a reasonable time.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Away From It All	11779.72	10955.79
Britain & Ireland		
Disaster Relief		
MSH General Fund		
Overseas		
Overseas Travel	1238.45	1238.45
Wedding Fairs	1384.55	1376.35
Total	<u>14402.72</u>	<u>13,570.59</u>

C2 STOCK

Value of cards etc. held for resale at the year end

		2020	2019	
		£	£	
		2049.39	2650	
	no. held			
Aprons @ £6.52	3	19.56	364	no. held
Books & Pens @£3.34	72	240.48	150	no. held



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MOTHERS UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1067369

Set out on pages

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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

**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:

E. J. Symonds

Date:

25/2/2021

Name:

E. J. SYMONDS

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(if any):**

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