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Aims and objectives

The Mothers' Union is a Christian Society within the Anglican Community It has 4 million members in 83 countries Vision: Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships Aim and Purpose: To demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities world-wide through the nurture of the family in its many forms Mission:

- To promote and support married life
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- 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 Values: The Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members around the world as they respond to God's call to faith and action Beliefs:
- We believe in the value of each individual and their unique qualities
- We believe in the value of marriage and all faithful, loving family relationships
- We believe in the value of the family in its many forms as a source of love and support for individuals and the basis for a caring community

Reg. Charity No. 242671

Board of Trustees:

Diocesan President - Beryl Murdy

Vice Presidents: - Alison Williams
- Emily Brailsford
- Sheila Porter
- Linda Wilson

Trustees - Gillian Blount
- Wendy Fitch
- Christine McMullen
- Alison Orchard
- Sheila Randall
- Sandra Westerman

Diocesan Chaplain: - Revd. Eleanor Berry

Diocesan Treasurer: - Janet Bradshaw

Diocesan Secretary: - Carol Johnston

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Mothers' Union Statement of Commitment: Safeguarding

“As an organisation concerned with Christian principles and ministry in family life, the nurture and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of Mothers' Union both individually as members and collectively as an organisation, Mothers' Union has a duty to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, doing everything possible to ensure that they are safe when involved in Mothers' Union activities.

We will follow the safeguarding policies and practices issued by the Anglican Church, the Diocese of Derby and the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) charter for the safety of people within the churches of the Anglican Communion. Mothers' Union will promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults by aiming to prevent abuse from occurring, to protect those who are at risk of abuse and to respond well to those who have been abused. We will follow procedures to enable the identification of those who may present a risk to others and, should this occur, seek appropriate pastoral support for them.”

If you have any Safeguarding concerns - in the first instance, contact the Diocesan Secretary (MU Derby Safeguarding Officer) Carol Johnston email: mothersunion@derby.anglican.org Tel: 07731342447 or the Safeguarding Adviser at Derby Church House on email: hannah.hogg@derby.anglican.org or Tel: 01332 388682/07540 719447

Diocesan Presidents Annual Report.

I wonder at the start of 2020 whether any of us would have expected what it would bring. None of us ever thought that we would be unable to do most of the things which we enjoy seeing family and friends, going on holiday, eating in a restaurant, browsing round the shops, meeting in Church or at Mothers' Union meetings, festivals and fund-raising efforts. I hope that as we come out of the lockdown we can safely begin to meet again, to pick up the pieces and continue to work for the good of Mothers' Union in this Diocese and throughout the World.

My plan for 2020 was to get round as many branches that I hadn't visited before during the year leaving 2021 to visit whatever I didn't manage. As you all know I managed none of them. This means that I will have a lot to try to do this year.

How many of us had even heard of ZOOM this time last year. I feel that we have gained a lot of experience of working on line in committee and particularly with Midday prayers. It has been so good to see so many people on Friday lunchtime we have had people on regularly who would never normally be able to come to the Cathedral. We have had almost 40 people on and it has been good to have a good variety of people offering to organise it. This has been super giving us a good spread of ideas and delivery. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey we hope that when we are able to meet again in the Cathedral we will still be able to share the service online for those who can't be with us.

Last year we made contact with the new Chaplain at Foston Hall she is Anne Halliday and through her we sorted that we could again send gifts to the inmates for Christmas. These were sourced and wrapped by Bakewell branch for which we are very grateful. Anne also asked if we could provide birthday cards and I delivered her some just before Christmas and will take some more when there are some more good value in the sale items from Mary Sumner House.

We have not distributed any more packs of Helpful Books because of the school closures. Ruth still has some packs ready to go so if you know any schools local to you who would like them please let us know.

Emily suggested that we look to do something for families leaving refuges when they are given housing and thus the Moving on Pack idea was born. Hopefully this will be a really good way to support families who have been in dreadful situations and is one of the ways we can help those in desperate need of a hand to get their lives back to a new normality.

The sales of Mothers' Union cards have been really good and the extra incentive given by MSH to send £30 orders direct to customers without carriage was well used. I still have reasonable stocks and regularly get orders from people local to me. Thankyou to all who have bought this last year I don't know how much the lockdown has increased members orders direct to MSH but I am sure it will have.

Looking forward I hope that we can have our Diocesan Festival in September, that our Deanery Festivals can happen and that we will be able to meet again soon. As soon as you have organised your plans for opening please make sure we have the information and I will try to get to as many meetings as possible. If I am not able to visit I will try to get another Trustee to come in my place.

I hope that we will have a better 2021 but I thank you all for the phone calls, cards, flowers and letters that I have received in what was a really horrible year for my family and especially for all the prayers which have made life so much more bearable for us all.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the Trustees and Carol and Janet who have all stepped up and done lots of extra things in a very difficult year. Eleanor too has been phoning some of our most lonely members regularly and I know from conversations I have had that they have really appreciated them and indeed look forward to the next call. So many people have gone above and beyond what they should have been expected to do and I have been so grateful for them all.

I look forward to seeing many of you this year and look forward to a better time this summer as we begin to meet again.

Beryl Murdy

Secretary's Report

It's been a very difficult and different 12 months for us all to say the least. Thanks to technology we have been able to hold Trustee meetings, Midday Prayers and attend webinars and seminars online. Who knew about Zoom before the Pandemic? I have been able to carry out all of my administrative tasks online.

The trustees met once in person in February 2020 and then virtually on 5 occasions. The Deanery Presidents joined in one of the meeting for updates as we entered lockdown with the Covid 19 Pandemic. We were unable to hold our AGM or Council meetings in May as usual at the Imperial rooms, but held the Council Meeting on the 3rd November and the AGM was held virtually on 20th November, members joined by video and telephone links.

In 2020 we had a total of 524 members. A number of members from the closed Bonsall Branch joined Wirksworth branch. Hayfield branch also closed, but some members have become Diocesan Members. Also, sadly Buxton branch has closed.

During the pandemic year of 2020, I would like to say a special thank you to Edward and Alison Orchard who have been a great support to me during 2020/21 with sorting out the magazine mailings lists and sorting out the database with MSH so that the majority of members receive their mailings directly from MSH in future, no mean feat I can say with many hours of work. Thank you to all branch leaders for submitting their branch report forms promptly, this has made it easier for us to keep our records up to date.

Organising the Safeguarding paperwork has been a very important task this year. The Trustees now are required to have DBS clearance for their role and do the appropriate Safeguarding training in line with the Church of England and Charity Commissioners. My thanks for their co-operation. The Safeguarding statement of commitment is at the beginning of this annual report.

Carol Johnston

City Deanery

The Deanery Festival was held on Zoom attended by about 25 members – including some Diocesan Members. The service was organised by the Chaplain who also preached.

A number of members also attended the service for the 16 Days of Activism.

Some members of the deanery regularly join Midday Prayers on Zoom.

Madelaine Goddard

S.E.Derbyshire Deanery

Usually we meet as a deanery twice a year and again for our Deanery Festival service in the summer. However 2020 proved to be a challenging year for us all. The Branches closed for meetings when 'lock down' commenced but the Branch Leaders kept in contact with members especially those living on their own. Our planned Inspiration Day in May and our Deanery Festival in June were postponed. In May I invited the Branch leaders to a zoom meeting to give them the opportunity to support and encourage one another through prayer, bible readings and poems and just talking about how we were feeling. We then decided to continue meeting monthly on Zoom and invited any branch members who wished and were able to join with us. The highlight of the year was working with Carolyn Fell and Peak deanery on a joint service which was held at the beginning of December during the 16 Day of Activism. It was a lovely service and we were grateful to Christine McMullen for her thought provoking talk. Sadly our Treasurer and Chaplain Pam Levens stood down at the end of the year, we thank her for all she has done in the deanery and wish her well in the future. Members continued with knitting blankets and items for the neonatal unit, although the latter is on hold at the moment as the unit is unable to receive them. We are all becoming better at using technology and plan to continue with our Zoom meetings until we are able to meet up in our branches again.

Wendy Fitch

Peak Deanery

Planned Events for Peak Deanery were cancelled owing to the Covid Pandemic, lockdowns and gatherings limited/not permitted during the year. We had planned A Feast of the Annunciation Service in March, a walk in May, a Creative Quiet Morning in June as half year planning at our Source Committee Meeting in January 2020. Sadly, all plans were cancelled and the Committee have not met altogether since, owing to restrictions. At the end of the year, Fr.Keith Cocking, our Deanery Chaplain was appointed to serve in the Bolsover/ Staveley Deanery. He will be much missed in Peak Deanery, as he was an active supporter of both MU Deanery and Branch Activities. As an opportunity to say `thank you` to Fr Keith, as well as `good bye`, it was a privilege and a pleasure to share A Joint Deanery Festival Service with SE Derbyshire in early December, on Zoom. The timing was particularly apt as the date marked the end of The 16 Days of Activism. The occasion was well attended and technically spot on, thanks to our host, Emily. Our thanks to Wendy Fitch, SE Deanery President, for the beautiful Service, to Christine McMullan for the inspiring sermon and Sheila Randall for the prayers. Fr Keith was presented with a book token from Peak Deanery. Regrettably 2020 saw an escalation of Branch Closures in Peak Deanery. Buxton Branch and Hayfield Branch both once with thriving membership had dwindled to 3/4 active members, which sadly officers and committee members considered was no longer viable. In Peak Deanery, we have 3 active branches, Bakewell, Doveholes and Tideswell. The former has maintained meetings online, with active participation in Projects, for the Diocese. The Latter have met up once for lunch in the summer. Doveholes is a small membership closely allied with the Church. Most are struggling with elderly membership, with little/no familiarity with computer literacy. Therefore, contact is limited to phone/post to maintain MU links. Other issues relate to taking over Offices any younger members in Branch, are unwilling to undertake these responsibilities. The former Unit reps post was a stepping stone.

Carolyn Fell

Carsington Deanery

These were very severely impacted due to the current restrictions. Lady Day 25th March 2020 was to be held at St.James Bonsall. This was cancelled and not sufficient time was left to organise a Zoom service. Mary Sumner Day 9th August 2020. A picnic was planned at Carsington Water but was cancelled due to overcrowding at the site by the public, having taken into account the ages of the majority of the members. Two Zoom meetings were held . 12th June with 11 attendees 9th November with 11 attendees.

Gillian Blount

NE Deanery

Members have not been able to meet this year due to the pandemic, but try to keep in touch as best they can under the circumstances.

Ruth Cable, Deanery contact.

Indoor Member Prayer Circle

As well as celebrating 145 years since the foundation of Mothers' Union, 2021 marks a hundred years since the formation of the Indoor Members' Prayer Circle (IMPC). Founded in 1921, the IMPC was the idea of Edith Mosse, who grew up in Heage, where her father was Curate. In 1891, she married Revd William Mosse, the son of the Vicar at Heage. There are currently 32 IMPC members in Derby Diocese, looked after by Joan Pickering. Seven IMPC members are no longer linked to an active branch. A number of fee paying IMPC members have had their addresses excluded from the MSH Membership Database at the request of the member, the branch or the member's family. All non-fee paying IMPC members are excluded from the MSH Membership Database.

Overseas Links

With the exception of Meisie Lerutla from Johannesburg I have not heard from any of our Links.I continue to send letters, cards, Roots and Branches and sometimes a small gift. However please do continue to pray for our sisters as their needs are much greater than ours. Knowing God will be their strength.

Meisie writes"... around us here, people are going through so much .

We are seeing families burying 2 and 3 members a month, one family we know buried 6 members in four weeks.

The challenge is people gathering for parties and funerals etc.

We also have challenges with the Vaccination program.

Some of our meetings are held virtually and prayers and readings are sent out on phone messaging."

Gillie Lister

16 days of activism

On the 25th November the Revd. Eleanor Berry with Emily Brailsford and The Willow Project hosted an online service for White Ribbon day. Bev Jullien the CEO of Mothers Union and Anthea Sully the CEO of the White Ribbon Organisation both attended the service as did 60 men and women from around Derbyshire. Emily continues to attend the domestic abuse steering meetings and has also been asked to attend the UNCSW (United Nations Commission on the Status of Women), held from the 15th to the 28th March.

Emily Brailsford and Revd. Eleanor Berry

Away From It All

We have dealt with 6 application for help totalling £2,445.00.

One case is on going but almost dealt with.

3 x £100.00 vouchers have been given out due to applicant not being able to have a holiday until 2021.

5 x one parent families with 23 children.

1 Gorilla Swing for a young autistic boy who needs to Swing upside down.

1 donation to Women's Refuge to help with food for lunches after their weekly services.

Unfortunately at the beginning of 2021 we had to pay £288 to move a cancelled holiday (due to Covid) to another date later in the year, We have had one request in so far this year.

Sandra Westerman

Moses Basket Report

The Moses Basket Project only began in Spring 2018, but it was taken on with great enthusiasm by branches throughout the diocese.

Working with the charity Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity, our Moses baskets, filled with items for mothers and new babies, went to refugee camps in many different countries including Syria and Greece.

With the coming of COVID-19 and new BREXIT regulations, Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity are no longer able to carry on this project. Fortunately, virtually all branches had completed their Moses baskets before the COVID-19 crisis, so every basket given was used.

As this project comes to an end, my warmest thanks go to members for a job well done. Over 40 baskets were supplied by Mothers' Union branches, and they have given love and hope to the world's most vulnerable people.

Alison Orchard

IT Support Report

Membership Database

I have been working closely with the IT Team and the Marketing and Communications Team at Mary Sumner House to ensure that the MSH Membership Database reflects the needs of Derby Diocese.

The MSH Membership Database is up to date, and includes contact details for most members in the diocese. Where requested by members or branches, addresses have not been included, and any MSH mailings will go via the diocese.

MSH are looking to ways to enable members and dioceses to update contact preferences relating to direct mail from Mary Sumner House more easily.

Microsoft Office 365 and Teams Project

Mary Sumner House has launched a project to provide all dioceses with free access to Microsoft Teams and Microsoft Office 365 programs, including Word, Outlook, Excel, etc.

The aim of the project is to help diocese develop processes to securely manage, store and share diocesan information online.

MSH has run a series of online training workshops, which I have attended, and which will help me support the Diocesan Trustees and Officers better understand the opportunities this project offers the diocese.

Eddie Orchard

MOTHERS' UNION DERBY DIOCESE
(Registered Charity Number 242671)
Consolidated Accounts for year 2020

INCOME	£	
Diocesan Accounts		
General	27,713.09	
AFIA	8,585.40	
Indoor Members	503.45	
CBF Deposit Bonds	20,180.08	
Business Reserve	1,963.80	
Branch / Deanery	30,324.11	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		89,269.93
EXPENDITURE		
Diocesan Accounts		
General	18,843.65	
AFIA	4,990.21	
Indoor Members	179.08	
CBF Deposit Bonds	0.00	
Business Reserve	0.00	
Other Accounts		
Branch / Deanery	19,521.80	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		43,534.74
MONETARY ASSETS		
General	8,869.44	
AFIA	3,595.19	
Indoor Members	324.37	
CBF Deposit Bonds	20180.08	
Business Reserve	1,963.80	
Branch / Deanery	10,802.31	
Total		45,735.19
OTHER ASSETS		
	Literature stock at 31/12/2020	688.05
LIABILITIES		
	Subscriptions collected for 2021 106 x 20 per member to Centre	2,756.00

Report of accounts prepared by Janet Bradshaw - Mothers Union Diocesan Treasurer

Mothers Union - Derby Diocese

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MOTHERS UNION, DERBY DIOCESE

I report on the financial statements of the Mothers Union, Derby Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2020, which is set out in the end of year report produced using an Excel Finance system.

Respective responsibilities of the Mothers Union and the Examiner

The Mothers Union, Chesterfield consider that an audit is not required for his year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this Report

My 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

Mrs. Lynda Millthorpe
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Signed.....*L. Millthorpe*.....

Date.....27.3.2021.....