Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2025



Join Us, Join In!

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Mothers Union Coventry Commissioning Service 2025

Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

Registered Charity Name	Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese
Charity address	Diocesan Office, 7 Priory Row Coventry, CV1 5EX
Registered Charity Number	250129
Trustees	Karen Morris - Diocesan President Paul Morris Lynette Askew Annie Lane Chris Rutherford Neva Khan
Diocesan Chaplain	Revd. Denise Burgess
Diocesan Treasurer	Gary Askew
Finance Administrator	Patricia Rich
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Diocesan President Annual Report 2025

Join Us, Join In!

The year started triumphantly with the uplifting and rather moving Commissioning Service at Holy Trinity Church, Attleborough which Bishop Ed Condry kindly presided over. Followed by the eagerly awaited visit from Worldwide President Kathleen Snow, Worldwide Zonal Trustee Julia Jamieson and Canterbury Provincial President Comfort Idowu-Fearon at Holy Trinity Church. The aim of the visit was to meet members and assess MU outreach initiatives happening within the Diocese.

The Presidential party met with staff and residents from Gateway Homeless Hostel and also spent time chatting to Coffee Tots staff and families. DPs and members from the West Midlands cluster organised displays showcasing their various outreach initiatives as part of their welcome and after lunch, members gathered for worship (the highlight of the day) to hear Kathleen Snow preach on the triennial theme 'Join Us, Join In! to conclude with a guided tour of Coventry Cathedral followed by Evensong.

Worldwide President (WWP) Kathleen's words resonated with twenty-one new members being enrolled this year with a continued focus on growing the membership as part of MU's 150th anniversary challenge. All dioceses have set a challenge to grow their membership in 2026 by 150. We continue to focus on this verse: "with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26.

Another highlight in the calendar for this year was attending and serving refreshments to a congregation of some 1000 at Bishop Sophie Jelley's Installation service at Coventry Cathedral. Whilst also embracing the new triennial theme 'Join Us, Join In! by inviting students from Coventry University and Bablake School to help and celebrate the first women installed, as Bishop of Coventry.

At the start of this new triennium, we welcomed two new trustees which brings the total number of trustees to five. Huge thanks, therefore, to my fellow trustee board members for their commitment and dedication in providing appropriate oversight, governance and leadership to ensure the aims and objectives of Mothers' Union Coventry continue to be met. Gary Askew, Diocesan Treasurer and Patricia Rich, Finance Administrator have also both worked particularly hard keeping our finances in order as well as refining the database and the new central charity portal so a note of thanks to both of them also. Revd. Denise Burgess, Diocesan Chaplain is also an important and valued member of the trustee board and we thank her too for the wisdom, guidance, prayerful support she continues to provide.

The Trustee Board continues to meet six times a year with three meetings now conducted on-line to encourage and recruit new trustees as we look ahead to Mothers' Union elections in 2027.

The Community of Interest members and Deanery Chairs continue to be a blessing to the trustee board with their many acts of service and diligence in attending meetings and forwarding reports when needed. So do branch leaders and committee members who manage local operations, including organizing activities, leading meetings, recruiting and supporting members and maintaining branch funds. Special note of thanks to Val Brant, Diocesan Members' Correspondent for her duty, care and support towards the diocesan membership and more.

We are particularly indebted to Lynette Askew for stepping out in faith to serve as Mothers' Union Coventry Away From It All (AFIA) Coordinator.

As Diocesan President, it continues to be an honour to represent the membership at events such as the residential Canterbury Provincial Gathering in May and the June Leadership Conference where WWP Kathleen Snow, Chief Executive Bev Jullien, Provincial and Diocesan Presidents from Britain and Ireland and key MSH staff were in attendance. These conferences provide an opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship and learning as we look towards next year being Mothers' Union 150th anniversary year.

Another momentous occasion was attending the commissioning service of WWP Kathleen Snow and her board of trustees at St Martin-in-the Fields Church, London with the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd. Stephen Cottrell presiding.

I also gathered with DP's and members from Canterbury Province at Southwark Cathedral to see Canterbury Provincial President Comfort and Provincial Chaplain The Revd. (Mother) Roxanne Everseley commissioned.

The role of Diocesan President is key in maintaining links and networking with the central charity at Mary Sumner House, the Province and within the West Midlands Cluster and I also continue to be inspirited by all the members and friends I meet and worship alongside.

The same can be said when travelling around the diocese speaking at branch meetings, church services, conducting enrolments, presenting Long Service Certificates and attending strawberry teas and much more.

Diocesan Synod meetings are also very informative and continue to be a useful way to engage with the clergy.

It was also pleasing to see Revd. Canon Kate Massey installed as Canon for Arts and Reconciliation who has always championed Mothers' Union.

Members meeting together continues to offer important learning opportunities as well as prayer and fellowship. Therefore, in May, office holders, branch leaders, and committee members came together to prayerfully plan for the Mothers' Union 150th fundraising and membership challenges set by the central charity at Mary Sumner House.

During the Members' Day in May, 'Youth With A Mission' keynote speakers Siby and Namkha Moleakunnel shared their personal testimonies on being called as witnesses for Christ. Both were uplifting and inspirational accounts.

The two Quiet Days provided an opportunity to put time aside to sit quietly before God. Revd. David and Valerie Benskin led the Quiet Day in June with a focus on 'Darkness to Light' which concluded with a Eucharist. Revd. Denise Burgess led the second Quiet Day in November on the theme of 'Walking with God'.

Our MU campaigns are building momentum with more branches/friendship groups engaging with the '16 Days of Activism Campaign against Gender-Based Violence' by incorporating within their church intercessions; prayers for victim survivors of DA and using creative displays to raise awareness about DA within the churches.

Three branches have been awarded the Mothers' Union Rise Up Bronze award with more to follow.

The virtual ‘Bare Necessities’ evening for members proved informative and insightful with keynote speakers from Coventry Haven and Kairos sharing case studies which provide members with a better understanding of the transformational work they do to support victim survivors. We also extended invitations to members of the West Midlands cluster.

Modern Slavery this year was also high on the agenda with branches/friendship groups knitting chains, praying and displaying information about modern slavery in their churches with the aim of encouraging discussion and raising awareness.

The Diocesan President’s Challenge continues to support ‘Ignite’, an evening group that meets monthly at Holy Trinity Church, Attleborough with the aim of encouraging working parents and families to become friends of Mothers’ Union whilst enjoying fun and fellowship. Feedback has been extremely positive with attendance growing whilst embracing the new triennial theme of Join Us, Join In!

Within the prison ministry, Lynda Howells a longstanding volunteer at Onley Prison and a Mothers’ Union member was awarded the PACT ‘St Dismas Award’ in recognition of her outstanding contribution in supporting prisoners and their families. A new initiative has begun by supplying rucksacks for inmates due to be released rather than the standard clear plastic bag to put their belongings in.

The Alive 2023 legacy has been successful in supporting parish and school initiatives and the spiritual development of children. We have received and funded three applications this year with six schools in total benefitting from this outreach. A decision by the Diocesan Director of Education has been made to bring this initiative to a close with photos along with impact statements soon to be available to share with the membership.

Celebrating our founder Mary Sumner, members continue to host strawberry teas in support of the Mothers’ Union Summer of Hope Appeal. This year the (£741) funds raised provided crucial support and hope to families in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

One branch, celebrating its 120th year anniversary also organised a special service to mark Mary Sumner Day and another organised a Mary Sumner Day Tea for the homeless with a Christmas party in December.

One Deanery organised a Deanery Lunch where members were updated about the various homeless initiatives happening around the diocese to align with Mary Sumner’s vision – ‘to touch as many lives as possible for thee.’

Mothers’ Union members continue to support Coffee Tots, Coventry Clothing, Carriers of Hope, Coventry Haven and Door Way via donations and prayers.

Prayer is the heartbeat of Mothers’ Union and we are grateful to Ann Gibbons for co-ordinating the Mothers’ Union Coventry Prayer Diary and all the prayer warriors who have contributed.

We are blessed to have Lynda Howells and Ann Gibbons represent our Diocese and lead Mothers’ Union Midday Prayers & Wave of Prayer via the Mothers’ Union Facebook.

Mothers’ Union members have also been asked to support a 24hr prayer vigil at Coventry Cathedral starting on Saturday 1st November.

Training is also important in building confidence and learning and this year as a first, the central charity organised dementia training for Diocesan Presidents via ‘Enrichment for the Elderly’ programme. The sessions were spread over three Friday mornings with the ability to attain bronze, silver and gold levels.

Safeguarding training sessions are promoted regularly with members also encouraged to familiarise themselves with the safeguarding policy and procedures documents contained within the Mothers’ Union Coventry website.

Three members recently attended Care for The Family ‘Children With Additional Needs’ training which they found extremely informative.

Coventry Haven’s DA Champions Refresher Training organised by Coventry City Council, continues to be useful providing an opportunity to meet with partner agencies to discuss and plan for the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

Several members travelled to the Canterbury Province Gathering in Oxford to worship, enjoy fellowship and to share ideas. We are grateful to Paul Morris for representing the Diocese and sharing the various homeless initiatives happening within the West Midlands Cluster.

The October Mothers’ Union Celebration Lunch heard Revd. Sharon Crofts, keynote speaker and retired Chaplain Team Leader and Bereavement Officer at University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire share her experience in supporting bereft families on the loss of a baby with a view to encouraging branches to uphold these families in their prayers.

The MU Advent Service is always well attended, and this year Revd. Gail Phillip’s sermon celebrated the deeply rooted foundation of faith, prayer, and practical support that has defined the Mothers’ Union from the outset. Revd. Gail also highlighted how this steadfast devotion remains central to Mothers’ Union mission today and shared her inspiring vision for the upcoming 150th anniversary celebration next year.

We have so much to give thanks for and much has been achieved this year. I truly believe the Lord made us to reflect His light in everything we say and do. This is the heart of the Mothers’ Union. Through everyday actions, our members faithfully serve their churches, make a tangible impact, and bring God's hope to life.

To God be the Glory

Karen Morris

12th October 2026

Diocesan President
Mothers' Union Coventry
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Annual Review of Diocesan Projects and Outreach Initiatives

Away from It All Holidays

The AFIA holiday scheme is a Mothers' Union initiative in the UK and Ireland, which is run by members in their local dioceses.

AFIA provides holidays and day breaks for those whose family life has met with adversity, thus giving them an opportunity to consolidate and nurture relationships.

Mothers' Union members are involved in AFIA in many ways, whether this be through prayers for the holidays and for the officers involved with the scheme, fundraising through lunches, coffee mornings or nominating a family to the local clergy in their branch. We also receive donations from Parochial Church Councils who support the scheme.

If the Diocese is in a position to offer a holiday, the family will be asked to complete an AFIA application form which will need to be supported by someone who knows them in a professional capacity, such as a social worker, member of the clergy, doctor or head teacher. Applicants do not have to be a member of a church or any organisation to apply.

Once the family has been away, the Diocese normally receives feedback from them regarding the holiday, which reflects how they just enjoy spending time together relaxing away from the everyday stress of life and often say what a difference the break has made to their lives.

Unfortunately, we haven't sent anyone on holiday this summer as the applications that were sent were not returned. One family was facing significant challenges and was unable proceed at this time. Still waiting to hear back from the other family.

On a more positive note, we have however funded bus passes for 13 families to visit different parks in and around Coventry over the summer, so they can enjoy time in nature and meet up with other families.

We have also funded a day trip to Winter Wonderland, for the children staying in our refuges.

We continue to be open to new ideas for day trips etc and work closely with other diocese to share what we are doing.

Huge thank you to the branches who have sent a donation for the AFIA fund. It is your hard work that enables us to spread God's love in this way, so many thanks to all involved.

Here is some feedback from the families who went on the Winter Wonderland trip.

"Thank you for today, it means a lot, so glad to leave the house, thank you for everything"

"The children really enjoyed themselves, it was lovely to see them relaxed and happy, and able to have fun in a safe environment. Overall, the day felt positive and uplifting for both children and myself"

Parenting

It continues to be a challenge to encourage parents/carers to attend parenting programmes. We are continuing to explore new ways of engaging but the stigma surrounding parenting groups continues to be a huge barrier within this country.

We are keen to grow our facilitator team having lost many due to age or moving away. Three facilitators undertook via Care for the Family, Children With Additional Needs that included ADHD and Autism Spectrum Training.

We continue to advertise two single session resources from Care for the Family, 'Left to their own Devices' and 'A Mind of their Own' and offer taster sessions to branches and interested groups in churches.

We are grateful to the branches for their encouragement and prayers.

Action and Outreach

The work of Action and Outreach has followed a similar pattern as before, but with a widening remit. The President's Challenge, where branches were encouraged to use £50 to £250 maximum seed money to reach out in love is still available to branches that wish to apply.

The Mothers' Union Coventry homeless initiative, which started two years ago by St John Baptist Church, Mothers' Union members in Berkswell is also building momentum with lots of encouragement from MU members from across the diocese. Members continue to deliver left over food donated by Sainsbury three times a week to four Homeless Hostels in Coventry City Centre on rotation.

Building on the success of the Mothers' Union Christmas party for the homeless, we also held a Mary Sumner Day tea party, which proved popular. We provided turkeys and entertainment for the Christmas lunch at Gateway Hostel and trustees/members continue to be generous in supporting these events by volunteering their time and prayerful support.

Members are also generous in donating toiletries, clothes, long-life tinned food such as Fray Bentos steak pies, meatballs and chunky soup. Household and laundry items are still in much demand, and we are pleased to be able to provide dishwasher tablets, detergent and collapsible clothes dryers for those staying in homeless hostels.

We also continue to support refugee families, asylum seekers and migrants via our links with Carriers of Hope, Coventry Clothing and Baby Godiva. All three charities support refugee families and provide everything from beds to saucepans to baby buggies and clothes.

Our branches/friendship groups continue to support Coffee Tots, a Coventry city centre charity that provides a nurturing environment for parents and children of under-fives. Branches donate Christmas hampers, seasonal goodies, knitted blankets and clothing. Special requests are also supported, where possible.

Our work for prisoners at Rye Hill, and Onley continues. We provide Christmas gifts for prisoners' children at Onley, and the Angel Tree initiative supports the provision of Christmas cards to Rye Hill inmates. Our members also support Family Days and help

families prepare for their visit by phoning to ensure they bring the correct paperwork and are on hand to answer any queries.

Our knitters are active as ever, and the goods produced go far and wide. Members knit baby blankets and items of clothing for Coffee Tots families together with hats, gloves and scarves. Prayer shawls for our Indoor Members and miniature knitted angels presented to babies at baptism, to name but a few, are also popular.

Away from it all holidays (AFIA) under the care of Lynette Askew are active in achieving 'breaks' for families in need of a holiday, or a day out.

The Mothers' Union Flourishing Families parenting programme has stalled due to staff changes at our central charity so we tend to rely on Care for the Family for training and resources. Now that three facilitators have recently completed the Children with Additional Needs that included ADHD and Autism Spectrum Training, the hope is that they can get a parenting group up and running next year.

They also continue to look for more creative ways to engage and support parents and carers so parenting challenges can be normalised and opportunities for new and lifelong friendships can be made.

Mothers' Union's commitment to supporting healthy and flourishing relationships is ever present and one of the greatest threats to individuals and families and societies around the world, is violence and abuse, which is carried out against women and girls because of their gender. Therefore, we continue to be committed to supporting those who have been affected by domestic abuse by shining a light on domestic abuse in all its forms.

This year as part of our support for the *16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence* and *'no more 1 in 3'* campaign, members took part in a silent prayer vigil within their churches, displayed a 'red chair' as part of the 'Red Chair' project (https://www.restored-uk.org/) to raise awareness about domestic abuse.

Members also engaged with the Mothers' Union Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse Campaign by displaying Rise Up posters with 24-hour Domestic Abuse helpline number tear off slips. Boards with Domestic Abuse statements on them and matching shoes were also displayed with props such as a doll or football (child) pair of rubber gloves or walking stick (adult) along with knitted white and purple love heart bunting linked to 'no more 1 in 3'. All to convey a powerful message and to encourage prayer for victim survivors as well as perpetrators.

Members also lead intercessions to pray for victim and survivors within their branch meetings and Sunday morning services. Mothers' Union resources also continue to be available to encourage advocacy, activities locally and direct prayers.

Members continue to be encouraged to attend the 'Counting Dead Women' vigil in Coventry City Centre, where local women come together to remember women who have been killed by men in the past year, due to domestic abuse and violence. Shoes are laid out for every woman killed, as a powerful message and visual aid.

We continue to benefit from the DA training run by Coventry city council and Coventry Haven as part of the DA Champions role and this year we held a Bare Necessities virtual evening inviting staff from Coventry Haven and Kairos to share with members a case study to provide a better understanding of the challenges victim survivors face as well as the transformational work they do to support these families.

Faith and Policy

Prayers and worship continue to be foundational for Mothers' Union both individually and when members gather together. Festival Services continue to be held in Deaneries and this year in celebration of Mary Sumner, our Diocesan Chaplain spoke within her sermon about the importance of Mothers' Union's outreach and the various acts of love and service members provide. Her 'call to action' not only inspired but also encouraged a renewed sense of commitment in all that we do in Jesus' name.

The service concluded with the enrolment of two members and the opportunity for members to looking through the displays of past achievements and activities.

The MU Advent Service is always a firm favourite with over 80 in attendance and this year Revd. Gail Phillip's sermon celebrated the deeply rooted foundation of faith, prayer, and practical support that has defined the Mothers' Union from the very beginning. Revd. Gail also highlighted how this steadfast devotion remains central to Mothers' Union mission today and shared her inspiring vision for the upcoming 150th anniversary celebration. Within the service toys donated for Onley Prison, Christmas cards for Rye Hill and toiletries and underwear for Kairos and Coventry Haven were soaked in prayer.

The two Quiet Days provided an opportunity to put time aside to sit quietly before God. Revd. David and Valerie Benskin lead the Quiet Day in June with a focus on 'Darkness to Light' which concluded with a Eucharist. Revd. Denise Burgess lead the second Quiet Day in November on the theme of Walking with God.

Prayer is the heartbeat of Mothers' Union, and I am therefore grateful to the eight members who continue to support the MU monthly Coventry Prayer Diary with their creative prayers.

We were also fortunate to be invited by the central charity to write a creative prayer activity for the central prayer diary with the theme of Peace and Reconciliation.

Members continue to be involved in leading Mothers' Union Midday Prayers & Wave of Prayer via Mothers' Union Facebook as well as organising prayer walks. We are also thankful to have a member who regularly opens her garden to lead reflective prayerful afternoons to pray Thy Kingdom Come in June and in celebration of Mary Sumner Day during the month of August.

Members continue to be encouraged to attend the annual Coventry Cathedral's Patronal Festival and Community of Cross of Nails Service in September.

Mary Sumner's personal prayer highlights our mission to reach out in love to everyone we meet. It also calls us to act as Christ's presence on earth, using our daily conversations, prayers, and actions to grow God's kingdom and even in the smallest act look to bring about transformational change.

We look forward to celebrating Mothers' Union 150th year, honouring a legacy of faith, fellowship and dedicated service.

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself' (Matthew 22:39)

Thanks be to God.

Karen Morris – Diocesan President

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statement

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statement of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with current Mothers' Union and the Charity Commission requirements.

Aim, Purpose & Objectives

The vision of Mothers' Union is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. The aim and purpose of Mothers' Union is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

In furtherance of this aim and purpose, Mothers' Union will carry out all or any of the following objectives:

1. To promote and support married life.
2. To encourage parents in their role to develop the Christian faith of their children.
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; and
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos. Its governance, leadership, and activities are driven by and undertaken through its members. In Coventry Diocese, it operates at Diocesan, Deanery and Branch levels.

Members of Mothers' Union believe in the value of each individual and their unique qualities; in the value of relationships; and in the value of family as a source of love and support for individuals and as the basis for a caring community. Jesus said, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."*

Furthermore, our Mission is to demonstrate Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms. Promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally.

Organisational Structure

Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese is affiliated to Mothers' Union, a charity incorporated by Royal Charter (charity no: 240531) through its shared aim and objectives and by virtue of its acceptance as an affiliate by the central charity. The charity operates within the Anglican Diocese of Coventry. Governance, policies and procedures of Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese are in line with suggested policies from the central charity based at Mary Sumner House. Trustees consider the major risks of our operation are safeguarding and health and safety with procedures in place to manage them.

Performance and Financial Review

For 2025 total income was £30,888 (2024 £33,918) with expenditure of £25,075 (2024 £24,352) with a surplus of £5,813 (2024 £9,567). Total cash held in all accounts for 2025 was some £73,548 (2024 £67,735). There were no post year end events. There has been a decrease in membership during 2025 post Covid costs have been controlled in 2025 to maintain a surplus of £5,813.

Finance and Central Services

Annual subscriptions were increased in 2025 by £3 (2024 by £1) to cover the increase levied by Mary Sumner House, our central charity, which included a £1.50 increase to cover the costs of the running the Diocese.

Our members remain loyal and continue to support Mothers' Union funds and projects. During 2025 £2,125 (2024 £1,879) was raised for the overseas funds and other projects that are administered by Mary Sumner House. Members also raised £2,427 (2024 £6,016) for the charitable works carried out within the Diocese of Coventry.

We continue to recruit new members, and we all need to proactively enrol a friend, a colleague or a neighbour as our membership continues to decline. At the year- end we had 424 members (2024 448) a decrease of 24 over 2024.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees maintain financial reserves in line with suggested policies from the central charity based at Mary Sumner House.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above fulfil this requirement of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Karen Morris

Diocesan President
Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

Registered Charity Number: 250129

Date: 12th October 2026



Main Cash Account 2025 - Income	**2025**	**2024**
Coventry General Fund		
Subscriptions - collected by MU Coventry	8,528	8,717
Subscriptions - collected by MSH via Direct Debit	6,827	6,086
Subscriptions - paid early for next year	111	108
Gift Aid - paid into the Gold Acc (see page 5)	0	0
General Fund - In	3,087	4,217
Mue Commission (TRG)	315	470
Administration - Insurance, Mailing, Printing)	375	425
Bank Interest CAF Cash Acc	67	50
Bank Deposit Interest - CCLA	757	885
Legacies	0	300
Branch/Deanery Closures	549	192
Miscellaneous Income	709	468
Homeless Initiative	297	420
DP Discretion Fund, inc. flowers	65	0
	21,685	**22,337**
Coventry Mission Funds		
AFIA - Donations (ringfenced)	2,037	5,666
Flourishing Families (Parenting)	100	0
Kapsabet Donations - In (ringfenced)	0	91
Presidents Challenge	120	60
Domestic Abuse/Rise up Campaign	20	50
Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT)	150	150
	2,427	**6,016**
Events		
Members Meetings/Evenings	274	0
Commissioning Service	232	0
Advent Service	424	409
Other Events - WWP Visit	1,615	0
Other Events - Priory Theatre	937	0
Other Events - Misc.	100	0
	3,583	**409**
Receipts collected on behalf of MSH		
Overseas Literacy Fund	600	246
Make a Mother's Day	200	350
Summer of Hope	741	1,082
Seasonal Appeals - Other	550	200
Other Income	34	0
	2,125	**1,879**
Sales		
Mue - Income from Sales	611	792
Total Income for Year	**30,430**	**31,434**

Main Cash Account 2025 - Expenditure	**2025**	**2024**
Coventry General Fund		
Finance Administrator - Consultancy Costs	3,456	0
Insurance	480	450
Bank charges - CAF Cash Acc	60	60
Link up	1,349	1,496
Postage	14	128
Telephone	68	68
Travel	152	179
Conferences	261	117
Website	99	20
ZOOM - Admin	156	156
DP Discretion Fund, inc. flowers	135	0
Safeguarding Costs	186	150
Indoor Members	73	85
Speakers Expenses	35	19
Miscellaneous costs	709	87
Microsoft Licence	253	0
	7,486	**3,014**
Coventry Mission Fund		
AFIA (Protected)	0	3,611
Flourishing Families (Parenting)	0	39
Presidents Challenge	250	804
Finance for Provincial Diocese	100	115
Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT)	150	0
Alive 23	671	903
Domestic Abuse/Rise up Campaign	0	50
	1,171	**5,523**
Events		
Trustee's Meetings/Away Days	75	50
Members Meetings/Evenings	312	186
Commissioning Service Expenses	221	0
Advent Service	199	1,070
Other Events - WWP Visit	1,896	0
Other Events - Priory Theatre	600	0
Other Events	75	0
	3,379	**1,306**
Payments to MSH		
Subs 25 MSH £24.50 x 420 members)	10,290	10,304
Overseas Literacy Fund	600	240
Make a Mother's Day	200	350
Summer of Hope	741	1,002
Seasonal Appeals- Other	550	0
Appeals - held over from last year	286	200
Other payments to MSH	34	0
	12,701	**12,096**
Sales		
Mue - Purchase Stock Items	338	506
Total Expenditure for Year	**25,075**	**22,445**

Mothers Union – Coventry Diocese

Other Accounts - For year to 31st December 2025

Income			Expenditure		
CAF Gold Account					
	2025	2024		2025	2024
Balance - Start of year	18,388	17,938			
Interest	356	450	Expenditure	0	1,907
HMRC Gift Aid	0	1,907			
Transfers - In	0	0	Expenditure Total	**0**	**1,907**
Income Total	**356**	**2,357**	Balance end of year	**18,744**	**18,388**
CAF Gold Reserves Account					
	2025	2024		2025	2024
Balance - Start of year	5,259	5,132	Expenditure	0	0
Interest	102	128			
			Expenditure Total	0	0
Income Total	**102**	**128**			
			Balance - End of year	**5,361**	**5,259**
Income from CAF Cash Account	30,430	31,434	**Expenditure from CAF Cash Acc**	25,075	22,445
Total Income all accounts	**30,888**	**33,919**	**Total Expenditure all accounts**	**25,075**	**24,352**

Statement of Accounts - For year to 31st December 2025

	£	£
Opening Balance from statements	**1st Jan 25**	**1st Jan 24**
CAF Cash Acc	27,087	18,099
CAF Gold Acc	18,388	17,938
CAF Gold Reserves Acc	5,259	5,132
CCLA	17,000	17,000
	67,735	**58,168**
Total Funds	**1st Jan 25**	**1st Jan 24**
Opening Balance	67,735	58,168
Add Income	30,888	33,919
Less Expenses	25,075	24,352
	73,548	**67,735**
Closing Balance from statements	**1st Jan 25**	**1st Jan 24**
CAF Cash Acc	32,443	27,087
CAF Gold Acc	18,744	18,388
CAF Gold Reserves Acc	5,361	5,259
CCLA	17,000	17,000
	73,548	**67,735**
Movement in the year - all accounts		
Income per statements	30,888	33,919
Expenditure per statements	25,075	24,352
Surplus or overspend for year	**5,813**	**9,567**

Approved by: Karen Morris
Diocesan President

Date: 12th October 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mothers' Union Coventry Diocese

Charity Number 250129

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 14 - 17

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act").

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 Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or

2. 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.

Signed: **S Marks** Name: **Stephen Marks**

Qualification: **ACA ICAEW**

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Date: **4th June 2026**