

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

2019 the first year of a new Triennial. We were delighted that Kathryn Anderson was continuing as our Diocesan President. Following the elections held in 2018, two newly elected members, Shirley Squires and Hayley Cole joined the Trustee Board and two existing Trustees, Maria Greco and Christine Bright undertook different responsibilities. Maria became our Faith and Policy Coordinator and Christine Bright became Finance and Member Services Coordinator. We also welcomed Revd. Helen Rose as our new Diocesan Chaplain.

There were five meetings of the Trustee Board throughout the year. Kathryn also attended Provincial Council and Worldwide Council

Members attended two Members Meetings at Bishop Hannington Church in Hove during the year in May and October. At the Spring Meeting and AGM, our guest speakers were Samantha Hart and Rachel Shackleton from Spurgeons with whom we work in partnership at Ford and Lewes Prisons. They talked about the history of Spurgeons. It was founded 150 years ago by Charles Haddon Spurgeons who was passionate about his work with underprivileged children and built an orphanage in Stockwell. Spurgeons are still working with children of struggling families and provide help to parents with children under five, separated parents and families of serving prisoners.

At the same meeting, David Ewaku and Angela Stead from MSH spoke of providing higher quality of services to members and informed us of the changes being made at MSH with regard to Communities of Interest.

At our Autumn Meeting as our guest speakers were Caroline Virgo from the Clewer Initiative, Ursula Kopp from MSH and Diane Watts from 'Together in Sussex', our main focus was Modern Slavery. They spoke to us about Modern Slavery and raised our awareness of human slavery still happening in our country today, notably in nail bars and car washing establishments.

Kathryn and several members attended the Commissioning Service of the Worldwide President, Sheran Harper at Southwark Cathedral on 26th February.

Our wonderful Commissioning Service on March 23rd at Chichester Cathedral, went very well and again was very moving. The Right Revd. Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester, preached and commissioned Kathryn as our Diocesan President, all Trustees and Andy Anderson as Treasurer. On the same day we received some very good news as the Dean advised Kathryn that the Diocesan Comper banner could stay at the Cathedral now and be housed in the Lady Chapel.

One of the highlights of the year was the whirlwind visit to Chichester Diocese by our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper. She arrived on 27th May and followed a very full two day schedule visiting many of our Branches and projects including the Selsey caravan, Chichester Cathedral, the Ministry of Cake at the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath and finally to Haywards Heath Methodist Church to meet and interact with many members from around the Diocese.

As the General Meeting in September was held at Portsmouth this year, quite a few members were able to attend. There were two services held at Portsmouth Cathedral, one at 3pm and a second at 6pm. The meeting was held the following day at Portsmouth Guildhall. This is a wonderful opportunity to be with members from around the country.

Caroline Sewell, our Worldwide Representative, reported that we are in contact with Seoul and Mundri, two of our four links, on a regular basis and with Madi and West Nile on an occasional basis. Nigeria remains a no contact link to date. Our relationship and prayers seem to be highly valued by the links we have contact with.

Of the four Dioceses represented two bishops are coming to the Lambeth Conference this coming year, Bishop Monday from Mundri in South Sudan and the Bishop of Seoul. Caroline is looking to the possibility of going to Canterbury to meet them when they come over.

Emma Ham-Riche organised a team to support Rachael Anderson from Mary Sumner House at the Big Church Day Out at Wiston House where Mothers' Union host the soft play tent for under sevens. Copies of Families First were freely available and this is a good opportunity to promote the work of Mothers' Union.

The two AFIA caravans at Winchelsea and Selsey continued to give holidays to families in adversity. Again, however, the caravans are well used during school holiday periods but not so busy in term times. Members were asked to encourage that they be used in these periods, perhaps older guests and people from our churches going through hard times in need of a break. We were very grateful to Christine Bright who took over as A.F.I.A. bookings representative in addition to her role as Finance and Member Services Coordinator.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre was very quiet at the beginning of the year but by the end of the year there were 8 families. Contact takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of the month at the Gateway Centre, Eastbourne. There is currently a team of 15 volunteers including Christine Baldock, Kathryn's deputy. The Centre Hosted their annual 'Celebration on June 14th where they acknowledged a new Patron, His Honour Judge Robin Bedford, District Family Judge in Brighton.

Families complete an online referral on the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) website. There were 16 referrals in 2019 which were approved for the Centre. Contact is free of charge and is sponsored by you wonderful members and an annual CAF/CASS grant of £2,800.00 which was received in December 2019.

Our work in the two prisons in the Diocese has evolved and changed this year. We started with a team of 4 in HMP Lewes and 5 rising to 8 in HMP Ford. Spurgeon's are recruiting new people and expanding their work to focus more on the families while we continue to work with the children. The areas we use have been improved, renovated and re-equipped in both prisons. Unhappily in November the volunteers from Lewes met with Scilla Page and expressed their wish to end their work. It was a difficult decision for them but a variety of factors were at play, mainly they all felt that Spurgeon's were doing an excellent job with the families. Everyone has worked extremely hard over a long period.

The team at Ford is growing and there are younger very energetic volunteers, some of whom are becoming Spurgeon's people and taking additional training to work with families. We all work together from a single rota and are now able to cover Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The Ministry of Cake offering tea and homemade cake to parents and staff in the Special Baby Units in Hastings, Haywards Heath, Brighton Trevor Mann Unit and Worthing Hospitals is still going strong. The Ministry of Cake is a way of helping families of babies and children with serious, life-threatening illnesses through listening and providing the ordinary. To quote one mum whose child was in the Neonatal Unit in Worthing Hospital – "I look forward to Cake Day as the normal in an abnormal world"

During 2019 we have continued to provide a welcome for new citizens at the ceremonies in Lewes, Crowborough, Brighton, Eastbourne and Hastings. The ceremonies are solemn but Mothers' Union welcome with tea and cakes afterwards is fun, touching, family oriented and multicultural, as people from a great variety of origins and cultures get together to celebrate an important rite of passage in their lives.

Whether the group of new citizens and their families is big or small, whether the ceremonies happen regularly every month or just when they are needed, we have a chance to meet new people, share in their joy, do some outreach and above all listen to stories! :

An example: At a ceremony at Brighton Town Hall one of the new citizens recognised the Mothers' Union immediately as the wonderful ladies who she and her baby had met at an intensive Care Baby Unit a few months before. Love in action.

The Fundraising and Communication Unit continues to promote the work of Mothers' Union throughout the Diocese. Former Action and Outreach Coordinator, Ros Thunder, featured in Session 2 of the Lent Course Video talking about the Ministry of Cake.

The website is managed by Shelley Jebb, who is pleased to receive information about activities and events around the Diocese. Cori English, editor of Link, produced two bumper editions of the magazine this year. We are grateful to her son Jon, a Graphic Designer and founder of the company Moomar, for his support too. An audio version of Link was made available for the first time in October.

The Diocesan Facebook page has 258 likes, and the Twitter feed has 249 followers. Both are a useful way of communicating with members in the Diocese as well as further afield.

Members were encouraged to sign up to Amazon Smile to raise funds for the Diocese.

As well as Branches supporting our main projects in the Diocese, many are upholding our aims, purposes and objects in smaller but equally wonderful ways. Two Branches in Worthing have been providing emergency toiletry bags and memory bags for Worthing Hospital. Hurstpierpoint made a story sack of the hungry Caterpillar for their Mother and Toddler group. A small group of Horsham branch members meet monthly to knit premature baby clothes for the neonatal units at Brighton and Haywards Heath hospitals, hats gloves and socks for the Mission to Seafarers and blanket squares made up into blankets for local homes and Open House in Crawley.

We continued to distribute cookbooks at Fresher's Day. Chichester District had a stall at Chichester College. Cook books produced by the Mothers' Union titled 'Fresher Food and More' were handed out to students. Fabulous cakes made by members of St Paul's and City of Chichester, Midhurst and Easebourne were also on hand. This annual project helps to promote MU and make contact with young people.

During the year, Jean Hunt kindly took on the position as Indoor Members Representative. She has sent out letters via the Branches during this time. Weekly Prayer Lists began on 1st December and included a monthly prayer for December to March and the Christmas letter from Worldwide President, Sheran Harper.

Sadly Branches are closing but many of these members are becoming Diocesan Members. Linda Campbell, our Diocesan Members Representative, has been and will be keeping them informed about what is going on in the Diocese so that they continue to be involved.

Chichester Diocese Mothers' Union continues to be very active and well supported by its members. Many thanks to all our faithful members for their prayers and support in this first year of the new Triennial.

2019 was a year of consolidation, streamlining focusing on doing what we already do and doing it well or doing less but doing it better and raising the profile of Mothers' Union within the Diocese. We are looking forward to building on what has been achieved this year in the coming year.

To conclude the report some reflections from our Diocesan President, Kathryn Anderson.

My faith in God has been tried and tested on my life journey. Looking back over my life, God has been guiding me on my journey of preparation to become a Leader through supportive parents, Nursing, Motherhood, Teaching, Contact Centre Coordinator and roles in Mothers' Union and an amazing supportive husband. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Diocesan President for Chichester Diocese and am so grateful to the loyal and prayerful support of the Trustees and members and trust that God will continue to work through the new Diocesan President.

MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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MOTHERS' UNION CHICHESTER DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Aims and objectives

The aim of the Society is the advancement of the Christian Religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

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

The objects of the Society are:

- i. to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
- ii. to encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- iii. to maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
- iv. to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
- v. to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Organisational Structure

The charity is run by the Trustees

Trustees

Those who served during the year were as follows:

Mrs Christine Bright
Mrs Emma Ham-Riche
Mr Andrew Anderson
Mrs Maria Greco
Mrs Linda Campbell
Mrs Kathryn Anderson
Mrs Anita Grammar
Mrs Scilla Page
Mrs Hazel Thorn
Mrs Michelle White
Mrs Hayley Cole
Mrs Shirley Squires
Revd Helen Rose

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Charity address	Flat 1 West House Chiswick Place Eastbourne BN21 4NJ
Registered Charity number	249826
Trustees	Mrs Christine Bright Mrs Emma Ham-Riche Mr Andrew Anderson Mrs Maria Greco Mrs Linda Campbell Mrs Kathryn Anderson Mrs Anita Grammar Mrs Scilla Page Mrs Hazel Thorn Mrs Michelle White Mrs Hayley Cole Mrs Shirley Squires Revd Helen Rose
Bankers	Barclays Bank
Independent Examiner	M N Preece BA FCA DChA

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Performance and Financial Review

For 2019, the total incoming resources on our funds were £74,631 (2018: £69,502) and are detailed in the financial statements.

Income from Subscriptions increased by £1,749 to £29,836 (2018: 28,087). Income for our major projects AFIA and EFCC increased by £1,690 to £25,260 (2018: £23,570). Districts and Branches continued their support of Central projects raising £5,873 (2018: £8,370), and with contributions to the General Fund.

The largest item of expenditure was the sum of £15,724 paid to Mary Sumner House for Subscriptions. The increase in income for AFIA and EFCC meant that both covered their running costs for the year.

There was a surplus in the accounts at 31 December 2019 of £61,629.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustee Board policy to maintain a balance on funds which equates to approximately 6 months' worth of payments as a contingency against unforeseen situations. In particular, this would cover running costs of AFIA and EFCC, plus general Diocesan expenditure. The closing balance of the Project Fund this year of £47,208 (2018: £38,512) represents just under 10 months, so we are in a good position should anything unforeseen arise.

Public Benefit

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Mr A Anderson

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

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 (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;
- 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 THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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 you as 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

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

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or
- b) 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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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

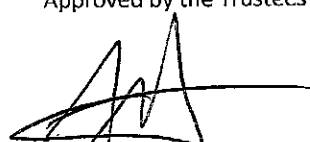
	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Receipts				
Subscriptions	29,836	-	29,836	28,087
Gift Aid	4,818	-	4,818	2,132
AFIA	-	15,307	15,307	15,050
Family Contact Centre	-	9,953	9,953	8,520
MuE	2,907	-	2,907	3,247
Other Projects	-	467	467	170
MSH Projects	5,873	-	5,873	8,370
Bank interest	-	40	40	41
Other Income	5,430	-	5,430	3,885
	<u>48,864</u>	<u>25,767</u>	<u>74,631</u>	<u>69,502</u>
Payments				
Subscriptions	15,724	-	15,724	16,447
AFIA	-	11,694	11,694	12,421
Family Contact Centre	-	5,377	5,377	7,451
MuE	3,246	-	3,246	3,922
MSH Projects	5,873	-	5,873	8,370
Insurance	635	-	635	-
Trustee Expenses, Conferences & Meetings	2,230	-	2,230	2,619
Printing & Stationery	861	-	861	1,179
Wages & Administration	8,921	-	8,921	8,939
Publicity	2,200	-	2,200	-
Other Expenditure	3,007	-	3,007	5,827
	<u>42,697</u>	<u>17,071</u>	<u>59,768</u>	<u>67,175</u>
Net receipts (payments) in year	6,167	8,696	14,863	2,327
Cash funds at 1 January 2018	8,254	38,512	46,766	44,439
Cash funds at 31 December 2019	<u>14,421</u>	<u>47,208</u>	<u>61,629</u>	<u>46,766</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets					
Barclays - Community Account		41,308		26,509	
Barclays - Active Saver		20,285		20,245	
Petty Cash		35		12	
			<u>61,628</u>	<u>46,766</u>	
Other Assets					
Stocks			<u>1,482</u>	<u>1,404</u>	
Restricted Fund Balances					
Project Fund		20,285		20,245	
AFIA		11,362		7,749	
EFCC		14,129		9,553	
Other Projects		1,432		965	
			<u>47,208</u>	<u>38,512</u>	

Approved by the Trustees on 29/12/20 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr A Anderson
Treasurer



Mrs C Bright
Chair, Finance & Services



Mrs K Anderson
Diocesan President

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised when received by the Charity

1.3 Resources used

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

