



Mothers' Union Diocese of Exeter

Charity number 250823

Annual reports and Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2018

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Mothers' Union in Diocese of Exeter is constituted as a Diocesan Organisation of and is affiliated to the Mothers' Union and complies with the Constitution and Bye-laws laid down in 1996.

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Exeter Mothers' Union Diocesan President's report for auditor for 2018

Mothers' Union in the diocese continues to work hard to fulfil our Aims and Objectives to support families both in the UK and overseas. This involves training and meetings, both of

which need paying for, and fund-raising to support this. The relatively new CEO of Mothers' Union has brought new and quite demanding initiatives for the members over the past year, and we are fortunate enough to be able to pay for all these demands. As DP I had to attend four residential conferences in other parts of the country for training purposes, the cost of which was met by this diocese.

Branch membership numbers are still falling and we now have only some forty plus branches. This is due to the onset of old age and reluctance to serve as officers. However, many of these members have agreed to become diocesan members and still pay the full subscription. Unfortunately, there are many members without access to the internet and this adds a bit to our costs as we have to use postage for information.

However, members still fund-raise to support the various projects at home and abroad, and several PCCs have been extremely generous in supporting our work. Our main areas of supporting are:

- AFIA – Away From It All holidays for needy families
- Subscribing to the many projects that support MU members overseas – literacy and numeracy training – developing farming projects – developing communities and empowering women – education and health clinics to name but a few.
- Campaigning against social injustice, gender based violence and modern day slavery
- Helping prisoners to bond with their families before their release
- Keeping in touch with a special link diocese abroad and providing them with MU goods and materials.

We have links with the Devon Rural Churches Forum and farming communities, members help with Messy Church, baptism and marriage preparation, toddler groups and Street Pastors. We helped fund a Children's Worker in Buckfastleigh parish.

Nickie Johnson, Diocesan President, January 2019

Action and Outreach Report for 2018

The members have continued with various craft activities, with many branches producing knitted items such as baby clothes for maternity units in hospitals, items for Syrian refugees, balaclava helmets for seafarers and the homeless and twiddle muffs for dementia patients in care homes, given to homeless centres and many other outlets.

AFIA so far has arranged 22 holidays, 4 of which were families taking a second holiday and one was referred to us by Restore charity. We have spent £8436 well above our budget by some £800 and we will continue raising funds for AFIA in the future.

Books have again been taken to Dartmoor Prison so they can be on loan to children visiting their parents there and available for their parents to borrow and read an identical copy of the same book. We have been able to start the Big Book Share project at Channing Wood Prison and a number of books have already been delivered and they are happy to receive more, including if possible Bible stories, books for pre-school children and book featuring other religions and ethnicities.

Members continue to be alert to those around them with problems and do their best to help them in whatever way is possible.

Rosemary Tull
Action and Outreach Co-ordinator

Faith and Policy – Annual Report for 2018

MARY SUMNER DAY - A Service to mark Mary Sumner Day was held in Exeter Cathedral and was well attended by Mothers' Union members from across the Diocese and their friends. Bishop Nick the Bishop of Plymouth preached, with our MU Chaplin Rev Ian Blyde presiding. Some branches and deaneries held their own annual services to mark the Day as is usual in their parishes.

QUIET DAYS – A thought provoking and challenging Diocesan Quiet Day was held at Marigold Segar-Berry's home in South Devon led by Rev Ian Blyde.

Members across the Diocese have continued to hold their own Quiet Days and Mothers' Union Services.

ANNUAL RETREAT – The Rev Caroline Luff led the Retreat at our new venue, Millhouse near Tiverton. Although a very different venue than some members were used to the overall reaction and feedback was very positive.

The 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE – An awareness raising Silent Protest was held, in Bideford as members continue to support and highlight this campaign. Unfortunately, the Protest planned for Exeter had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

The Church's response to Domestic Abuse - a seminar attended by members of the clergy from this Diocese, was an opportunity for members to show how MU is involved with the 16 Days of Activism – John Vinton was invited to speak and we were able to distribute MU literature relating to this subject.

We continue to look into ways MU can offer help and support to those rescued from Modern Slavery as well as refugees and asylum seekers, with possible new links in the Plymouth area

Janet Miller
Faith and Policy Co-ordinator

MU enterprises **MUenterprise Ltd Sales Mothers' Union Diocese of Exeter**

The income from the Sale of the cards and merchandise for this year was £6310.34. We continue to encourage Branch Leaders to order through the Representative of the Diocese and have the goods delivered directly to their own address. This has increased sales and promoted the Mothers Union in their area.

Devon County Show

Mothers' Union members helped in the Churches Together, Children's Tent, overseeing craft activities and looking after the children and their parents. Katherine Lyddon, Children's Officer for Exeter Diocese was delighted and has asked us to help her next year. We also had a stand to promote the charity.

Bridget Vinton
MUe Representative

Finance and Central Services Unit

In 2018 our Branch membership had dropped and stood at 756 members in 43 Branches. We had 149 Diocesan members and 40 Indoor members making a total of members in the diocese 945. The subscriptions for 2018 were £13.50 to Mary Sumner House and £9.50 to the Diocese, making a total of £23.00. Diocesan Members subscription remained the same at £23 per member with the same amounts payable to Mary Sumner House and to the Diocese with an added £3 for postage and administration costs.

Branches have again risen to the challenge of fundraising for our projects and we were able to provide 22 short break holidays for needy families under our Away From It All scheme. We have been able to support our Overseas Community Development Coordinators, as well as our overseas work with the Mothers Union Literacy and Finance Education Project and our Relief Fund. We have provided books for the Big Book Share scheme at Dartmoor Prison, and our Branches have supported many local projects within their areas.

We are conscious of our continued falling membership, and the difficulties with fundraising especially with the tight squeeze on personal finances. Our last year's records show that 22 new members joined the Mothers' Union in our Diocese. We keep our running expenses to the absolute minimum so that we can continue to support our projects within the diocese and overseas.

Our total income for the year was just over £10,000 less than 2017 this reflects the fact that are no longer responsible for the collection of the Families First Magazine subscriptions £3600, and that the annual returns and collection of donations has been moved forward to the end of January.

It was decided at a Treasurer's meeting to move the date for forwarding donations to the end of the calendar year to enable branches with on-going charitable fund raising activities to have one-year end for their accounts. This has resulted in an anomaly in the figures this year that will balance out in future years to show like for like.

The expenditure for 2018 is down on last year by £7500 again there is no Families First payment and in 2017 a one off donation of £5000 was sent to MSH for Emergency Relief.

The fourth quarter of rent for 2017 was not taken via Direct Debit until January 2018 so this alters the shows as a considerable difference under rent.

In 2018 it was agreed that any unallocated money received would not go into the Diocesan Fund which at present has sufficient reserves but would be given for the financial period following Spring Council 2018 to MULFEP.

The Trustees in 2017 agreed to support a child-based project in Buckfastleigh by contributing to the costs of key worker to the value of £2000 that was paid monthly throughout 2018 this has cleared our reserved fund for outreach start up activities. If in future branches or members would like to apply for funds for this type of activity they should in the first instance, contact the Trustees to see if we are able to support them.

The Trustees remain encouraged by the continuing and dependable generosity shown by the members and supporters of Mothers' Union and note the uniqueness of their involvement in the work of the Charity, which goes beyond generating funds for the Charity.

Thank you to those who use their time and energy to pursue this work on our behalf.

Christine Vince, Diocesan Treasurer and Miranda Wright, Secretary

<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>				<u>Petty Cash</u>		2018		2017		2016
	IN	OUT								
Jan	£ 14,208.82	£ 1,179.96		Bal fwd		£33.30		£ 33.30		£ 80.69
Feb	£ 7,900.53	£ 9,847.25		Cheques Cashed		£75.00		£ 190.00		£ 200.00
Mar	£ 2,174.54	£ 6,034.09		Sundry Items						-£ 4.10
Apr	£ 1,916.00	£ 3,949.80		Recycling Post						-£ 8.45
May	£ 3,151.58	£ 4,126.21		Shop Post		-£ 1.22		-£ 71.33		-£ 61.32
Jun	£ 2,368.30	£ 4,569.09		Post				-£ 57.60		-£ 117.74
Jul	£ 828.42	£ 6,703.60		Consummables		-£34.14		-£ 19.16		-£ 0.99
Aug	£ 1,293.32	£ 600.71		Cards IMPC		-£48.05		-£ 38.35		-£ 54.79
Sep	£ 4,490.15	£ 2,744.19		Carry Forward		£24.89		£ 36.86		£ 33.30
Oct	£ 2,058.92	£ 4,498.27		<u>Debtor</u>						
Nov	£ 4,443.43	£ 3,661.10					Shop	£ 193.55		£ 358.16
Dec	£ 2,869.57	£ 3,083.55								
	£ 47,703.58	£ 50,997.82		<u>Creditor</u>						
COIF Acct interest	£ 186.75			Trustee Exp. I Blyde		£71.00				
								2018		2017
<u>HSBC Current Account Reconciliation</u>				<u>Depreciation</u>				<u>Equipment</u>		<u>Equipment</u>
	2018	2017								£ 1,357.00
Balance b/f	£ 42,909.48	£ 43,411.10						£ 1,475.00		£ 487.00
Total Receipts	£ 47,703.58	£ 58,045.87								£ 1,844.00
Payments	-£ 50,997.82	-£ 58,547.49		20%				-£ 295.00		-£ 369.00
	£ 39,615.24	£ 42,909.48						£ 1,180.00		£ 1,475.00
<u>MUE Book Shop</u>	2018	2017	2016		<u>COIF Account</u>					
Opening Stock	£ 909.56	£ 1,434.76	£ 1,301.58					2018		2017
Purchases	£ 6,811.54	£ 5,481.19	£ 6,380.56	Bal b/f				£ 41,109.92		£ 41,014.29
Sundaries (inv.boc	£ 5.49							£ 186.75		£ 95.63
Postage	£ 50.05	£ 71.33	£ 61.32	Interest				£ 41,296.67		£ 41,109.92
Adj to Stock	£ 8.40	£ 162.75	£ 63.50							
	£ 7,785.04	£ 7,150.03	£ 7,806.96		<u>MUE Grant</u>			2018		2017
Sales receipts	£ 6,319.94	£ 6,283.47	£ 6,676.34					£ 645.22		£ 737.51
pend. Lodge/Payme	£ 123.33	£ 193.55	£ 644.06							
Closing Stock	£ 1,356.19	£ 909.56	£ 1,434.76							
	£ 7,799.46	£7,386.58	£8,755.16							
Surplus on trading	£ 14.42	£ 236.55	£ 948.20							
Shop Float	£ 25.00	£ 25.00	£ 25.00							
								<u>Restricted Funds held in the HSBC Account</u>		
								2018	2017	
		<u>Diocese Restricted Funds</u>						£ 844.10	£ 910.70	
	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	c/f				Closed	£ 2,351.37	
AFIA	£ 12,676.69	£ 5,791.06	-£ 8,436.22	£ 10,031.53	IMPC			£ 10,031.53	£ 12,676.69	
IMPC	£ 910.70	£ 40.00	-£ 106.60	£ 844.10	Local Outreach			£ 868.23	£ 804.20	
Local Outreach Fu	£ 2,351.37	£ -	-£ 2,415.69	-£ 64.32	AFIA			£ 603.62	£ 509.60	
DM Postage	£ 804.20	£ 414.00	-£ 349.97	£ 868.23	DM Admin			£ 12,347.48	£ 17,252.56	
Bookshare	£ 509.60	£ 110.00	-£ 15.98	£ 603.62	Book Share					
	£ 17,252.56			£ 12,283.16				<u>Funds 2019</u>	<u>Funds 2018</u>	<u>Funds 2017</u>
								£ 68,557.75	£ 66,766.84	£ 65,953.34
		<u>HSBC</u>	<u>COIF D/P</u>							
Diocesan Fund		£ 39,615.24						£ 12,347.48	£ 17,252.56	£ 18,113.89
Restricted		-£ 12,347.48								
Trans. To Outreach		£ 64.32								
Uncleared Cheque		-£ 71.00						£ 80,905.23	£ 84,019.40	£ 84,067.23

		<u>£ 27,261.08</u>	<u>£ 41,296.67</u>	<u>£ 68,557.75</u>					
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Mothers' Union – Exeter Diocese

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's 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 section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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



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