



# Annual Report and Accounts 2010



## **Bath and Wells Diocesan Mothers' Union**

Registered Charity Number 250180

### **Trustees 2010**

Pam Cavallini  
Fiona Densham  
Revd John Franks (Chaplain)  
Eileen Heath  
Margaret Hendy  
Sue Irwin  
Sandra Lee  
Rowena Merson  
Jane Tibbs (President)  
Karen Whittaker

### **Membership**

1970 Members in 74 Branches

### **Bankers**

NatWest, Old Bank Branch, 15 High Street, Bath. BA1 5AH

### **CCLA Investment Management Ltd**

The CBF Church of England Funds, 80 Cheapside, London  
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### **Independent Examiner**

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## Our Vision

The vision of the Mothers' Union is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships.

The Mothers' Union aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

The mission of the Mothers' Union is

- 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

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.

Mothers' Union members believe in

- The value of each individual and their unique qualities
- The value of relationships. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your souls and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."
- 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

## From the Diocesan President ...

2010 saw some changes for the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

A brand new Board of Trustees met for the first time in January and set the programme for this Triennium. A Development Plan helped members focus on the Aims and Objectives of the organisation and a great deal has been achieved this year.

The Commissioning Service on Saturday 06 February in Wells Cathedral had been planned by the Trustees and was led by Reverend Margi Campbell. Bishop Peter Price was inspiring, a chain of prayer was assembled by the children present and the Banners were a visual delight. Everyone left feeling they were not only ordinary people but special people doing special things.

We gathered together again in April to celebrate the Licensing of our Diocesan Chaplain, Reverend John Franks. The sun shone brightly on the Bishop's Palace Chapel as John was licensed by The Archdeacon of Bath, the venerable Andy Piggott. Andy valiantly stood in for the Bishop of Taunton who had been delayed in Egypt by a volcano in Iceland!

The year continued as Mothers' Union years tend to do. Trustees met in April, June, September and November. Thursday meetings included Cathedral Prayers and lunch together, but we also met one evening and one Saturday morning. Cathedral Prayers were led by different Deaneries on the third Thursday of every month and in June and September were in the Chapel of the Bishop's Palace instead of the Lady Chapel. These are well attended services and an opportunity for members from across the Diocese to get together for prayer and worship. Archdeaconry Councils were held in March. Branches met regularly with a varied programme of activities reflecting the Aims and Objectives of the Mothers' Union. Deaneries also met to celebrate, especially in August for Mary Sumner Day and in Advent.

Supporting the Projects in the Diocese is always high on the Agenda. Projects include Away From It All (AFIA) Holidays, Prison visiting at Shepton Mallet, Supporting the neo-natal units in local hospitals, supporting the Women's Refuges and the sterling work done at the Child Contact Centres in Frome and Nailsea and Clevedon. A special project for 2010 was for each branch to raise £50 towards the cost of bicycles, driving lessons or translating the Mothers' Union prayer books into local dialects in one of our link Dioceses – Niassa in Mozambique.

The Annual meeting was hosted by Bath Archdeaconry at St Paul's Church, Weston super Mare. After the morning business Ross Coad gave an interesting talk on the Jesus Book Club, even involving members in activities.

The Annual lecture was held on Saturday 09 October at the Blue school, Wells, and was a lively and inspiring presentation by Christian Mime Artist Ken Wylie. Ken had everyone climbing a wall, eating a box of chocolates and also talked about the spiritual development of children – and adults.

On 06 December it was announced that Sarah Teather (Children's Minister) had asked Reg Bailey to carry out an independent review into the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood. As a result, on Tuesday 07 December I was interviewed by Emma Britton on her Morning Show, which was an opportunity to emphasise the strength of the Mothers' Union in this Diocese.

2010 saw the closure of three branches – St Cuthbert's, Wells in January, Shepton Mallet and St Mary Magdalene, Taunton in December. The opening of a new branch was celebrated in Martock in April and in Wells in May. Membership now stands at 1970 members.

Mothers' Union members work tirelessly to support the work of the Mothers' Union across the world. With 4million members in 81 countries, we're a force to be reckoned with!

Jane Tibbs  
Diocesan President

## From the Diocesan Chaplain

Before being licensed by Bishop Peter I set out what I identified as the role of the MU Diocesan Chaplain and this was:

- 1) to be the pastoral link between the Trustees and the Branches within the diocese of Bath and Wells;
- 2) to promote the Aims and Objectives of the MU to the wider community both within and outside the Anglican Communion;
- 3) to be available to members in certain situations where the Parish Clergy can not be of assistance; to give time, where possible, to listen and to provide care and comfort;
- 4) with the permission of Incumbents to lead Divine Services as requested by the Diocesan MU President and/or Trustees on special meetings or occasions;
- 5) to lead the opening/closing worship at Diocesan and Archdeaconry Meetings as requested.

As I look back on my first year as your Diocesan Chaplain it is with some satisfaction that I am aware this has been happening.

It is most encouraging that branches invite me to join them for services and to address meetings. It is with regret that, due to prior commitments, I have had to turn a number down. It is great for me to have the opportunity of visiting branches in the diocese and I am encouraged by the willingness of members to uphold the aims and object of our fabulous organization. The strength of faith that prevails in the majority of branches is quite wonderful and I am often humbled by the spirituality that prevails. There are times when I am a little worried by the apparent insularity of some branches who struggle to see beyond their group.

The MU is a powerful organization that has a real presence in the world and a living example of Jesus' command to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. I am so proud to be a part of that. All we do should be undertaken in God's name not just for the present, but also for the future. I look forward to my second year in office with the chance of meeting MU Diocesan Members over a cup of tea or coffee and, hopefully, encouraging the appointment of Assistant MU Chaplains from Wells and Taunton Archdeaconries to help me.

Exciting times and I hope you share the excitement with me.

John Franks  
Chaplain

## Bath Archdeaconry

I took over as Archdeaconry President from Sue Irwin in Jan 2010 when Sue (Portishead Deanery President) then began a 3 year term as a new General Trustee for Mothers' Union in the Diocese.

After a memorable Commissioning service by Bishop Peter in Wells Cathedral in February 2010, the events held in Branches and Deaneries during the year have been many and varied.

Some Branches have been successful in enrolling new members in 2010, in response to Diocesan President Jane Tibbs' challenge to aim for 2010 members by the end of the year. I have been invited to visit Branches in Chew Magna, Midsomer Norton, Bath and Bridgwater and look forward to meeting members in Locking and Portishead in 2011, as well as at Cathedral prayers in Wells. Fundraising, whether personal or through branches and Deaneries has been impressive, with members responding to a variety of needs. These included Local and Diocesan Projects, Bishop Dinis' request (during his visit in 2009) for bicycles, driving lessons & translation of MU Service books from Portuguese into local dialects, and from Mary Sumner House the Count Your blessings, Wheels Appeal and Mount Kilimanjaro climb.

The Archdeaconry Council meeting in March was hosted by Bath Deanery at All Saints, Weston, Bath. Opening worship was led by recently appointed Mothers' Union chaplain, Revd. John Franks, and followed the Mothers Union theme 'Relationship not Rules' with a PCSO from Avon & Somerset police and Tony Cook, Parish Advisor for Young People recounting their experiences and encouraging us to share ours.

In August Midsomer Norton hosted a successful Archdeaconry service for Mary Sumner Day at St Peter's Church, Westfield, led by Revd. Rachma Bush, who is also Chaplain at Norton Radstock College.

Deanery Presidents have also met together several times during the year, usually on the morning of Cathedral prayers and thanks are due to them for their prayerful support, sharing news and ideas and also ensuring that communications between Branches and Deaneries remain open and effective. The support in 2010 from the 5 Deanery Presidents in Bath, Chew Magna, Locking, Midsomer Norton and Portishead, continued seamlessly and tirelessly, and we were sorry to say goodbye to Linda Quinn at the end of 2010 after 6 years as Chew Magna Deanery President. We thank Linda for all her hard work, and wish her a restful, peaceful 2011. A search for her successor continues with thanks to Shirley Penn for agreeing to be the temporary contact point in the Deanery.

Pam Cavallini  
Bath Archdeaconry President

## Taunton Archdeaconry

Since my commissioning as Taunton Archdeaconry President in May 2010 I have found life varied and interesting, visiting Branches and experiencing how they raise their funds for the various projects of the Mothers' Union.

### Exmoor and Quantocks Deanery

There are 9 Branches in this area and I have visited 2 of them, Cutcombe and Watchet.

**Cutcombe** I was invited to visit a house where I lived for a short while as a child, it was good to visit this Branch and catch up on their news. They have raised funds for the Wheels appeal and they also recently raised £128.00 during the Snowdrop valley event.

**Dulverton** have raised funds for the Wheels appeal.

**Dunster** raised funds for the Womens Refuge.

**Minehead** a visit by the Diocesan President Jane Tibbs and £70 raised for the Wheels Appeal.

**Old Cleeve** raised their £50 for the bicycle appeal and assist running a Mothering Tuesday group for the children from the church school. Lee Brant and husband spoke on their visit to Zambia. They knit tops for Eastern Europe.

**Porlock** supports Tuesday Club for pre-school children, this is an on-going project and we shall hear more about this in the future.

**Watchet** – All Branch members have an overseas box and I was introduced to these boxes. I was invited to speak on Relationships. I enjoyed my visit and the tea. Their prayerful service was beautiful.

### Sedgemoor Deanery

**Bridgwater** was the first Branch I was invited to and I was very impressed with their enthusiasm and energy. The evening was an open evening and a display board containing the M.U. literature was exhibited. They had also raised their £50 for the Wheels appeal.

### Crewkerne and Ilminster Deanery

There are 7 Branches in this Deanery.

In November I was invited to a very pleasant lunch with Members of this Deanery. We followed on to a Branch meeting and I was impressed with the way they work so well together. It was good to meet with them and hear their news which for me was an enjoyable way of learning about the various projects the Mothers' Union become involved in.

### **Taunton and Tone Deanery**

There are 7 Branches in this Deanery

#### **Ruishton and Thornfalcon**

I was invited to speak on Relationships and met with a very happy and positive group.

#### **Staplegrove**

#### **Stoke St Mary**

#### **St Mary Magdalene**

This Branch has closed for which I feel sad, but I do not believe that it is the end, it may be a new beginning.

#### **Wellington St Johns**

The Branch raised nearly £100 for the Bath and Wells Diocese projects by running a fashion show, modeling very good second clothes.

We are expecting to continue to combine our Branch meetings with Wiveliscombe on various occasions.

### **Wiveliscombe**

I visited this Branch to speak on Relationships and an enjoyable meeting was had by all. I was warmly welcomed.

I have enjoyed meeting Members and find that there is so much going on within the Branches. Those who have been missed off this report I apologize for, it is not my policy to miss anyone but the report had to be in by a certain date. I shall be visiting more Branches this year and hope I can support them in anyway that I can. I have made a commitment and I have been helped by so many during the year and I know that support will continue in 2011.



Thank you to you all for your hard work and commitment to the Mother's Union.

Sandra Lee

Taunton Archdeaconry President

## Wells Archdeaconry

Wells Archdeaconry does not have an Archdeaconry president at the moment, but it has not stopped events from taking place across the Archdeaconry.

Members gathered in Street for the Archdeaconry Conference on Friday 12 March and were entertained and amused by local reporter Maxine Irving.

Services were held in all the Deaneries to celebrate Mary Sumner Day in August and the summer was full of events including Cream Teas!

A new branch opened in Wells and is known as the Wells Group. Aably led by Yvonne Garman, members meet for Cathedral Prayers on the third Thursday of every month and then walk to Yvonne's house for lunch followed by a meeting.

Unfortunately the branch at Shepton Mallet decided to close and an inspiring service celebrating 113 years of the branch was held in December and an eye catching display containing 113 gold baubles with Mothers' Union stickers on each one was suspended from the pulpit.

It is hoped that God will answer our prayers for a new Archdeaconry President in 2011.

Jane Tibbs



## Action and Outreach Unit

The year started with a wonderful event at Cheddar, A Flavour of Africa, masterminded by Karen Whittaker. The hall was packed with members who heard Elizabeth Kerr talking about her work in Kitgum, Uganda and Jenny Humphries talking about how Zambia is addressing the Millenium Development Goals. A celebratory African Eucharist was led by Rev Sue Rose and even the food had an African flavour!

During the year the liaison officers settled in to the new triennial and Judith Riley took over the Women's Refuges. Fiona Densham took on the role of Chair of the Management Committee for the Child Contact Centres. Diana Wade retired after nine years as Editor of Springs and Sarah Lockie has taken over that role.

Knitted items hit the national headlines when Shirley Gibbs was asked to make 150 knitted breasts for Health Visitors to demonstrate breast feeding with. Due to reports in newspapers and on the television and radio, Shirley had requests for patterns from all over the United Kingdom and even from the Matron of Westminster Hospital. Over 300 breasts have been knitted and one has even gone as far as Vietnam.

All the diocesan projects were well supported and stronger links forged with our link dioceses of **Kampala** in Uganda, **Lebombo and Niassa** in Mozambique and **Kabba and Bida** in Nigeria.

All our branches took part in the fund raising initiative to each raise £50 for bicycles, driving lessons or translations of the Mothers' Union Prayer Book into African languages. This was achieved in a variety of ways, many including pedal power!

In 2010, projects needing financial support were identified in our link Diocese in Uganda as well as in Zambia. Again, thanks to the generosity of individual members, Branches, Deaneries and PCCs, we received £6,840 for these projects. In total, we sent £25,000 to the Mothers' Union Worldwide Fund in 2010 and another £10,000 was sent in January 2011 being the balance remaining at the end of the year and donations received at the beginning of 2011.

*A flavour ...*

*... of Africa*



**24 February 2010**

The Liaison Officers have worked tirelessly during the year and our thanks go especially to the following:

AFIA	Helen Clegg and Lydia Munday
Baby gowns	Jenny Ayrton
Child Contact Centres	
• Frome	Jenny Ayrton
• North Somerset	Karen Whittaker
Displays	Chris Mahony
IMPC	Thelma Hill
IT and website	Derek Mahony
Knitted items	Shirley Gibbs
Literature	Chris Mahony
Prison Project	Jackie Houlden
Retreats	John Littler
SPRINGS	Diana Wade and now Sarah Lockie
Women's Refuges	Judith Riley
Worldwide Links	Gay Curtis
Worldwide Treasurer	Liz Green

We need to be proud of our achievements and pro-active in sharing with others what we do so as to ensure that we continue to deliver practical, prayerful, effective support to families in need.

Thank you for supporting the work of Action and Outreach with your time, your skills, your prayers and your donations.

Jane Tibbs



It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Karen Whittaker on Friday 25 February 2011.

Karen had been the Action and Outreach Unit Co-ordinator, and a Trustee, since 2007 and very much involved with Mothers' Union projects, especially the Child Contact Centres.

Karen was full of life and worked tirelessly. We will all miss her.

## Marketing Unit

We try to inform everyone, both the Church and the person on the street. This year there has been some high profile fund raising that has enabled us to get press coverage which brings us before the public. We have had stands and displays at public events where free literature was freely available explaining the depth of our work. We were pleased to have a display at the Christmas market in Bath and a Christmas tree at Wells highlighting our projects. We have displays both large and small to fit all spaces and free literature is available which can be read at leisure and states where more information can be obtained.

The website is evolving and improving all the time. We now have a Resources section with downloadable posters and forms.

A very important information source is ***Springs*** which goes to every member and has articles from the Unit coordinators and the Diocesan President. Branches are also encouraged to write about events that have gone well and promoted the Mothers Union. This year we have had more colour pages in ***Springs*** which improves the presentation. We thank Diana Wade for all the hard work she put in to make it a great informative publication. Diana has now handed over the reins to Sarah Lockie.

Mary Sumner House continues to produce catalogues twice a year. The cards and gifts from Mary Sumner House are very good value and our sales remain high. This year our turnover was £13,000. Our Profit Related Grant for our diocese was £1,500. This meant that we are one of the top dioceses in the country for sales. Please remember that the Diocese receives a grant based on our literature sales. Therefore when purchasing direct from Mary Sumner House please indicate which diocese you come from. All the cards have the MU symbol and information about our work on the back and therefore provide good publicity for us. New cards and gifts are being introduced all the time so please keep in touch with your Literature Representative. I thank them very much for all their hard work.

We continue to make clergy packs for clergy when they change parishes and these have proved very useful.

Our information booklet about the work of the Mothers Union in the diocese is very popular.

We still don't have Marketing Reps in every Deanery so volunteers are most welcome. These Reps are marketing the MU by trying to inform the general public about our aims and activities by, for example, putting pamphlets into libraries, doctor's surgeries, and flower festivals. They are also responsible for informing the press about our meetings and events.

Christine Mahony

MUe Representative



## Faith and Policy

Each month as a different deanery led our Cathedral Prayers every member of our diocese had the opportunity along with tourists and cathedral volunteers to worship together. What a privilege!

The first week in February joined us with our link dioceses of Bida and Kabba (Nigeria) Kampala (Uganda) Niassa and Lemombo (Mozambique) as in different branches and deaneries, the Wave of Prayer was celebrated. Also in February our Unit composed the prayers for our president's commissioning.

Thirty members came together for our 'Day Apart' at Compton Durville where Canon Frank Fisher led the day. It was a time of prayer and reflection and encouraged us in our faith.

The Retreat at Glastonbury Abbey led by Victor Barley, although small in number was appreciated by all who attended.

The 'All Unit Conference' at Swanwick was inspiring and informative and certainly a very worthwhile few days.

Lady Day, Mary Sumner Day and St. Luke's tide were remembered in the diocese as well as special services of thanksgiving.

The Indoor Members received cards from the diocese at Easter and Christmas. They are a very strong prayer force for our society.

The Unit has benefited by both the Policy Officer and the Link Officer working along side the co-ordinator as a team.

'Faith and Policy Watch' has proved to be a crucial paper updating the highlights of projects that have been undertaken. These have included violence against women, the creating of 'UN Women' and the launch of 'Bye Buy Childhood' in September.

Margaret Hendy  
Unit Co-Ordinator



## Social Policy

Having taken over from Jo Rich as Social Policy Officer, I have tried to follow her lead of keeping the Trustees and members informed about social issues which concern the Mothers' Union. I have relayed information on a wide range of topics by means of articles in 'Springs' and the Diocesan Members' Newsletter, and reports to the Trustees and Faith and Policy Committees.

My role had barely begun when we were sent a Consultation on a Government Paper entitled "Support for All: the Families and Relationships Green Paper". I circulated the Consultation to as many members as possible in the time given. Replies were returned to me for collating, as on this occasion Mary Sumner House had requested only one reply per diocese. As far as I am aware, there has been no reaction from the Government because shortly after the Mothers' Union response was submitted, Parliament was dissolved and a General Election called.

During the year the Mothers' Union has become involved in several campaigns. We backed the "Citizens for Sanctuary" Campaign whose aims are to obtain justice for people escaping persecution, and to rebuild public support for sanctuary. The movement issued a 'Sanctuary Pledge' for MP's to sign, asking them to campaign responsibly on asylum and support the end of child detention. The Coalition Government has now promised to end child detention for immigration purposes in May 2011.

The Mothers' Union is one of 28 founder Corporate Members of "Restored" – an alliance of Christians from around the world, which aims to end violence against women. Such violence is the most common but least punished crime in the world and the statistics are horrifying. Among the aims of "Restored" are promoting healthy relationships; encouraging prayer to end violence against women; and influencing the media and culture to make violence against women unacceptable.

But for the Mothers' Union the main focus of the year has been our own campaign, "Bye Buy Childhood". Launched in September, the campaign seeks to raise awareness of, and bring an end to, the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood. In short we would like to give our youngsters the chance to enjoy being children. We are calling on the Government and industry to take action, and enabling parents to limit ways in which commercialisation affects their family life. This campaign will clearly continue to be the focus of attention for the Social Policy Unit for some time to come.

Val Franks  
Social Policy Representative

## Diocesan members

Diocesan Membership is ideal for people who are unable to attend local Branch meetings through work or other commitments. The Newsletter, published three times a year, is mailed out to everyone with copies of SPRINGS and Families Worldwide, ensuring that Diocesan members are kept up to date with Mothers' Union news.

The membership changes in 2010 were as follows

7 members left (including people who had resigned, lapsed, and/or transferred to other Dioceses).

2 members passed away

44 new members have joined (including lapsed members)

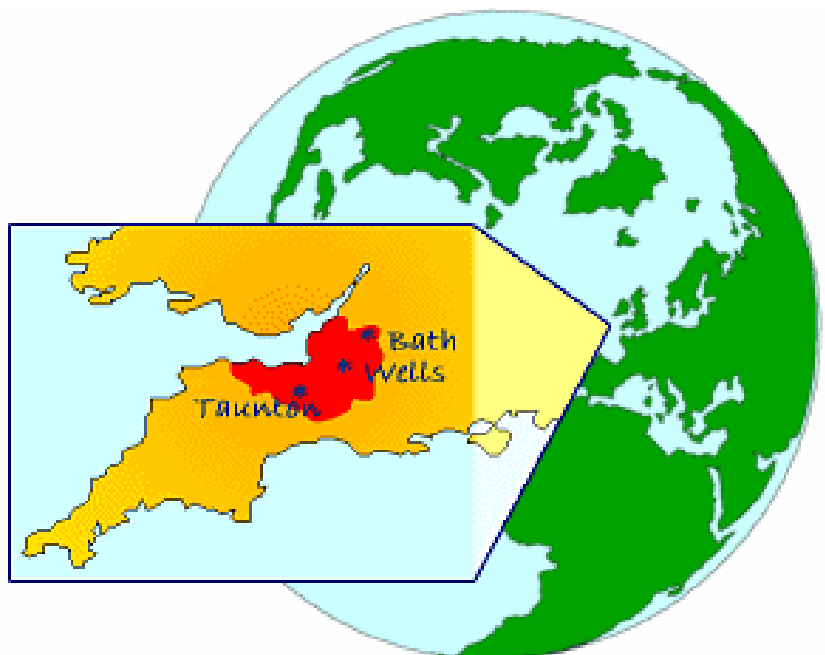
Membership at the end of December 2010 is 153 members

In April 2010 Diocesan Members along with Sedgemoor Deanery led Cathedral Prayers.

Towards the end of the year a group of Diocesan Members, who live in the Wells area, started meeting monthly for discussion and fellowship.

Rowena Merson

Diocesan Members' Representative



## Finance and Central Services

The Diocesan Board of Trustees agreed the budget for 2010 at the end of 2009 and has been presented with an up-to-date Receipts and Payments Account and Revised Budget at each meeting. 2010 was a somewhat unusual year for expenses, the beginning of a new three-year period for the new Diocesan President and Board of Trustees. We had a Trustees' residential at Abbey House in January, very worthwhile for building our team; the Commissioning Service at Wells Cathedral at the beginning of February, a very inspiring event for the whole MU Diocese; and in April the licensing service for our new Chaplain, Rev John Franks. Despite all this, there was a surplus in the general account at the end of the year of £4,360, of which £1,535 is restricted to expenditure on Diocesan Projects and will be carried forward to 2011. During the last two years, Mary Sumner House has suffered from the effects of the world recession and has asked that MU Dioceses contribute £1 extra per member in 2011. We will do this from the general surplus realised in 2010.

Several factors contributed to the surplus: membership increased from 1952 to 1970; the Diocesan members' bank account was closed so the finances are all in one place and the proceeds amounted to £1,466; Gift Aid tax increased by £671 to £2,808, as did the grant on MUE literature sales which, at £1,515, was an increase of £425 on 2009.

With very many thanks to individual members, Branches, Deaneries and PCCs for their continuing generous donations, we were able to fulfil all our commitments for the Diocesan Projects, which amounted to expenditure of £7,387, and have a surplus to enable us to meet commitments early in 2011. Late in 2010 we received a much-needed £500 grant from CAF/CASS for Child Contact Centres' volunteers' training, which is essential to enable us to retain our affiliation to NACCC (National Association of Child Contact Centres).

Whilst the reserves have been decreased over the last few years, they were still considered to be too high. A Reserves Policy, a copy of which is included in this Annual Report, was agreed by the Board of Trustees in September and will be reviewed each April. It sets the reserves at a reduced figure of £12,000. This enabled us to send £10,000 to Mary Sumner House which was much needed by them for Worldwide Development Co-ordinators' salaries and travel grants.

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## Structure, governance and management.

The Mothers' Union Diocese of Bath & Wells has a Constitution which is regularly reviewed and all Branches have a copy.

The charity number of the Mothers' Union Diocese of Bath & Wells is 250180 and its registration number under the Data Protection Act is Z6635044, the subscription being paid by direct debit. The Mothers' Union Diocese of Bath & Wells is affiliated to the Mothers' Union, a worldwide organisation with headquarters at Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB. Jane Tibbs is the Mothers' Union Bath & Wells Child Protection Officer.

Our Christian Copyright Licensing International licence number is 85385. Most events are held in church buildings or public halls which have their own insurance. The Mothers' Union has public liability insurance for £5,000,000.

It was found that the Board of Trustees was a little small for the amount of work to be covered. As a result, it was agreed to enlarge it by adding three General Trustees in 2010.

Many thanks go to Esme Padgham who retired at the end of 2010 after nine years of very hard work managing the gift aid recovery and the covenants beforehand. I have taken over the task temporarily.

I give many thanks to Jane Tibbs, Diocesan President, the Board of Trustees and Rosemary Tullett, MU Secretary, for all the help and support given to me over the past year, my first as Diocesan Treasurer, Finance Unit Co-ordinator and Trustee, which I have enjoyed immensely.

Eileen R Heath

Treasurer



## FINANCIAL RESERVES POLICY

The income of the Mothers' Union Diocese of Bath and Wells is derived from member subscriptions and donations. The subscriptions cover the running costs of the Diocese and contribute to the Diocesan Projects, which are currently:

- Child Contact Centres in Frome, Nailsea and Clevedon;
- Away From it All Holidays for families in distress;
- Working with prisoners in HMP Cornhill, Shepton Mallet;
- Knitting and sewing projects particularly concerned with babies and children.

The Diocesan Projects rely heavily on donations and, in this current year, the level of donations is lower than at this time in previous years. This could be because of the current economic climate and the increased number of Worldwide Fund appeals.

Our reserves need to be sufficient to cover any shortfall in donations to ensure the continuation of, and commitment to, our Diocesan Projects. They also need to be able to fund new projects such as a pre-baptism project being considered for 2011 and a Loving for Life project which could commence in the next few years. The level of reserves has therefore been set at £10,000, which will be reviewed at each Trustees' meeting as part of our budgetary process.

This policy will be included in the Trustees' Annual Report and will be reviewed in April each year.

At the end of each year, any restricted fund surplus will be carried forward to the following year. Any unrestricted fund surplus, in excess of a sum considered by the Trustees to be required as a cash buffer or to help fund the next year's activities, will be transferred to the Mothers' Union at Mary Sumner House.

September 2010



**THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS**  
**DIOCESAN RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2010**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	2009 Totals
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Net proceeds from subscriptions (1817 Branch; 153 Diocesan = 1970 total members)	12,774.00		12,774.00	11,633.00
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	2,808.30		2,808.30	2,137.11
Proceeds from closed Diocesan Members' bank account	1,466.16		1,466.16	---
General donations	1,365.81		1,365.81	2,412.86
Grant on MUE literature sales to reduce loan to Diocesan MU Literature	1,515.81		1,515.81	1,090.65
Bank interest	252.67		252.67	689.85
Families First magazine subscriptions		6,169.00	6,169.00	6,677.50
Donations to Away From It All holidays		2,285.25	2,285.25	1,743.40
Donations to Child Contact Centres		2,779.95	2,779.95	1,047.00
Grant from CAF/CASS to Child Contact Centres		500.00	500.00	---
Donations to Diocesan Projects in general		3,368.65	3,368.65	4,269.22
Donations to Worldwide Fund		911.07	911.07	1,207.40
Donations to Britain & Ireland Development Fund		584.46	584.46	732.80
Contributions to cost of events and administration expenses (reduced Finance & Central Services expenses below)			---	1,625.00
Faith and Policy Unit for Retreat and Quiet Day (see Faith & Policy Unit below)			---	2,371.50
	<b>20,182.75</b>	<b>16,598.38</b>	<b>36,781.13</b>	
<b>Payments:</b>				
Finance and Central Services Unit expenses (including secretary's salary; rent and insurance; Commissioning and Licensing services; postage, stationery, photocopying and office consumables; copyright and data protection licences; accountant's independent examination fee; Trustees' residential, meetings and training; Archdeaconry and Diocesan Councils and Annual Lecture; MU conference; retreat bursaries; expenses relating to Diocesan Membership; less funds raised and contributions to cost of events)	12,594.11		12,594.11	11,284.40
Printing of Springs newsletter	1,518.00		1,518.00	3,016.00
Chaplain's and Archdeaconry expenses; Diocesan President's expenses including MU conferences	1,184.20		1,184.20	3,121.98
Action and Outreach Unit expenses (including MU and NACCC conferences)	461.75		461.75	902.95
Faith & Social Policy Unit expenses (including MU conference and net cost of Retreat and A Day Apart)	274.84		274.84	324.55
Marketing Unit expenses (including MU conference)	736.47		736.47	1,254.93
MU literature expenses	588.35		588.35	362.22
Families First magazine subscriptions		6,168.00	6,168.00	6,650.50
Away From It All holidays expenditure		4,303.52	4,303.52	4,294.67
Child Contact Centres' expenditure		2,094.63	2,094.63	2,826.20
Expenditure of other Diocesan Projects		990.83	990.83	409.77
BID Fund donations transferred to Mary Sumner House		586.00	586.00	700.00
Worldwide donations transferred to Diocesan Worldwide Fund		920.00	920.00	1,245.80
Purchase of new computer and printer			---	859.05
Retreat (included in Faith & Social Policy Unit above)			---	2,127.50
	<b>17,357.72</b>	<b>15,062.98</b>	<b>32,420.70</b>	
Surplus	2,825.03	1,535.40	<b>4,360.43</b>	-1,743.23

**THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS**

**DIOCESAN RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2010**

Bank current account at 1st January 2010	3,975.77		3,975.77
Petty cash at 1st January 2010	49.03		49.03
Less expenses paid in 2010 in respect of 2009 and included in 2009 accounts	2,381.88		2,381.88
Plus prepayments for 2010 made in 2009 and accounted for in balance b/f for 1st January 2010	999.48		999.48
Less prepayments made for 2011 (deposits for events)	807.76		807.76
Plus accruals: expenses paid in 2011 for 2010	736.21		736.21
Add surplus	2,825.03	1,535.40	4,360.43
Bank current account and petty cash at 31st December 2010	<u>5,395.88</u>	<u>1,535.40</u>	<u>6,931.28</u>

**CBF Deposit Fund**

			£
Balance brought forward from 31st December 2009			22,053.45
Interest			101.42
Interest withdrawn and retained in current account			154.87
Withdrawn and donated to MU Worldwide for Development Workers' salaries and travel grants			<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance at 31st December 2010			<u>12,000.00</u>

**Notes:**

Balance of loan due from MU Literature at 1st January 2010	5,512.64
Less grant to reduce loan (see Receipts section)	<u>1,515.18</u>
Balance of loan due from MU Literature at 31st December 2010	<u>3,997.46</u>
Prepayments to be carried forward to 2011 accounts	<u>807.76</u>

**THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS****WORLDWIDE FUND ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2010**

	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Balance brought forward 1st January 2010	2,639.89	
Donations for General Fund	19,723.11	
Donations for Relief Fund	5,049.62	
Donations for Mozambique/Zambia Appeal	6,840.64	
Donations via Charities Aid and Stewardship	120.00	
Bank interest	<u>33.39</u>	34,406.65
<b>Payments</b>		
Transferred to Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, at various intervals throughout the year for the various funds as donated		<u>25,000.00</u>
Balance at 31st December 2010 which was transferred to Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, in January 2011		<u>9,406.65</u>

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we approve the Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2010 as presented to a meeting of the Board on 17th March 2011

Jane Tibbs

Jane Tibbs  
Diocesan President

Eileen Heath

Eileen Heath  
Finance Unit Co-ordinator

Margaret Hendy

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Faith & Social Policy Co-ordinator

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Mother's Union Diocese of Bath and Wells**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2010.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 (3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of 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 the seeking of 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, 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;
  - to keep account records in accordance with s41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply either the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave 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.

Mr Stephen Fry FCA  
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Chartered Accountants  
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Wirral Park Road  
Glastonbury  
Somerset

*Stephen Fry* 29.3.11.

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