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The Mothers' Union Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Annual Review of 2016



Southwell Minster

and

Annual General Meeting

Trebeck Hall, Southwell

Saturday 28th October 2017

11.00am - 2:30pm

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Diocesan President



Pat Brewin , our Diocesan President writes.....

My dear friends,

What a fantastic year of celebrations we had throughout 2016. I was so privileged to attend so many celebrations of 140 years of Mothers' Union.

Each service was really special, as was each afternoon tea. So many opportunities to worship and share fellowship together, all climaxing in our celebration Eucharist in Southwell Minster. It was a good opportunity to meet our new Dean, The Very Reverend Nicola Sullivan, a MU member in Bath and Wells. The Revd Katherine Herrod preached a superb sermon and our Provincial President was able to



join us, staying for our General meeting too. Over our picnic lunch we shared a celebration cake and enjoyed a very relaxed General Meeting.

Our Lady Day service in the Minster saw Bishop Paul, his wife Sarah, Dean Nicola and her husband Terry being welcomed as members in our Diocese.

A good year for meeting old friends and making new friends too.

Thank you for all the work you undertake that enables our Branches, Deaneries and the Diocese run so smoothly.

Archdeaconry Chaplains

Message from the Reverend Pat Chapman Newark Archdeaconry Chaplain



It has been my privilege to be a mothers' Union Chaplain for the past year. Thank you for the opportunities you have given me to visit your branch, to learn about the many ways in which you have been serving the Lord and helping families. My family means the world to me. Taking part in Diocesan events has also been a joy. It has also been my privilege to worship with you and share how the Lord has blessed me, particularly with the Maundy Money. May you know the Lord's loving presence and guidance in wonderful ways during this year.

God Bless you all.

Pat

Message from the Reverend Robert Breckles Nottingham Archdeaconry Chaplain



Though family circumstances limited my MU activities through much of 2016, it was a privilege to attend and lead prayers at several Trustees' meetings, take part in a Diocesan MU Service, attend the occasional Unit meeting, be involved in conciliation in a Deanery, help a closing branch celebrate its long MU story and attend interesting and informative Nottingham Archdeaconry meetings. Whenever I take a service at a church with an MU branch, it is a joy to meet up with friendly and supportive MU members, reminding me of the MU's wide outreach and contribution to church life.

Regards, *Robert*

Newark Archdeaconry

Ann Henry, Vice President



My term of office began in January 2016 when I was commissioned as Vice President of Newark Archdeaconry. Amongst my supporters at the Minster were my husband, Peter, my sister Christine and my brother-in-law David. Little did we know that in less than 3 months my beloved sister would have passed away very suddenly with pancreatic cancer. It is one of the hardest things and biggest shocks I have ever had to deal with.

Later in that year, I needed a hip replacement procedure, which curtailed my duties somewhat, but I felt huge support from many MU friends within the Diocese.

So you can see that this period of time, coupled with meeting the duties as Vice President hasn't been easy.

However, we have had a range of Speakers at our quarterly meetings in Ollerton and Warsop, which I hope have been enjoyable and informative to our members.

We have enjoyed Olwen Kerswill, Jane and David Henson on the Palestine/Israel situation, Blyth Handbells together with an Advent service last Christmas, once again with Olwen and Lyndis Rowley looking at every day sayings which can be related to the Bible. Recently, Joan Green gave us a lovely talk on Police Aid Convoys showing photographs of their work, which enhanced her talk. At each meeting we have collected knitted goods, blankets, baby clothes, jumpers, fiddle mitts and 'Smalls for All'. It is always wonderful to pass on these knitted items that will do so much good where they are needed.

We always enjoy our buffet lunches at our morning meetings in Ollerton and I am immensely grateful to our Deaneries for providing this food on a rota basis. Together with our members who help set up, clear away, serve tea and coffee to welcome, man the entrance table for raffle and lunch tickets, and our MUE stall, there is much to organise. I also need to say thanks for the music, Gwen and the ladies who bring the hymn books. Everyone does a sterling job, and I hope everyone realises how much I value their love and support.

Added to our Archdeaconry meetings, we have also enjoyed several Services at the Minster, including Lady Day Services, AGM Services and a most informative 'Speakers' Market.

Nottingham Archdeaconry

Helen Catchpole, Vice President



I have enjoyed my first year as your Vice President for Nottingham Archdeaconry. It has been a pleasure working with and getting to know the Deanery Leaders and many of the branch leaders and members.

The quarterly Archdeaconry events have been a particular source of pleasure with some very interesting speakers and time to catch up on all your news. In January we learned about 'The Secrets of the Family Courts' and in June, the issues facing those living in the Holy Land – some of which was quite hard to hear but something we

all felt we needed to know about. In October we welcomed Dr Michelle Hampson who is a retired Consultant Psychiatrist now training for ministry who spoke about Mental Health Awareness and how to become an 'Awareness Guide' in our local churches and finally in December, we had a brilliant time getting to know our new Bishop – Paul Williams.

I have attended Trustee, Finance and Action and Outreach meetings, Deanery, Diocesan and branch services and events, the National Diocesan Leadership Conference at Swanwick, our own AGM and Council meeting as well as the National General Meeting in Basingstoke.

Some of the years highlights for me were the 50th Anniversary of St Paul's, Wilford Hill, the enrolment of 14 new members at St Mark's Woodthorpe and the Speakers' Market and Resources day in the Minster.

I would be very happy to attend your local events if you invite me and my diary is free – it's so good getting to know you all a bit better! To this end I would really urge more of you to stay for the 'Bring and Share' lunch after our Archdeaconry events – it's a great time to forge new friendships, find out what others are doing and swap new ideas.

We meet 4 times a year at St Jude's Church Hall on Woodborough Road, coffee at 10am to start the meeting at 10.30am. We finish with midday prayers and then have lunch – we have to be out of the hall by 1pm leaving the afternoon to do others things.

Finally, my thanks to Deanery and Branch leaders, also to Pat Brewin for their support and help over the last year.

Unit Reports

Finance & Administration

Unit Co-ordinator: Liz Toplis



Across the six deaneries we started 2016 with 1092 members, 50 Branches, including 68 IMPC and 79 Diocesan Members. We also have 78 Honorary Life Members.

We met four times during the year and have continued to oversee income and control expenditure to produce the necessary returns for MSH and the Charity Commission.

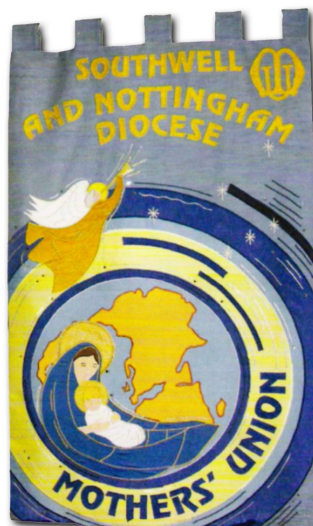
Our work has been supported by Graham Noon our Treasurer, Jenny Hempstead, our Accountant, and Clare Hardy, our Secretary, to whom we extend our thanks, along with all other members of the committee.

At the beginning of 2017 we have 50 active branches with 1,050 members and several Honorary Life Members.

863 Branch members
36 Deanery members
84 Diocesan members
67 Indoor members
60 Honorary Life Members

The number of male members and clergy have increased, reflecting the inclusivity of Mothers' Union.

Liz



Unit Reports

Training Officer: Pauline Wainwright



Following the successful Speakers' Market and Resources Day last September, we increased our list of speakers from other organisations and the branches who came were able to complete their programmes for 2017. I have had very positive feedback from the speakers who have been out to meetings. They have been able to showcase their own organisations, but also have learned about the Mothers' Union and realised that we can work together to improve family life in our diocese.

At our speakers' meeting in January, it was decided that we should include a 5min MU up to date news slot when we go out to branches to keep our members well informed about our organisation. This has been well received. Why not include a news slot as part of every meeting? I would like to thank our diocesan speakers for their continued dedication and enthusiasm. Could you be a speaker? Do get in touch.



Because of the timing of the Lady Day service in the Minster, a few of us organised a contemporary Lady Day event at St Andrew's Church in Nottingham. This was such a success that another was requested to be held in September and is being organised by younger members, who were enthused by the first one. It will be on Saturday Sept 23rd at St Andrew's. Details in Link Up.



Unit Reports

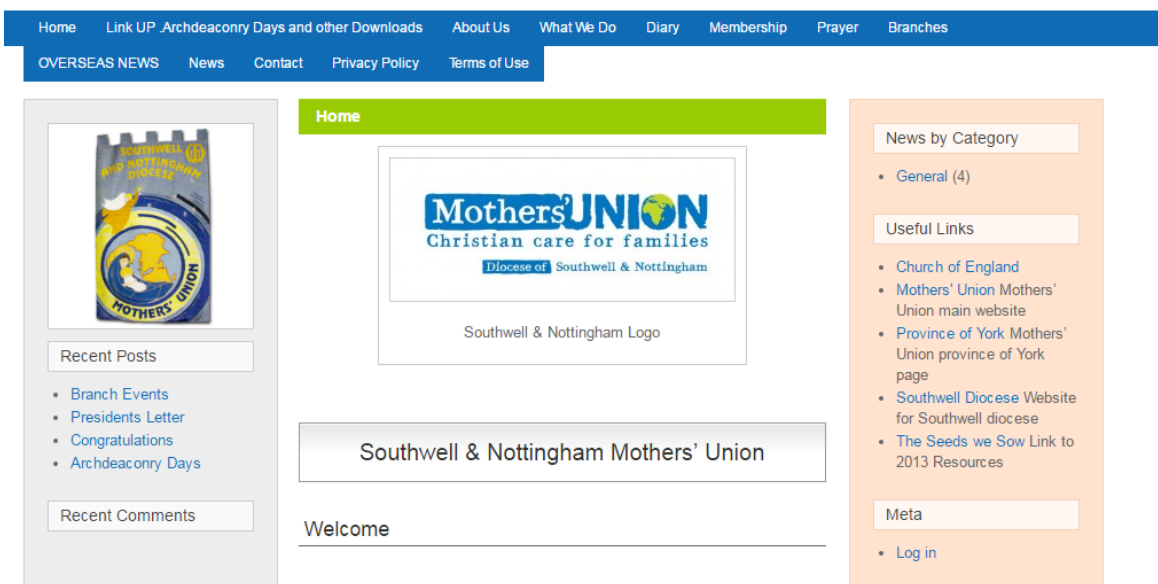
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We are hoping to develop a Mothers' Union Roadshow to further encourage and inspire our membership.

I have again been inspired by the Training officers' meetings led by Marian Pope and feel encouraged that we are 'doing our bit' to forward the work of the MU in this diocese and encourage more people to join us as part of our great global organisation.

Pauline

We have our own website! Please visit it at www.southwellnottmmu.org



We also have a facebook page: Southwell & Nottingham MU



Unit Reports

Diocesan Members Representative

Contact: Olwen Kerswill



We ended 2016, after adding new members and removing members who had died or lapsed, with 82 Diocesan members. I am so very grateful to Graham Noon for collecting in all the monies for us; our new system seems to be working very well.

However, I do need to stress to all Diocesan Members how crucial it is that subscriptions are paid by DECEMBER 31st AT THE VERY LATEST. This saves Graham and myself an enormous amount of time and nervous energy as well as making life so much easier for Jenny Hempstead, who has to complete a complex annual return for Mary Sumner House on our behalf.

I would like to commend to all Diocesan Members that, if practicable, a Standing Order is set up with the individual member's bank. I will make all the details you need available when I send out reminders later in the year. Doing this means you don't have to remember to pay each year, simply update your Standing Order when/if the subscription increases, then I will notify you. And, of course, it would be "gold" if Diocesan Members' Standing Orders were dated 1st December because processing all the information we need to send off in different directions, would be so simple and efficient.

.... and finally, some heartening news for any Branch Members whose branch has closed. There is still a very fulfilling future with Mothers' Union for you as a **Diocesan Member**. You can continue to build your life around those things that are key in Mothers' Union - prayer, worship and service. You can wear your Mothers' Union badge with pride for all to see. You can support local, national or international projects and campaigns when that's right for you. You can be part of a large diocesan group of like-minded Mothers' Union members, you can help to keep the Mothers' Union "torch" alive to pass on to the next generation AND you will always be welcome to attend any Branch, Deanery or Diocesan meeting or event you choose, in this diocese and beyond.

The only thing that will change is the way you pay your annual subscription ... directly to Graham, with no Branch Officers needed. I am always happy to chat.

With love

Olwen

Action & Outreach and Marketing

Unit Representative: David Mellors



Action and Outreach and Marketing Units were merged during 2016.

We met in January, April, September and December. Some meeting dates were moved due to the unavailability of members.

We have had regular reports from:

Lucille Porter - Parenting, Loving for Life, Prison work, Overseas Contacts

Helen Catchpole - AFIA

Tessa - Contact Centre

David - Marketing

David

2017 Update:

As may be reported elsewhere, Sue Parker has decided to resign from the post of A&O Coordinator and I would like to thank her for the work she did on the committee.

We alternated chairing the meetings and I will continue as chair until she is replaced, so any volunteers for the role are welcome to contact me.



Unit Reports

Away from it All Holidays

Contact: Helen Catchpole



In 2016, we filled 13 caravans with 19 families at Golden Sands Caravan Park in Mablethorpe from 27th May to 3rd June 2016. This is a Haven site and all the families had a fun pass which allowed them to use all the on-site facilities including the swimming pool, supervised children's clubs, mini golf etc. The weather was mixed, however I don't think that spoilt their enjoyment and I know they appreciated spending quality time away together. Most of those who went sent us postcards telling us what they were up to and expressing their thanks. All the families were given a £50

Co-op voucher so they were able to purchase basic food items on their arrival. Because no problems occurred, all were given their deposits back at the start of the long school summer holidays. They were not expecting this and all were really grateful to have a bit of money to help with entertaining their children at this time.



We also sent a family of 7 to a country cottage in Derbyshire. A caravan was not suitable for this particular family as some of the children had special needs and therefore could not be around crowds and lots of other people.

In total, we were able to provide holidays for 14 families. This meant that 77 people, many with disabilities, had a holiday which they otherwise would not have had thanks to AFIA. The cost to provide all that we do is around £11,000 a year!!! At Christmas, we took festive hampers to those who had had a holiday with us and we also send birthday cards to the children during 2017.

The need for our service becomes greater year on year – so the more money we raise the more holidays we can provide. Several charities support us; Mary Robertson Trust, Derbyshire Trust, Wollaton Park Rotary and Mothers' Union members send us donations during the year both from individuals and branches. We also benefit from some of the monies raised from Count Your Blessings and the Diocesan Services.

I would like to thank all who help us in this way and also the members of the AFIA team for all their hard work and support – without this many people would miss out on spending quality time with their families.

If you would like to know more about our work I would be delighted to come and speak at your branch.

Unit Reports

Worldwide Representative

Contact: Lucille Porter



Our Link Dioceses are: Buye (Burundi), Sebei (Uganda), Abakaliki (Nigeria), Ekite-Oke (Nigeria) and Belize (West Indies).

For each new edition of Link-up I send it as an attachment to an email as well as sending a link to the online Word-press edition in case the recipients are unable to open such a large attachment. I also send greetings, some of our news and prayer requests. I rarely get a reply but I am grateful to Rosemary Cottingham for giving me a new contact in Burundi. I have also joined the Facebook group of Belize Diocese – a sign of the times!

It has been a privilege recently to welcome to Southwell and Nottingham Emmy from Kenya, a Mothers' Union member but also working with a partner charity, Five Talents and Bishop Dino and his wife Elizabeth from Natal. It is good to get first-hand information for prayer and to learn how Mothers' Union is living out Faith in Action in different parts of the world.

The recurring themes seem to be the need to adapt farming practices to changing climate and also Literacy and Financial Education to empower women to start small businesses to increase the family income so that children can go to school. Many have died of AIDS leaving child-headed households or elderly grandparents to care for children.

Mothers' Union members truly show the unconditional love of Jesus through prayer and Bible Study as well as practical support for their communities.

I am happy to speak to branches about our Worldwide Links.



Unit Reports

Retford Contact Centre

Contact: Tessa Rolph

In 2016, the Child Contact Centre at Stephen House, Retford offered support to 6 parents, 3 grandparents and 11 children who might not otherwise have met on a regular basis, or even at all. Research has shown that, in general, contact with both parents plays an important part in the development and wellbeing of children. There were in excess of 100 child/non-resident parent contacts during the year at the Centre.

Parents are able to refer themselves to the Contact Centre via the National Association of Child Contact Centre's website (www.naccc.org.uk), in preference to using a solicitor, which can be expensive. At a pre-visit meeting, children and parents are introduced to the Centre and the general procedures are explained and agreed to by everyone. The parents and children then meet every two weeks on a Saturday afternoon in a safe, warm, friendly environment with toys and an outdoor play area, until parents are able to agree on an alternative method of contact.

The Centre has been running since 1999 and is accredited by NACCC, which sets the standards under which all Contact Centres operate, including regular training. Training in 2016 included Safeguarding (an annual requirement), Family Breakdown, Encouraging Positive Contact and Health and Safety. The Referrals Coordinator and Chairman also attended training run by NACCC.

The Centre has 16 volunteers at present, who are on the rota every 2-3 months. These now include one male, a very useful addition to the service in providing support to parents and children. Joan Owen from Worksop has recently retired, having been an invaluable volunteer since the Centre began operating in 1999 – we are extremely grateful to her for all her time and keen support.

The duties of a volunteer are not onerous and tea/coffee and biscuits are always available to families and volunteers alike!

In 2016, the Centre was financed by donations from Mothers Union branches/Deaneries and by a generous grant from CAF/CASS, an organisation that provides support for children and families. Donations are always welcome.

If interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Rita Donohue (01777 704518)



Mothers Union
Retford Child
Contact Centre

Mothers UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Stephen House, Chapelgate, Retford DN22 6PJ
(Situated opposite St. Swithun's Church)

Alternate Saturday Afternoons
1.00pm - 4.00pm
contact: 07946 162282

Unit Reports

Parenting

Co-ordinator: Lucille Porter

Passionate *about* Parenting

Our Parenting Facilitators have run two groups for parents of teenagers using *Parentalk, The Teenage Years*. One course was held in a local library. A group for parents of Primary School aged children was also held. Even when groups are small, they are

appreciated. Parents feel safe sharing and learning from each other about the joys and challenges of bringing up children.

Two facilitators attended a training day in Mary Sumner House on 'What shall we tell the children about Sex and relationships?' – a new course developed by Coventry Diocese.

We again offered Nappy Changing facilities at the Southwell Ploughing Match alongside the Diocesan stand. We had activities for children and Mothers' Union literature available.

All members can do our bit to support Parenting. *Labelled for Life* has been revised and offers advice on coping with the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood. *Hand in Hand* shares ideas on faith in the family. Could we offer copies to Baptism families or AFIA families? Many members already help at Toddler Groups and Messy Church. Let's be intentional about getting to know our younger families in Church, even if it means worshipping at a different service occasionally.

I am happy to speak to branches about Parenting.



Unit Reports

Loving for Life

Co-ordinator: Lucille Porter

We have now run two courses of *Loving for Life* in the Diocese and we had enough delegates for a third but unfortunately one of the trainers was taken ill so it has been postponed.

The Diocese has agreed to fund the course as part of Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers development so they can attend for free. On both courses the majority were Clergy and they all found it extremely helpful. The two day course allows participants to explore, in a lively, interactive way, what is important to include in a Marriage Preparation Course, taking into account changing lifestyles. Many couples are already living together, may have children or been married before. The fact they want a Church wedding is a God-given opportunity for Mothers' Union members to welcome couples and to model Christian marriage. Are there practical ways we can encourage these couples prepare for their wedding days as well as their future marriages?

I am happy to speak about Loving for Life at Branch Meetings.

Lucille

The logo for 'Loving for Life' features the word 'loving' in a dark teal serif font with a gold heart symbol replacing the letter 'o'. A registered trademark symbol (®) is positioned to the upper right of the 'g'. Below 'loving' is the phrase 'for life' in a gold serif font, with 'for' in a smaller size than 'life'.

Faith & Policy

Nominated Representative (Run by Committee): Susan Massey



The Unit Committee met three times during 2016. The Committee is made up of the two Chaplains, the Social Policy Officer, the IMPC Representative, the Hospital Visitors' Representative, the F&P Rep on the Trustee Board (Sue Massey), representatives of the six deaneries and is chaired by Ann Henry (Newark Archdeaconry Vice President).

Our main focus was the Diocesan Wave of Prayer. Our diocese is now remembered on September 17th - 19th each year and we have new link dioceses. We updated the diocesan Wave of Prayer list to make sure that each branch has a Prayer Partner and other committees and officers are also remembered throughout the year.

Lady Day was celebrated with a special service of reflection in Southwell Minster on the theme '*The Art of Mary*'.

We also encouraged branches and individuals to observe the 16 Days of Activism in November/December.

The Committee continue to take part in the Emergency Prayer Chain for members or their families who especially need prayers at a particular time. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers, please contact Ann Henry (01909 590131). This information is in every edition of LinkUp.

Unit Reports

Social Policy

Contact: Margaret Lewis

People ask why does not God reward their faithful attention to religious duties. The prophet's reply is that God's will can only be done in and through people who care about social justice too – obedient people who, in Jesus' words, shed light among their neighbours. (Isaiah 58vv1-9a. See also Matthew 5 vv13-20).

I try to report as fully as possible in LinkUp what is happening within Social Policy in the Mothers' Union. I hope you read it.

Campaigning is a long-run race. Creating change in society and politics takes a long time, and even when our campaign aims are achieved, there may still be a while before we see evidence of the impact. However it is important to mark and celebrate these mile-stones as successes along the way.

'Prayer is where the action is' (John Wesley)

In James 5v16 we read that when a believing person prays, great things happen.

Margaret



Faith & Policy Watch

Unit Reports

Indoor Members Prayer Circle

Contact: Sheila Allton



At the beginning of 2016 we had 68 IMPC members and 78 Honorary Life Members (HLM). I also had the names of 41 full members who were 90 years or older. Numbers have fluctuated slightly during the year.

I sent birthday cards to all these people if I had been given the date of their birthdays. IMPC Members also received Christmas and Easter cards together with a letter from Lynne Tembey, Worldwide President.

I included a letter in the Easter cards to introduce myself to members and Pat Brewin wrote a wonderful letter to them at Christmas to introduce herself and her faithful companion, Ezzie, her dog.

In 2016 we celebrated the 90th birthday of our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, by asking all members who also celebrated their 90th birthday last year to send in a photograph and autograph to our Diocesan Secretary, Clare. She forwarded them to Mary Sumner House and the photos and autographs became part of a special 90th Birthday card which Lynne Tembey presented to the Queen at the Picnic on the Mall in June.

Sheila



Unit Reports

Hospital Visitors

Contact: Pip Edwards



There was a total of thirty referrals in 2016. The majority were at the QMC and City hospitals; a few at Kingsmill and Lings Bar. We have been able to visit all but three members. On these occasions, I had to ask the chaplaincy teams at the hospitals to visit the patients.

I wish to express a huge thank you to Joan Nelson who has single-handedly covered almost 100% of the visits to the QMC. Also to Sue Banks (City) and Irene Garratt visiting at Kingsmill. Irene is the only visitor for Kingsmill and Mansfield community hospital at this time. Without another volunteer we are unable to provide this service to our members in hospital when Irene is away.

I am very pleased to welcome Mary and Gerald Norris who have volunteered to visit at both the QMC and Lings Bar. This is a great help. They have recently moved into this diocese and were hospital visitors in their former diocese.

I am also very grateful to Sheila Bancroft for agreeing to visit at City hospital as she is no longer helping at the prison.

We are still in great need of another Volunteer Visitor at QMC and also at Kingsmill as three visitors have had to retire.

Cards were either sent to the hospital or to members' homes.

Pippa

Marketing—LinkUp



LinkUp editors - Julia Holloway and Sophia Popham
mulinkup@gmail.com is our dedicated email address

LinkUp is our Diocesan MU newsletter which is produced four times a year and is distributed free to all members via deanery distributors and this is our 4th and final year with LinkUp.

It is printed in black and white to keep printing costs down but it is available in colour via email – please email us at ***mulinkup@gmail.com*** if you would like to receive a colour PDF of LinkUp. LinkUp in colour is available on the LinkUp website.

All the logos are especially designed by Julia to highlight articles and to add interest to the layout of the newsletter.

LinkUp Webpage - our quarterly newsletter has a webpage. We hope you enjoy browsing through it.

<https://mulinkupsouthwellandnottingham.wordpress.com/>

The deadline date for items to be submitted for the next edition of LinkUp is always inside the newsletter, on the back page of the current issue and on the LinkUp website.

LinkUp is a way of communicating with all members, so short items describing something about your MU branch which may be unknown to many other members are also very welcome.

We do want to include as many different writers as possible so please keep sending in your branch news and photos.

We are very grateful to our dedicated band of proof readers for all their hard work. Pat (our DP) has been very supportive of us during this last year particularly.

Unit Reports

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We have received many kind emails from members about LinkUp and are very grateful for them and the support which they give.

Julia has decided that she is no longer able to put LinkUp together, sorting distribution, dealing with the printer and keeping the webpage up to date. Therefore, our last edition will be Winter 2017.

Finally, thank you to all those members who have sent in contributions over the last four years, we could not have produced LinkUp without you.

Julia and Sophia



Unit Reports

Families First

Contact: Barbara Sales

My thanks to all the members who subscribe to Families First and to Branch Leaders and Treasurers who submit their orders before the deadline.

At the time of writing this report (Mid July) I have received about a third of these. Sadly, from the orders I have already processed it looks as if we will have between 20 – 30 cancellations of subscriptions.

It is such a pity that many members do not have sight of such a splendid Christian magazine. There are branches which do not even have one copy. Quite a contrast to a branch in the Newark Archdeaconry which has only 11 members but subscribes to 9 magazines. Congratulations to that branch.

There is a saying “ If you don’t use it, you will lose it”. Don’t let that happen to Families First!! If subscriptions keep being cancelled, it will surely die.

Barbara



Friends of Southwell Minster

AGM & COUNCIL MEETING – 28th October 2016

Report by the MU Representative on the Friends of Southwell Minster

The Friends are very busy with the East End Roof Project to which Council has pledged £150,000 over a five-year period. The scheme embraces the Chapter House, which needs new lighting, heating and interpretation. An application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project costed at £3 million and the Minster will have to find some £500,000 in partnership funding. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Southwell Cathedral; the Chimes Trust; the Simmons Minster Charity Repair Fund and initial private benefaction they are £180,000 short of target.

Therefore 'The Leaves of Southwell project 2017' has been initiated. The exquisite and meticulous Leaves of Southwell are unparalleled amongst English Cathedrals.

It is not surprising that the Minster is wishing to raise the profile of the Friends and invite more people to become Friends to show their support this great building.

Grateful thanks were expressed at the AGM to Canon Nigel Coates for acting as Chairman. Bishop Paul Williams has agreed to be our new President. The 2016 Friends' Festival attracted record numbers. A talk by Professor Philip Dixon, the Minster Archaeologist since 1981; on 'Romans, Saxon and Normans: the early stages of the settlement at Southwell' was very illuminating and we all learnt more of the evidence of the early history connected to the Minster, and we can now recognise signs of the layout of the earliest building. Events organised were a visit to Tewkesbury in May; Sheffield Cathedral in September. Also in November Charlie Leggatt entertained a large gathering with an illustrated talk about his 1976 visit to China 'Forty Years On – China in the final year of Chairman Mao'

Future events are a talk by Charlie Leggatt about the Dulwich Picture Gallery to be held on 16th November 2017. Outings which have taken place in 2017 are one in May to Thaxted Parish Church and in September to Eyam.

Membership of Friends stands at 617: New Friends are warmly welcomed. Details and application forms can be found in the publication Pepperpots. The Friends of Southwell Cathedral exist to bind together all who love the Cathedral Church and who desire to help in preserving for posterity the fabric of this ancient and historic building.

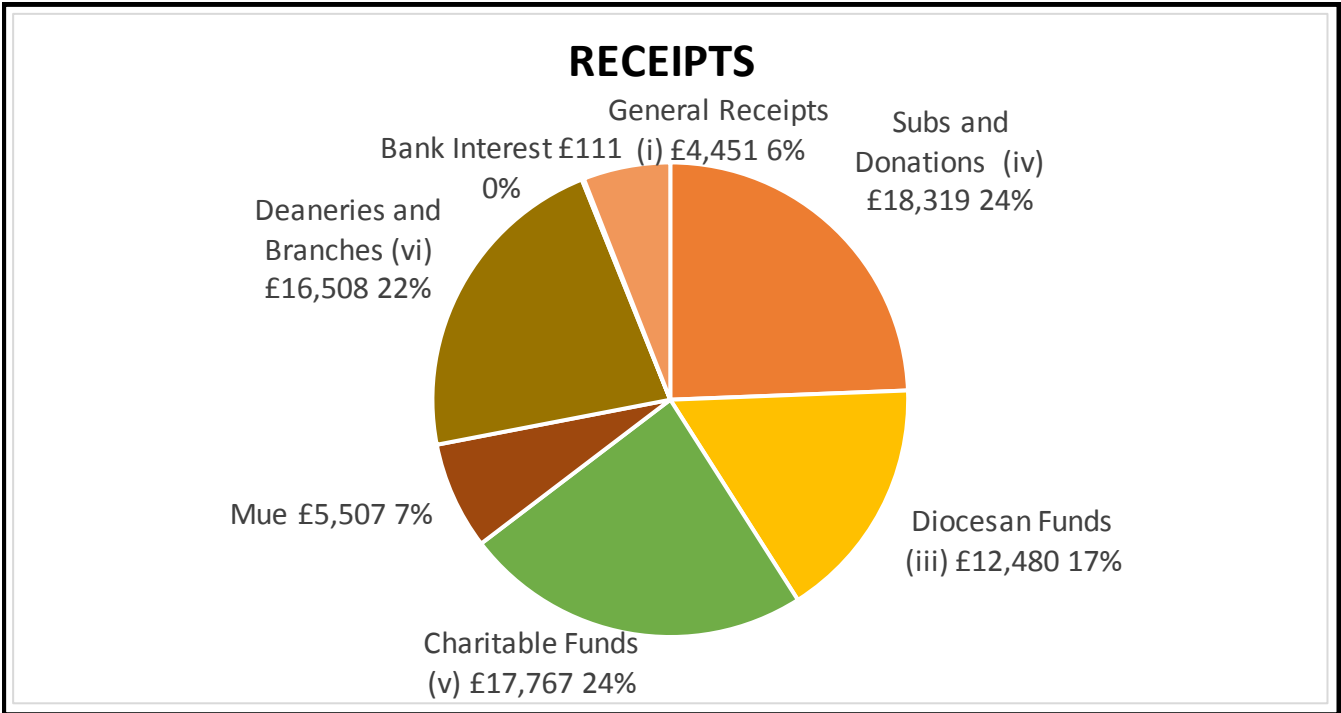
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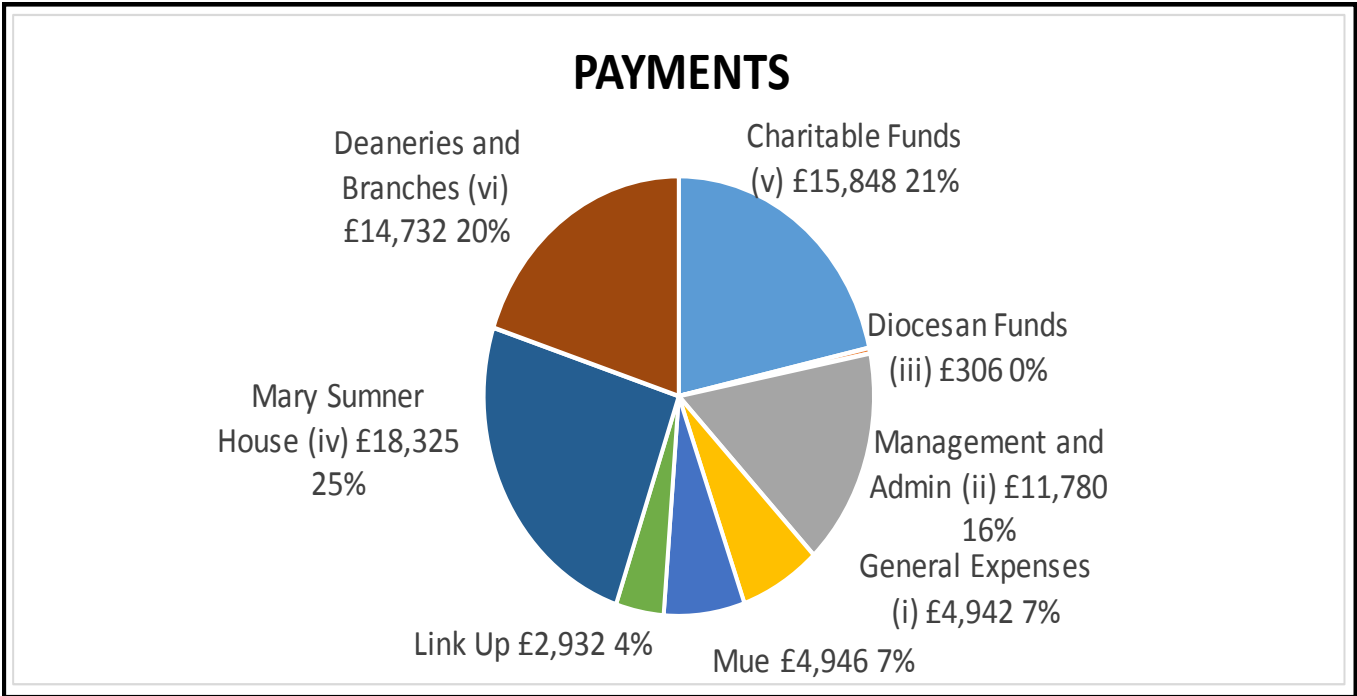


Annual Accounts—Receipts & Payments 2016

Receipts
£75,143



Payments
£73,811



Notes

- i. General (sundry) Receipts and Expenses include General Meeting income and expenditure, Archdeaconry Days receipts and expenses, Conference expenses, Families First, Diocesan members admin, purchase of badges and sale of handbooks and cookery books.
- ii. Management and Administration includes payments to paid Officers and Independent Examiner, Jubilee House rent, Insurance, stationery and telephone, payroll charges, Trustees and Member expenses.
- iii. Diocesan funds are mostly our proportion of annual subscriptions plus donations from Branches & Deaneries and the 20% of fundraising events.
- iv. Subscriptions and Donations include Members' Subs and donations to the diocese and payments to Mary Sumner House.
- v. Charitable Funds cover donations to and expenses of AFIA, the Contact Centre, Prison Crèche, Parenting, Count Your Blessings etc.
- vi. Deaneries and Branches represent the amount of payments and receipts made within deaneries and branches.

An A4 sized version of this financial summary can be obtained at the AGM from the Diocesan Secretary. A full copy of the annual report and accounts can be obtained from the Diocesan Secretary.

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