

ST JOHN the BAPTIST
PARISH CHURCH of BLISWORTH
Annual Report for 2023

Background

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Since the last annual meeting the following have served as members of the PCC

Chairman: Rev Canon Richard Stainer

Churchwardens: Angela Cheesbrough Fiona McKenzie

Representative on the Deanery Synod: Helen Halson

Elected Members:

Tina Alexandrou Jenny Cahill Angela Cheesbrough Pat Masterman Fiona McKenzie

Jon Murray Marian Paton Hilary Spurrier

Church attendance: There are 48 on the electoral roll.

Review of the year:

There were 3 PCC meetings, held in a member's home.

During the year, we have been fortunate not to require any major repairs, but we are very aware that we have not addressed any items mentioned in the Quinquennial other than the north aisle leaks. Basic maintenance has continued. The inside tap was replaced and the fire extinguishers serviced or replaced as necessary. Despite only occasional use the organ continues to be tuned.

Following the re-location of our organist, Mission Praise was replaced by the Anglican Hymn Book, which has the advantage of being used throughout the benefice and has discs which, thanks to our volunteers, may be played successfully through a laptop.

We have applied for faculties, firstly to upgrade the electricity supply so that it could bear the combined heat/light chandeliers mentioned last year. There are many stages to go through before we have permission to proceed. We need to apply for grants.

We hope to make progress with the removal of the back pews, requiring dropping the floor. This project too will need grants and considerable fundraising. Meanwhile, a small sitting area has been created by the font and an attractive children's area made by the Wake tomb.

Due to an increasing demand for burial of ashes, a previously muddy, uneven area by the mower shed now has a path and weed and sapling clearance has been carried out, courtesy of a donation to offset the cost.

We were pleased to welcome the annual Art Trail in October and the Christmas coffee morning took place in November. Thanks go to the Mastermans for hosting the monthly coffee mornings at their home. The historic churches Ride and Stride took place in September. All worthwhile, regular, fundraising events.

Sadly, Angela Cheesbrough, a warden for many years, is leaving the village. She will be greatly missed.

Graham Brack has been our curate since July and will be ordained in Peterborough cathedral in July 2024. Helen Halson, a good ordinant, will be moved on in summer 2025.

A Mission Plan is being formulated for each church in the diocese.

The Deanery also has a Mission Plan, to which all the parishes will contribute.

This will review the roles and placement of the clergy.

Our bellringers continue to ring regularly throughout the benefice. All 26 bells in the

Benefice were rung within the week of the coronation of King Charles 111 in May. One of the Blisworth ringers, Elizabeth Woodrow, being one of only a few ringers in the country who, as a teenager rang for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth 11 and for our current king, 69 years apart.

Accounts:

The total income for 2023 was £37,126, an increase of £278 on 2022. Expenditure was £38,859, giving a deficit of £1,753 for the year.

Direct Giving by the congregation totalled £22,677, £5,840 less than 2022. Fund raising events generated £2,151 and interest and dividends raised £4,958.

Service fees contributed £766 and we received Inland Revenue rebates and grants totalling £6,608. We paid 80% of our Parish Share, £27,400 and essential costs of insurance. Utilities and maintenance were £7,190. The total cost of the new hymn books and sound system was £1,283 and ministry costs for the year were £2,947.

The Standing Order Scheme is now closed. Our new parish giving scheme opened in November 2020 and has 20 registered donors giving regularly. The average receipt over 6months, including GA is £1,113. Yellow envelope giving in the first 6 months of 2023 earned £117.50.

Thanks are due to Helen Halson for administering the GA scheme, to Pat and Mason Masterman for their continued fundraising, to John Dorwood for auditing the accounts, but mostly to our congregation for their continued generosity.

The accounts for 2023 have been audited.

Rev Canon Richard Stainer (Rector) Jonathon Murray (Treasurer)

Examiner's Report

The Blisworth Parochial Church Council Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

I have independently examined the accounts of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth, Parish Church Council as set out on the following pages.

The PCC has elected to prepare the accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis, and the requirement for independent examination allows me to report under Regulation 7 of the Church Accounting Regulations instead of under Regulation 25.

The examiner's responsibilities are to:-

Identify whether or not proper accounting records for the Blisworth Parish Church Council have been kept.

Check that the Blisworth Parish Church Council accounts agree with the accounting records.

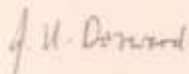
Look for possible significant errors in the accounts of the Blisworth Parish Church Council.

Check that the Blisworth Parish Church Council accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations in so far as these apply to the Receipts and Payments basis.

Where matters arise from this examination that give cause for concern it is my duty to report it.

The examiner's report

No matters have arisen during the course of my examination where I have to give an adverse report.



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St. John the Baptist Blisworth PCC
Receipts and Payments Account for the Financial Year ended 31st December 2023

	General Fund	Bell Fund	Restoration Fund	Total	2022
INCOME					
Collection	1,953			1,953	2,616
Gift Aid	1,135			1,135	1,186
Donation	5,903			5,903	11,066
Covenant	13,686			13,686	13,649
Fund Raising	2,151			2,151	2,565
I R Refund	5,198			5,198	0
Fees	766			766	985
CBF Deposit Interest	337	93	742	1,172	282
CBF Dividend	3,786			3,786	3,765
Rector's Expenses	0			0	0
Bell Fund		15		15	30
Grant	1,410			1,410	755
Total	36,326	108	742	37,176	36,898
EXPENSE					
Insurance	2,057			2,057	1,815
Parish Share	27,400			27,400	34,227
Utilities	2,170			2,170	1,206
Rector Expenses	2,269			2,269	408
Organist	180			180	720
Restoration			0	0	0
Maintenance	2,450			2,450	7,500
Service Fees	172			172	298
Organ	125			125	118
Levies & Sundry Fees	388			388	307
Donations	0			0	0
Gifts	0			0	25
Sundry Costs	1,648			1,648	508
Bell Fund		0		0	0
Total	38,859	0	0	38,859	47,133
Fund Balances B/F	13,948	2,407	19,205	35,560	45,794
Transfers	93	(93)		0	0
Adjustment for rounding	48			48	0
(Deficit) / Surpluses	(25,03)	108	742	(1653)	(10234)
Fund Balances C/F	11,555	2,422	19,947	33,924	35,560

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Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth
2023
Bank Account Details

CBF Deposit Account

Opening Balance		30321
Receipts	Interest 6/1	210
	Interest 6/4	274
	Interest 6/7	311
	Interest 4/10	377
		<u>1172</u>
Transfers	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 6/1	210
	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 6/4	274
	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 6/7	311
	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 4/10	377
		<u>(1172)</u>
Closing Balance per Bank Statement 31 December 2023		<u><u>30321</u></u>
	Bell Fund	2422
	Restoration Fund	19947
	General Fund	7952
		<u>30321</u>

Co-Op Deposit Account

Opening Balance per 2022 Accounts		5286
Receipts	From Income Detail	36004
	Transfer from CBF Deposit Account	1172
Expense	From Expenditure Detail	<u>(38859)</u>
		1683
Adjustments	Cash in hand b/f 31/12/22	45
	Receipts not banked as at 31/12/22	0
	Debt received ex Grafton ref Rector's BT 2022	10
	Debt paid to PDBF ref fees 2022	(59)
	Debt due to Milton Malsor	79
	Expenses owed ex Milton Malsor and Stoke Bruerne	(77)
	Adjustment for rounding	2
		<u>0</u>
Closing Balance per Bank Statement 31 December 2023		<u><u>3603</u></u>
	General Fund	3556
	Debt from 2022 paid	-59
	Debt received from 2022	10
	Debts outstanding	79
	Debts due	-77
		<u>3603</u>

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Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth
2023
Unrestricted Funds

General Fund			2022
Opening Balance		13948	24389
Receipts			
Collection General	1953		
Gift Aid	1135		
Donations	5903		
Covenant	13686		
Fund Raising	2151		
I R Refund	5198		
Fees	766		
CBF Dividend	3786		
Rector's Expenses	0		
Grant	1410		
Transfer from Bell Fund	93		
Adjustment for discrepancy	48		
		36130	36608
Expenses			
Insurance	2057		
Parish Share	27400		
Utilities	2170		
Rector Expenses	2269		
Organist	180		
Maintenance	2450		
Service Fees	172		
Organ	125		
Levies & Sundry Fees	388		
Donations	0		
Gifts	0		
Sundry Costs	1648	(38859)	(47133)
Nett Balance		11218	13865
Balance of CBF Deposit Interest		337	83
Closing Balance		<u>11555</u>	<u>13948</u>
CBF Deposit Account	7952		
Co-Op Deposit Account	3556		
Balance in Hand	0		
Adjustments	47		
	<u>11555</u>		

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Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth
 2023
 Restricted Funds

		2022
Bell Fund		
Opening Balance	2407	2377
Receipts	15	30
Transfer: Contribution to General Fund	(93)	(22)
Expenses	0	0
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Nett Balance	2329	2385
Proportion of CBF Deposit Interest (1172x2407/30321)	93	22
Closing Balance (CBF Deposit Account)	<hr/> 2422	<hr/> 2407

		2022
Restoration Fund		
Opening Balance	19205	19028
Expenses	0	0
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Nett Balance	19205	19028
Proportion of CBF Deposit Interest (1172x19205/30321)	742	177
Closing Balance (CBF Deposit Account)	<hr/> 19947	<hr/> 19205

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Summary

	General Fund	Bell Fund	Restoration Fund	Total
Opening Balance	13948	2407	19205	35560
Income	36374	108	742	37224
Expense	-38859	0	0	-38859
Transfer	93	-93		0
Adjustments				
Closing Balance	11555	2422	19947	33924

	CBF Dep. Account	Co-Op Dep. Account	Cash in Hand	Total
Opening Balance	30321	5286	47	35654
Income	1172	36004	-47	37129
Expense		-38859		-38859
Transfer	-1172	1172		0
Adjustments				0
Rounding				
Closing Balance	30321	3603	0	33924

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St. John the Baptist Blisworth PCC

Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st
December 2023.

Levies and Sundry Fees Analysis

Copyright License	£	181
Card Reader hire fees	£	207

Sundry Costs Analysis

Hymn Books	£	497
Sound System	£	786
Light Bulbs	£	71
Ministry Resources	£	201
Flag	£	93
	£	2036

Liabilities

Fees due to Milton Malsor	£	79
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Assets

- a) Church Building and Land Insurance cover from 1st January
2023 £9,980,000
- b) 6,127 shares in CBF Income units valued at 31st December
2023 £138,503
- c) Handbells, Church Plate, Lawnmowers and other equipment

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