

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
PARISH CHURCH OF BLISWORTH**

**Annual Report  
And  
Financial Statements  
Of the Parochial Church Council  
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Incumbent**

*Canon Richard Stainer*

**Churchwarden**

Mrs Fiona McKenzie

**Treasurer**

Mr Jonathan Murray

**Bank**

Co-operative bank plc

65/65a Abington St Northampton

**Independent Examiner**

Mr John Dorwood

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**St John the Baptist**  
**PARISH CHURCH OF BLISWORTH**

**Annual Report for 2024**

**Background**

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

**PCC Membership**

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 served as members of the PCC.

**Chairman:** Canon Richard Stainer

**Churchwarden:** Mrs Fiona McKenzie

**Representative on the Deanery Synod:** Mrs Helen Halson

**Elected Members:**

Tina Alexandrou	Fiona McKenzie
Jenny Cahill	Marian Paton
Edith Green	Maureen Smith
Pat Masterman	Carolyn Young

## **Electoral Roll:**

There are 48 on the Electoral Roll.

## **Review of the year:**

The PCC met 4 times in 2024, once in church and 3 times in a member's home.

Due to an increasing demand for burial of ashes, an area at the back of the church, adjacent to the shed housing the mower is now being used. The area was cleared, saplings removed and a pathway installed. We received a donation to offset the cost.

A newly formed churchyard working party met most weeks to keep the area neat and welcoming. We have two volunteers to mow the grass on a regular basis. We plan to keep up occasional, open to all work-ins.

We had a boiler leak, which could have proved disastrous, had not action been taken immediately. The boiler, fire extinguishers and organ have been serviced.

Work to repair the roof has been done and rebuilding of cracked, external masonry is in hand, with help from a donation.

The projects to remove pews at the back of the church, update the electrical system and install heating and lighting chandeliers are progressing slowly, with costs rising all the time.

Fundraising events included the Christmas Bazaar, provision of refreshments at the scarecrow festival and our thriving monthly coffee mornings held at a parishioner's home. Thanks to a cycling member of our congregation, a donation was received from the Historic Churches Trust.

We enjoyed a harvest lunch, concerts by the Community choir and the annual Art Trail. Hilary Spurrier continued to open her home for lunches in aid of World Vision.

Open the Book has a small, enthusiastic group of volunteers who take the word into schools in Milton Malsor, Stoke Bruerne and, hopefully Blisworth.

### **Accounts:**

The accounts form part of this report and the following relates to them.

The total income for 2024 was £32,443, a decrease of £4,683 on 2023 and expenditure was £30,905, giving an apparent surplus of £1,538 for the year.

Direct Giving by the congregation totalled £20,068, £2,609 less than in 2023.

Fundraising events generated £2,410 and interests and dividends raised £5,424. Service fees contributed £2,604 and we received Inland Revenue rebates and grants totalling £1,903.

We paid 60% of our parish Share, £21,222 and essential costs of insurance. Utilities and maintenance were £6,351. Other costs totalled £3,332.

Thanks are due to Helen Halson for administering the Gift Aid scheme and our very best wishes go with her as she leaves for her new adventure.

Thanks go 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.

*Canon Richard Stainer*

*Jonathan Murray (treasurer)*



**St. John the Baptist Blisworth PCC**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the Financial Year ended 31st December 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Bell Fund</u>	<u>Restoration Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>INCOME</b>					
Collection	1,534			1,534	1,963
Gift Aid	820			820	1,135
Donation	5,192			5,192	5,903
Covenant	12,522			12,522	13,686
Fund Raising	2,410			2,410	2,151
IR Refund	1,903			1,903	5,198
Fees	2,604			2,604	766
CBF Deposit Interest	414	126	1,039	1,579	1,172
CBF Dividend	3,845			3,845	3,786
Rector's Expenses	0			0	0
Bell Fund		35		35	15
Grant	0			0	1,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,243</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>32,443</b>	<b>37,176</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Insurance	2,106			2,106	2,057
Parish Share	21,222			21,222	27,400
Utilities	1,634			1,634	2,170
Rector Expenses	2,389			2,389	2,269
Organist	0			0	180
Restoration			820	820	0
Maintenance	1,791			1,791	2,450
Service Fees	95			95	172
Organ	133			133	125
Levies & Sundry Fees	462			462	388
Donations	0			0	0
Gifts	100			100	0
Sundry Costs	152			152	1,648
Bell Fund		0		0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,085</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>30,905</b>	<b>38,859</b>
<b>Fund Balances B/F</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>19,947</b>	<b>33,924</b>	<b>35,560</b>
Transfers	126	(126)		0	0
Adjustment for rounding				0	48
(Deficit) / Surpluses	1158	161	219	1538	(1683)
<b>Fund Balances C/F</b>	<b>12,839</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>20,166</b>	<b>35,462</b>	<b>33,924</b>

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**Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth  
2024  
Bank Account Details**

**CBF Deposit Account**

Opening Balance			30321
Receipts	Interest 3/1	407	
	Interest 3/4	398	
	Interest 2/7	392	
	Interest 2/10	381	
			<u>1578</u>
Transfers	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 3/1	407	
	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 3/4	398	
	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 2/7	392	
	Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 2/10	381	
			<u>(1578)</u>
Closing Balance per Bank Statement 31 December 2023			<u><u>30321</u></u>
	Bell Fund	2457	
	Restoration Fund	20166	
	General Fund	7698	
			<u><u>30321</u></u>

**Co-Op Deposit Account**

Opening Balance per 2023 Accounts			3603
Receipts	From Income Detail	30864	
	Transfer from CBF Deposit Account	1578	
Expense	From Expenditure Detail	<u>(30905)</u>	
Adjustments			1537
	Cash in hand b/f 31/12/23	0	
	Receipts not banked as at 31/12/24	0	
	Debt due to PDBF ref fees 2024	258	
	Expenses owed ex Milton Malsor and Stoke Bruerne	(82)	
	Debt ex 2023 paid Milton Malsor	79	
	Debt ex 2023 due from Milton Malsor and Stoke Bruerne	(77)	
	Adjustment for rounding	3	
			<u>181</u>
Closing Balance per Bank Statement 31 December 2024			<u><u>5321</u></u>
	General Fund	5145	
	Debts outstanding	-258	
	Debts due	82	
		<u><u>5321</u></u>	

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**Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth  
2024  
Restricted Funds**

<b>Bell Fund</b>		<u>2023</u>
Opening Balance	2422	2407
Receipts	35	15
Transfer Contribution to General Fund	(126)	(93)
Expenses	0	0
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Nett Balance	2331	2329
Proportion of CBF Deposit Interest (1579x2422/30321)	126	93
Closing Balance (CBF Deposit Account)	<hr/> 2457	<hr/> 2422

<b>Restoration Fund</b>		<u>2023</u>
Opening Balance	19947	19205
Expenses	(820)	0
Nett Balance	<hr/> 19127	<hr/> 19205
Proportion of CBF Deposit Interest (1579x19947/30321)	1039	742
Closing Balance (CBF Deposit Account)	<hr/> 20166	<hr/> 19947

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**Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth**

**2024**

**Unrestricted Funds**

General Fund			2023
Opening Balance		11555	13948
Receipts	Collection General	1534	
	Gift Aid	820	
	Donations	5192	
	Covenant	12522	
	Fund Raising	2410	
	I R Refund	1903	
	Fees	2604	
	CBF Dividend	3845	
	Rector's Expenses	0	
	Grant	0	
	Transfer from Bell Fund	126	
		30955	36130
Expenses	Insurance	2106	
	Parish Share	21222	
	Utilities	1634	
	Rector Expenses	2389	
	Organist	0	
	Maintenance	1791	
	Service Fees	95	
	Organ	133	
	Levies & Sundry Fees	462	
	Donations	0	
	Gifts	100	
	Sundry Costs	152	
		(30085)	(38859)
Nett Balance		12425	11218
Balance of CBF Deposit Interest		414	337
Closing Balance		12839	11555
CBF Deposit Account	7698		
Co-Op Deposit Account	5145		
Balance in Hand	0		
Adjustment for rounding	-4		
	12839		

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**Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth  
2024  
Summary**

	General Fund	Bell Fund	Restoration Fund	Total
Opening Balance	11555	2422	19947	33924
Income	31243	161	1039	32443
Expense	-30085	0	-820	-30905
Transfer	126	-126		0
Adjustments				
Closing Balance	12839	2457	20166	35462

	CBF Dep. Account	Co-Op Dep. Account	Cash in Hand	Total
Opening Balance	30321	3603	0	33924
Income	1578	30864	0	32442
Expense		-30905		-30905
Transfer	-1578	1578		0
Adjustments		93		93
Rounding		5		5
Closing Balance	30321	5238	0	35559

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## St. John the Baptist Blisworth PCC

Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### Levies and Sundry Fees Analysis

Copyright License	£	189
Card Reader hire fees	£	273

### Sundry Costs Analysis

Gift Aid envelopes	£	72
Communion wafers	£	55
Christingle oranges	£	25
	£	152

### Liabilities

Fees due to PDBF	£	175
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### Assets

- Church Building and Land Insurance cover from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 £9,980,000
- 6,127 shares in CBF Income units valued at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 £141,673
- Handbells, Church Plate, Lawnmowers and other equipment

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## Examiner's Report

### The Blisworth Parochial Church Council Accounts

For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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.

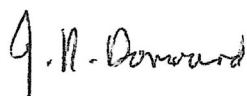
Look for possible significant errors in the accounts of the Blisworth Parish Church Council.

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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