

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BISHOPSTONE WITH STRATFORD TONY
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist, Bishopstone with Stratford Tony

I report on the accounts of Bishopstone Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC (Trustees) and Independent Examiner

The PCC (charity's trustees) is responsible for the preparation of these accounts in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. It considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and 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 matters have come to my attention:

- (1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Mr F.R.S. Taylor

14 The Croft, Bishopstone

Date

01/03/24

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BISHOPSTONE WITH STRATFORD TONY

Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Receipts from donors					
Regular giving	13,038.02	-	-	13,038.02	12,766.00
Collections	4,178.87	-	-	4,178.87	4,222.24
Income tax recovered	3,988.11	-	1,252.50	5,240.61	5,232.37
Other voluntary receipts				-	-
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Donations	275.00		5,380.00	5,655.00	10,343.71
Income from investments				-	-
Dividends & interest	789.20	-	592.20	1,381.40	1,374.64
Activities for raising funds				-	-
Fund raising events/activities				-	-
Parochial fees	3,423.00	-	-	3,423.00	2,615.00
Church upkeep box	68.30	-	-	68.30	46.61
STAB advertising inc donations	2,553.00	-	-	2,553.00	2,202.80
Other income				-	-
Grants received	3,550.00	-	-	3,550.00	2,050.00
Sundry	-			-	-
Friends of Bishopstone Church - net income/(net expenditure)	-	-	(4,938.69)	(4,938.69)	6,416.00
	<u>31,863.50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,286.01</u>	<u>34,149.51</u>	<u>47,269.37</u>
Resources expended					
Church Activities					
Donations and grants	1,360.00	-	265.00	1,625.00	2,866.50
Parish share	15,413.52	-	-	15,413.52	14,964.60
Pastoral expenses	4,696.00	-	-	4,696.00	3,271.84
Lay fees	580.00	-	-	580.00	-
Church lighting & heating	414.93	-	-	414.93	609.41
Church insurance	4,050.24	-	-	4,050.24	3,780.75
Church maintenance and improvements	3,011.66	-	1,000.00	4,011.66	2,567.34
Churchyard maintenance	876.00	-	-	876.00	690.00
STAB	2,370.43	-	-	2,370.43	2,101.83
Sundries	400.00	-	-	400.00	206.77
Management & administration				-	-
PCC expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>33,172.78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,265.00</u>	<u>34,437.78</u>	<u>31,059.04</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(1,309.28)	-	1,021.01	(288.27)	16,210.33
Transfers between funds:					
	<u>(1,309.28)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,021.01</u>	<u>(288.27)</u>	<u>16,210.33</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022	14,735.08	225.00	45,007.88	59,967.96	43,757.63
Fund balances at 31 December 2023	13,425.80	225.00	46,028.89	59,679.69	59,967.96

Note 2

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at
31 December 2023

2023 2022

Cash funds			
Cash in hand		33,923.38	29,272.96
Lloyds TSB current account		4.06	4.06
CBF Main Deposit account		25,752.25	30,690.94
Friends of Bishopstone Church bank accounts			
	Note 2	59,679.69	59,967.96
Investment assets			
CBF Investment Fund PCC Bishopstone Church (unrestricted) [1,212 shares/		27,397.62	25,041.62
CBF Investment Fund - Grenfell Trust (restricted) 165 shares/		1,469.34	1,342.99
COIF Investment Fund - Rev GA Montgomery Coals (restricted) (1087 shares)		21,571.51	19,756.12
COIF Investment Fund - Friends of Bishopstone Church (restricted)			
		64,162.21	58,600.70
		114,600.68	104,741.43

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by :

Rev'd Jenny Taylor
Chairman

J.A. Taylor 5.3.24

Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

General funds represent unrestricted money that can be used for the general charitable purposes of the PCC.

Designated funds represent unrestricted money that has been earmarked for a specific purpose by the PCC. This money may be undesignated by the PCC at anytime.

Restricted funds must be used for the purposes for which the money was given or donated.

Endowment funds represent money that must be retained and cannot be spent, although the income arising from the fund may be used for either restricted or unrestricted purposes as expressed in the governing document. The income is included in the 'receipts and payments account'.

2. Funds	General Designated Restricted			Total
	Fund	Funds	Funds	
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 were as follows: General				
Fund	14,414.80	225.00	15,668.35	30,308.15
Friends of Bishopstone Church			25,752.25	25,752.25
Montgomery Fund			3,619.29	3,619.29
Monetary assets c/f	14,414.80	225.00	45,039.89	59,679.69