

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BISHOPSTONE WITH STRATFORD TONY**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

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I report on the accounts of Bishopstone Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 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**

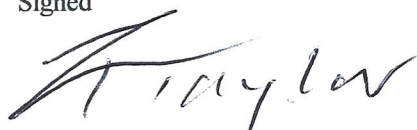
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 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

20/02/25

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BISHOPSTONE WITH STRATFORD TONY

## Receipts & Payments Account - year ended 31 December 2024

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Receipts from donors					
Regular giving	12,702.99	-	-	12,702.99	13,038.02
Collections	6,710.56	-	-	6,710.56	4,178.87
Income tax recovered	4,610.36	-	-	4,610.36	5,240.61
Other voluntary receipts				-	-
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Donations	4,068.18	8,500.00	1,610.00	14,178.18	5,655.00
Income from investments				-	-
Dividends & interest	770.88		600.47	1,371.35	1,381.40
Sale of Grenfell Trust holding	-		1,501.81	1,501.81	-
Activities for raising funds				-	-
Fund raising events/activities (Lent Appeal)	-	725.00		725.00	-
Parochial fees	10,503.00	-	-	10,503.00	3,423.00
Church upkeep box	34.86	-	-	34.86	68.30
STAB advertising inc donations	2,859.50	-	-	2,859.50	2,553.00
Other income				-	-
Grants received	-	-	-	-	3,550.00
Sundries	146.40			146.40	-
Friends of Bishopstone Church	-	-	(52.70)	(52.70)	(4,938.69)
- net income/(net expenditure)					
	42,406.73	9,225.00	3,659.58	55,291.31	34,149.51
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Church Activities					
Donations	1,918.00	725.00	700.00	3,343.00	1,625.00
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Parish share	16,030.11	-	-	16,030.11	15,413.52
Pastoral expenses (Statutory and CV Team)	5,840.00	-	-	5,840.00	4,696.00
Lay fees (organists)	1,440.00	-	-	1,440.00	580.00
Church lighting & heating	1,858.90	-	-	1,858.90	414.93
Church insurance	4,492.88	-	-	4,492.88	4,050.24
Church maintenance and improvements	3,518.95	-	13,580.00	17,098.95	4,011.66
Churchyard maintenance	940.00	500.00		1,440.00	876.00
STAB	2,470.74	-	-	2,470.74	2,370.43
Sundries	170.87	-	-	170.87	400.00
Management & administration		-		-	-
PCC expenses		-	-	-	-
	38,680.45	1,225.00	14,280.00	54,185.45	34,437.78
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	3,726.28	8,000.00	(10,620.42)	1,105.86	(288.27)
Transfers between funds:				-	-
	3,726.28	8,000.00	(10,620.42)	1,105.86	(288.27)
Fund balances at 31 December 2023	13,425.80	225.00	46,028.89	59,679.69	59,967.96
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>	17,152.08	8,225.00	35,408.47	60,785.55	59,679.69

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## Statement of Assets & Liabilities

at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cash in hand	35,081.94	33,923.38
Lloyds TSB current account	4.06	4.06
CBF Main Deposit account	25,699.55	25,752.25
Friends of Bishopstone Church bank accounts	Note 2 60,785.55	59,679.69
<b>Investment assets</b>		
CB 3034767 inv fund- PCC Bishopstone Church (unrestricted) [1,212 shares]	28,024.71	27,397.62
CBF Investment Fund - Grenfell Trust (restricted) [65 shares]	Note 3 -	1,469.34
CO 3052963 inv fund - Rev GA Montgomery Coals (restricted) (1087 shares)	22,058.82	21,571.51
COIF Investment Fund - Friends of Bishopstone Church (restricted)	65,630.78	64,162.21
	115,714.31	114,600.68

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by :

J.A.Taylor 4.3.25

Rev'd Jenny Taylor  
Chairman

## 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.

2. Funds	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024 were as follows:</b>				
General Fund	17,152.08	225.00	6,189.16	23,566.24
Friends of Bishopstone Church	-	-	25,699.55	25,699.55
Montgomery Fund	-	-	3,519.76	3,519.76
Stratford Tony Ch Yd		8,000.00		8,000.00
<b>Monetary assets c/f</b>	17,152.08	8,225.00	35,408.47	60,785.55

### 3. Grenfell Trust

The PCC sold its whole investment in this trust in March 2024, realising cash of £1,501.81

This sum has been substantially used to cover the cost of audio enhancements in the Church.