# ST JOHN the BAPTIST

# PARISH CHURCH of BLISWORTH

# Annual Report for 2025

**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

**Churchwarden:** Fiona McKenzie

**Representative on the Deanery Synod:** Marian Paton

**Elected Members:**

Estelle Rose, Fiona McKenzie, Maureen Smith, Carolyn Young

Jon Murray, Marian Paton, Hilary Spurrier, Edith Green

**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 repaired the external stonework to the north wall of the chancel and the lead work to the roof of the north side aisle. Basic maintenance has continued, the fire extinguishers and the gas boiler have been serviced. The organ continues to be tuned.

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.

The removal of the back pews and the dropping of the floor is an ongoing project.

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.

Helen Halson left us for a curacy in the Abington Parish in Northampton and Graham Brack will leave us for a new position in 2026. Sorch Startin has joined the Benefice as an Ordinand.

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 have recruited several new members and continue to ring regularly throughout the benefice.

**Accounts:**

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 2023, fund raising events generated £2,410 and interest 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 us for her new adventure. Thanks also go to Pat and Mason Masterman for their continued fund raising, John Dorward 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)*

## St. John the Baptist Blisworth PCC

## Receipts and Payments Account for the Financial Year ended 31st December 2025

| | General Fund | Bell Fund | Restoration Fund | Heating Fund | Total | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | | | | | |
| Collection | 1,828 | | | | 1,828 | 1,534 |
| Gift Aid | 510 | | | | 510 | 820 |
| Donation | 5,130 | | | | 5,130 | 5,192 |
| Covenant | 11,558 | | | | 11,558 | 12,522 |
| Fund Raising | 2,333 | | | | 2,333 | 2,410 |
| I R Refund | 1,993 | | | | 1,993 | 1,903 |
| Fees | 969 | | | | 969 | 2,604 |
| CBF Deposit Interest | 263 | 113 | 928 | 46 | 1,350 | 1,579 |
| CBF Dividend | 3,937 | | | | 3,937 | 3,845 |
| Rector's Expenses | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Bell Fund | | 87 | | | 87 | 35 |
| Heating Fund | | | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Grant | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **28,520** | **200** | **928** | **1,046** | **30,694** | **32,443** |
| **EXPENSE** | | | | | | |
| Insurance | 2,154 | | | | 2,154 | 2,106 |
| Parish Share | 21,771 | | | | 21,771 | 21,222 |
| Utilities | 1,363 | | | | 1,363 | 1,634 |
| Rector Expenses | 1,769 | | | | 1,769 | 2,389 |
| Organist | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Restoration | | | 4,680 | | 4,680 | 820 |
| Maintenance | 2,350 | | | | 2,350 | 1,791 |
| Service Fees | 0 | | | | 0 | 95 |
| Organ | 140 | | | | 140 | 133 |
| Levies & Sundry Fees | 508 | | | | 508 | 462 |
| Donations | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Gifts | 0 | | | | 0 | 100 |
| Sundry Costs | 154 | | | | 154 | 152 |
| Bell Fund | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Heating Fund | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **30,210** | **0** | **4,680** | **0** | **34,890** | **30,905** |
| **Fund Balances B/F** | **12,839** | **2,457** | **20,166** | **0** | **35,462** | **33,924** |
| Transfers | 113 | (113) | | | 0 | 0 |
| Adjustment for rounding | | | | | 0 | 48 |
| (Deficit) / Surpluses | (1690) | 200 | (3752) | 1046 | (4196) | 1538 |
| **Fund Balances C/F** | **11,262** | **2,544** | **16,414** | **1,046** | **31,266** | **35,462** |

**Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth**
**2025**
**Bank Account Details**

## CBF Deposit Account

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | | | 30321 |
| Receipts | Interest 3/1 | 360 | |
| | Interest 2/4 | 338 | |
| | Interest 2/7 | 336 | |
| | Interest 2/10 | 315 | |
| | | | 1349 |
| Transfers | Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 3/1 | 360 | |
| | Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 2/4 | 338 | |
| | Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 2/7 | 336 | |
| | Interest Co-Op Deposit Account 2/10 | 315 | |
| | Capital transfer 12/12 | 2500 | |
| | | | (3849) |
| Closing Balance per Bank Statement 31 December 2024 | | | 27821 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bell Fund | 2544 |
| Restoration Fund | 16414 |
| Heating Fund | 1046 |
| General Fund | 7817 |
| | 27821 |

## Co-Op Deposit Account

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance per 2024 Accounts | | | 5321 |
| Receipts | From Income Detail | 29344 | |
| | Transfer from CBF Deposit Account | 3849 | |
| Expense | From Expenditure Detail | (34890) | |
| | | | (1697) |
| Adjustments | | | |
| | Cash in hand b/f 31/12/24 | 0 | |
| | Receipts not banked as at 31/12/25 | 0 | |
| | Debt due to PDBF ref fees 2025 | 18 | |
| | Debt paid to PDBF ref fees 2024 | (258) | |
| | Expenses owed ex Milton Malsor | (113) | |
| | Debt ex 2024 paid Milton Malsor and Stoke Bruerne | 82 | |
| | Adjustment for rounding | 1 | |
| | | | (270) |
| Closing Balance per Bank Statement 31 December 2025 | | | 3354 |

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|---|---|
| General Fund | 3449 |
| Debts outstanding | (18) |
| Debts due | 113 |
| | 3354 |

**Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth**
**2025**
**Restricted Funds**

| **Bell Fund** | | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | 2457 | 2422 |
| Receipts | 87 | 35 |
| Transfer Contribution to General Fund | (113) | (126) |
| Expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Nett Balance | 2431 | 2331 |
| Proportion of CBF Deposit Interest (1350x2457/29344) | 113 | 126 |
| Closing Balance (CBF Deposit Account) | 2544 | 2457 |

| **Restoration Fund** | | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | 20166 | 19947 |
| Expenses | (4680) | (820) |
| Nett Balance | 15486 | 19127 |
| Proportion of CBF Deposit Interest (1350x20166/29344) | 928 | 1039 |
| Closing Balance (CBF Deposit Account) | 16414 | 20166 |

| **Heating Fund** | | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | 0 | 0 |
| Receipts | 1000 | 0 |
| Expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Nett Balance | 1000 | 0 |
| Proportion of CBF Deposit Interest (1350x1000/29344 | 46 | 0 |
| Closing Balance (CBF Deposit Account) | 1046 | 0 |

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

| **General Fund** | | | | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | | | 12839 | 11555 |
| Receipts | Collection General | 1828 | | |
| | Gift Aid | 510 | | |
| | Donations | 5130 | | |
| | Covenant | 11558 | | |
| | Fund Raising | 2333 | | |
| | I R Refund | 1993 | | |
| | Fees | 969 | | |
| | CBF Dividend | 3937 | | |
| | Rector's Expenses | 0 | | |
| | Grant | 0 | | |
| | Transfer from Bell Fund | 113 | | |
| | | | 28370 | 30955 |
| Expenses | Insurance | 2154 | | |
| | Parish Share | 21771 | | |
| | Utilities | 1363 | | |
| | Rector Expenses | 1769 | | |
| | Organist | 0 | | |
| | Maintenance | 2350 | | |
| | Service Fees | 0 | | |
| | Organ | 140 | | |
| | Levies & Sundry Fees | 508 | | |
| | Donations | 0 | | |
| | Gifts | 0 | | |
| | Sundry Costs | 154 | (30210) | (30085) |
| Nett Balance | | | 10999 | 12425 |
| Balance of CBF Deposit Interest | | | 263 | 414 |
| Closing Balance | | | 11262 | 12839 |

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|---|---|
| CBF Deposit Account | 7817 |
| Co-Op Deposit Account | 3449 |
| Balance in Hand | 0 |
| Adjustment for rounding | (4) |
| | 11262 |



**Church of St. John the Baptist, Blisworth**
**2025**
**Summary**

| | General Fund | Bell Fund | Restoration Fund | Heating Fund | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | 12839 | 2457 | 20166 | 0 | 35462 |
| Income | 28520 | 200 | 928 | 1046 | 30694 |
| Expense | -30210 | 0 | -4680 | 0 | -34890 |
| Transfer | 113 | -113 | | | 0 |
| Adjustments | | | | | |
| Closing Balance | 11262 | 2544 | 16414 | 1046 | 31266 |

| | CBF Dep. Account | Co-Op Dep. Account | Cash in Hand | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | 30321 | 5321 | 0 | | 35642 |
| Income | 1349 | 29344 | 0 | | 30693 |
| Expense | | -34890 | | | -34890 |
| Transfer | -3849 | 3849 | | | 0 |
| Adjustments | | -270 | | | -270 |
| Rounding | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Closing Balance | 27821 | 3354 | 0 | | 31175 |

## St. John the Baptist Blisworth PCC

**Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025.**

### Levies and Sundry Fees Analysis

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Copyright License | £ | 96 |
| Card Reader hire fees | £ | 252 |
| Green Bin fee | £ | 60 |

### Sundry Costs Analysis

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Candles | £ | 5 |
| Communion wafers and wine | £ | 36 |
| Christmas booklets | £ | 112 |
| | £ | 153 |

### Liabilities

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fees due to PDBF | £ | 18 |

### 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 2025 £136,009
c) Handbells, Church Plate, Lawnmowers and other equipment

# Examiner's Report

## The Blisworth Parochial Church Council Accounts

## For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

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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19th February 2026